

Guide to the Sir Edward Walpole and Dorothy Clement Family Papers

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SUMMARY: The Sir Edward Walpole and Dorothy Clement Family Papers hold more than six hundred letters exchanged during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries between members of the Walpole and Clement families, primarily the children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces, and nephews of Sir Edward Walpole and his common-law wife Dorothy Clement. The correspondents—predominantly women—lived in and around London, and wrote of their social and family activities, current events, and their affection and concern for each other. Although finances are regularly discussed, the collection contains no financial records and few personal papers outside some manuscript poems, songs, and medicinal recipes.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Bequest of Wilmarth Sheldon Lewis (Yale 1918), 1979.

Custodial History

The material comprising the Sir Edward Walpole and Dorothy Clement Family Papers was discovered in 1958 in a writing desk in Sanson Seal, a house near Berwick-upon-Tweed, in Northumberland, UK. Sanson Seal was the home of the Edmeston family for several generations, including the descendants of Robert Edmeston (1738-1783). The connection between the papers and the house is Anne Clement Edmeston (1747-1813), who married Robert's brother General William Edmeston (1728-1804); the couple had no children but did have a favorite niece in Robert Edmeston's daughter Elizabeth Edmeston Riddell (1777-1867). Sanson Seal descended to her son William Edmeston Riddell (1818-1876) and his wife Mary Forster Riddell (1839-1925), and then to their son William Edmeston Riddell (1874-1928) and his wife Edith Emily Ker Riddell (1877-1958). As Edith Riddell's two children did not survive her, by bequest she left the Sanson Seal contents (but not the house itself) to her husband's cousin Florence Eleanor Forster (1890-1971)—known as Eleanor Forster—a physiotherapist living in Tynemouth, Northumberland.

With the papers in the writing desk was a group of miniature portraits of Edward Walpole, his daughter Maria, and other family members, seven of which Eleanor Forster sold in 1958 at Anderson & Garland auctioneers in Newcastle upon Tyne. They were purchased by Doris Haydock (1897-1981) of Newcastle, who had at the time been reading a biography of Horace Walpole by R. W. Ketton-Cremer, a friend of Wilmarth S. Lewis. Having read that Lewis was particularly interested in the Walpole family, Haydock reached out to Ketton-Cremer to contact Lewis and made an offer to sell the miniatures to him. Through her, Lewis found his way to Eleanor Forster, and quickly developed a relationship that enabled him to acquire the Walpole and Clement family papers from Sanson Seal through gifts (1959), purchase (1960), and a bequest (1971). In her bequest, Forster also left Lewis a small oil portrait of Dorothy Clement and three miniatures she had retained for herself. Doris Haydock had acquired a few letters from Sanson Seal and gave them to Wilmarth Lewis in 1959.

A few of the letters in the collection bear number NRO.670, which refers to the National Records Office in Northumberland, where Eleanor Forster's law firm had deposited the Edmeston and Riddell family papers at the request of her nephew Hugh Taylor. The Edmeston material was later withdrawn by Taylor and given to Lewis in 1971.

Further information on these acquisitions can be found in Lewis's correspondence with Eleanor Forster and Doris Haydock in Series I of the Wilmarth Sheldon Lewis Papers (LWL MSS 20), and in the library's collection file for LWL MSS 37. To locate the twelve miniatures and portraits from Sanson Seal now at the library, keyword search Orbis (Yale University Library's online catalog) for these terms: "Forster, Eleanor" and "former owner."

Over the years the Sir Edward Walpole and Dorothy Clement Family Papers has been referred to as the "Clement Correspondence" by staff and the "Keppel Papers" by W. S. Lewis (after the many letters written by Laura Walpole Keppel and her daughters); the latter designation has caused confusion with the library's (unrelated) Keppel Papers (LWL MSS Vol. 93). Prior to February 2022 material now in LWL MSS 37 had been interfiled in the Lewis Walpole Library Manuscript Miscellany (LWL MSS MISC).

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Sir Edward Walpole and Dorothy Clement Family Papers. The Lewis Walpole Library, Yale University.

Processing Information

Typed transcriptions were made by library staff for many of the letters in the collection, some of which were later corrected and annotated by Wilmarth Lewis. In 2022 most of the transcripts were photocopied on acid-free paper and the originals discarded, but those with extensive annotations by Lewis were retained in the folders.

Clement Correspondence Card Index

Prior to 1979, a set of catalog cards was created to index correspondence in the Sir Edward Walpole and Dorothy Clement Family Papers by the correspondent's name, the date of the letter, and by subjects covered in the letter. Subjects include personal names (the correspondents as well as the people they mentioned), place names, and current events (from card parties and musical performances to military battles). Topics indexed range from general terms such as "elections" to very specific words apparently selected from the text in the letters rather than any controlled authoritative vocabulary. For instance, under the letter "C" can be found "Calico," "Chamomile drops," "Carbuncle," "Carduus benedictus," "Chairs," "Chalk julip," and "Chicken, cold" filed among a hundred proper names. This informative and extensive, if somewhat whimsical, catalog (approximately 25,600 cards housed in twenty-two drawers) is not a complete or authoritative index to the collection of letters. Nevertheless, it is a useful resource. The card file can only be accessed in the library's reading room.

In addition, a chronological list of all the letters, also created in the 1970s, is held in the collection file for LWL MSS 37.

Sir Edward Walpole (1706-1784) and Dorothy Clement (1715?-1739)

Edward Walpole was the fourth child and second son born to Robert Walpole (1676-1745), chancellor of the Exchequer and first prime minister of Great Britain, and his wife Catherine Shorter (1782-1737). His younger brother was the author and antiquarian collector Horace Walpole (1717-1797). Edward Walpole graduated from Eton (1718) and King's College, Cambridge (1725) before becoming master of pleas in the Office of the Exchequer in 1727 and clerk of the pells, a lifetime appointment, when his older brother Robert resigned from that position in 1739. Walpole also served in Parliament from 1730 until 1768 representing in succession Lostwithiel and Great Yarmouth and became a Knight of the Bath in 1753. Sir Edward Walpole died on January 12, 1784; he was buried at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, as were his daughters Laura Keppel and Maria, Duchess of Gloucester.

Edward Walpole was not able to marry his common-law wife Dorothy Clement (1715?-1739), who had been a milliner's assistant in London and was the daughter of a postmaster in County Durham, due to his father's threat of disinheritance. However, with her he had a son, Edward Jr. (1737-1771), and three daughters who grew into educated, cultured, and sophisticated women and survived their stigma of illegitimacy to marry well: Laura (1734-1813) became the wife of Frederick Keppel, Bishop of Exeter; Maria (1736-1807) married first James Waldegrave, Earl Waldegrave, and after his death, William Hanover, Duke of Gloucester; and Charlotte (1738-1789) wed Lionel Tollemache, Earl of Dysart. Edward and Charlotte died without issue; Laura and Maria had eleven children between them, and multiple grandchildren.

After Dorothy Clement's death at age 24, her sister Jane (1721-1798) helped raise the Walpole children, who remained close with their Aunt Jane until her death. Her brother Hammond Clement (1725?-1781), who received an appointment as clerk to the Exchequer in 1759, was also part of the Walpole family circle, as was his daughter Anne Clement Edmeston (1747-1813). Both Jane Clement and her niece Anne, as well as Anne's mother Margaret Clement (1720-1806), were supported by Sir Edward Walpole during his lifetime,

and after his death through annuities detailed in his extensive will. Margaret and Anne also retained life use of one of his London homes.

Edward Walpole Jr. (1737-1771)

Edward Walpole Jr. was the son of Sir Edward Walpole and Dorothy Clement. Born September 22, 1737, and baptized at St. James, Piccadilly, he was a student of Rev. Thomas Newcomb (1682?-1765) in Homerton, near Hackney, before entering an apprenticeship in May 1753 at the insurance office of John Peter Blaqui re (1732-1801) in Austin Friars, City of London. By 1755 Sir Edward Walpole was actively seeking a military commission for him with the Dragoon Guards. Lieutenant Colonel Edward Walpole was traveling to the south of France for his health when he died in Calais on March 31, 1771. He was buried at St. John the Baptist Church in Windsor, Berkshire.

Jane Clement (1721-1798)

Jane Clement was born in London on November 20, 1721, the daughter of Hammond Clement (1692-1733) and his wife Priscilla (-1739). Her sister Dorothy Clement was Sir Edward Walpole's common-law wife who bore him four children before her death at age 24 in January 1739. Jane Clement stepped in to help raise the Walpole children and remained close with her nieces Laura, Maria, and Charlotte, and their children, throughout her life. Jane Clement lived in Edward Walpole's home in Pall Mall, London, at various times until she secured a grace-and-favour apartment in Winchester Tower, Windsor Castle. She died there on March 22, 1798, and was interred in the Clement Vault in the crypt beneath St. Mary's Church in Hanwell, Middlesex, a town midway between Windsor and London.

Anne Clement Edmeston (1747-1813) and William Edmeston (1728-1804)

Anne (or Ann) Clement Edmeston was the daughter of Hammond Clement 2nd (1725?-1781) and Margaret Dobson Clement (1720-1806). Hammond Clement was the brother of Dorothy Clement (1715?-1739), the common-law wife of Sir Edward Walpole, and Jane Clement (1721-1798).

Little is known of Anne's life outside of clues given in the letters she received from family and friends in this collection: she was supported by annuities granted by her uncle Sir Edward Walpole and his daughter Maria, Duchess of Gloucester; she lived with her mother in a house on Ryder Street, near Cavendish Square in London, owned by Edward Walpole; by his will retained use of the house after the death of her mother; and she regularly spent time with her aunt Jane Clement at her home in Winchester Tower at Windsor Castle. On July 31, 1800, at the age of 53, Anne Clement married General William Edmeston (or Edmestone, 1728-1804), a retired British Army officer who had served in North America during the French and Indian War. The Edmestons resided at the general's London home at 12 Charles Street, Marylebone, where Anne died on May 14, 1813. The Edmestons were interred in the Clement Vault beneath St. Mary's Church in Hanwell, Middlesex, a town midway between Windsor and London.

Scope and Contents

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The papers are organized into three series, with the first containing letters received by Walpole and his son Edward Jr. from the Walpole daughters and colleagues. The second series, Clement Family Papers, is the larger of the two, and holds the bulk of the material in the collection. Present in remarkable volume, the letters here document six decades of relationships between Jane Clement and Anne Clement Edmeston

and their nieces and female cousins, such as the 119 letters to Anne from Elizabeth Laura Waldegrave and ninety letters from Charlotte Foote, both Anne's first cousins once removed. The topics they cover range from world events to local shopping, and often mentioned are the illnesses that regularly vexed their family members and friends; several examples of mourning paper appear in the files as deaths occurred in their circle. The third series, Family Literary Papers, holds manuscript poems and songs, only a few with author attributions. Although finances are regularly discussed, the collection contains no financial records and just a few personal papers.

Arrangement

Organized into three series: I. Walpole Family Papers, 1745-1781. II. Clement Family Papers, 1754-1812. III. Family Literary Papers, 1765, 1776, undated.

Collection Contents

Series I: Walpole Family Papers, 1745–1781

0.21 linear feet (1 box)

The series contains letters received by Sir Edward Walpole and his son Edward, as well as letters sent to and from Sir Edward's daughters Laura, Maria, and Charlotte.

The first subseries, Sir Edward Walpole Correspondence, includes letters from Dorothy Clement's sister Jane, and his daughter and son-in-law, the Duchess and Duke of Gloucester. One letter from the Duchess, dated January 16, 1781, recounts the enormous celebration of their son William's fifth birthday at Gloucester Lodge in Weymouth where 2,000 guests were fed and entertained. The letter from the Duke remarks on circumstances of the public announcement of his marriage to the Duchess. Their wedding, held in secret in 1766 but not revealed until 1773, was one of the events that directly led to the passage of the Royal Marriages Act of 1772 stating that no descendant of King George II could marry without the consent of the reigning monarch.

The second subseries, Edward Walpole Jr. Papers, contains letters he received in just four years while he was a student and afterward working as an apprentice to a London merchant (addressed to him in care of John Peter Blaquièrre in Austin Friars). Most of the material consists of letters he received from his three sisters—Maria in particular—and his father. The family was often writing from their home Frogmore House, a half-mile south of Windsor Castle, with many addressed covers franked by Edward Walpole. The Walpole sisters wrote with news of family, friends, and their social activities, while their father wrote with advice and news of arrangements he was making for Edward's careers in commerce and the military.

The third subseries, Other Family Correspondence, holds a group of random letters and letter fragments to and from Walpole family members that came with the collection.

Series I is organized into three subseries: Sir Edward Walpole Correspondence, Edward Walpole Jr. Correspondence, and Other Family Correspondence.

Sir Edward Walpole Correspondence

Organized under two headings: Incoming Letters, and Outgoing Letters.

Incoming letters

b. 1, f. 1	Clement, Jane, 1721-1798 Jane was the sister of Dorothy Clement. A note regarding their argument over her living arrangements at Sir Edward's house in London. See also the letters from him to Clement dated October 29 and November 6, 1766, filed in Series II (Box 2, folder 21).	[before 1766 Nov 6]
b. 1, f. 2	Coppinger, Fysh, -1800 Fysh Coppinger was a lawyer in London; in 1773 he changed his name to Fysh de Burgh.	[before 1773] Jul 5
b. 1, f. 3	Maria, Duchess of Gloucester, 1736-1807 Maria was the second daughter of Edward Walpole and Dorothy Clement.	1767, 1781, undated
b. 1, f. 4	Stevenson, Hugh	1774 May 22

Sir Edward Walpole Correspondence > Incoming letters (continued)

b. 1, f. 5	William Henry, Prince, Duke of Gloucester, 1743-1805 The Duke was the husband of Walpole's daughter Maria. Manuscript copy in Edward Walpole's hand of a letter from the Duke to Walpole; annotated on the address sheet by Horace Walpole.	1773 May 23
Outgoing Letters		
b. 1, f. 6	To Hammond Clement, approximately 1725-1781 Hammond was the brother of Walpole's wife Dorothy Clement.	1762
b. 1, f. 7	To unidentified recipient	1760 August 27
Edward Walpole Jr. Correspondence		
Organized under two headings: Letters from Family, and Letters from Friends.		
Letters from Family		
b. 1, f. 8	Dysart, Charlotte Walpole Tollemache, Countess of, 1738-1789 Charlotte was Walpole's younger sister. The letter of August 11, 1753 includes a note from Maria, Duchess of Gloucester.	1753-1754, undated
b. 1, f. 9	Keppel, Laura Walpole, 1734-1813 Laura was Walpole's eldest sister.	1753-1755, undated
	Maria, Duchess of Gloucester, 1736-1807 Maria was Walpole's elder sister. Thirty-one letters from the Duchess to her brother; the letter of July 18, 1753, includes a note from their sister Laura.	
b. 1, f. 10	Letters	1753
b. 1, f. 11	Letters	1754-1755, undated
b. 1, f. 12	Walpole, Edward, Sir, 1706-1784 Twenty-three letters from his father, most written from Frogmore House, a Walpole family home at Windsor. The earliest letter was addressed to Edward at Rev. Newcomb's school in Homerton, near Hackney.	1753-1755
Letters from Friends		
b. 1, f. 13	Angerstein, John Julius, 1735-1823	1754 May 1
b. 1, f. 14	Blaquière, Jacob	1755 June 5
b. 1, f. 15	Blaquière, John Peter, Jr.	1754, 1755
b. 1, f. 16	Mayne, Edward	1755 January 26
b. 1, f. 17	Miller, Charles	1752 May 24
b. 1, f. 18	Paul, Robert	1751 October 7

Edward Walpole Jr. Correspondence > Letters from Friends (continued)

b. 1, f. 19	Piggott, Francis	1753
b. 1, f. 20	Sadler, Robert Seymour	undated
Other Family Correspondence		
Dysart, Charlotte Walpole Tollemache, Countess of, 1738-1789		
b. 1, f. 21	From unidentified correspondent G.G. Second page and address from a friend writing from France.	undated
Keppel, Laura Walpole, 1734-1813		
b. 1, f. 22	To unidentified correspondent	undated
b. 1, f. 23	"A Receipt for the Gravel and Stone" A recipe for creating pills to take for kidney stones; Keppel addressed it to her brother-in-law Lionel Tollemache (1734-1799) Earl of Dysart.	1789 August 22
Maria, Duchess of Gloucester, 1736-1807		
b. 1, f. 24	From Messrs. Kent and Darlington	1781 January 13
b. 1, f. 25	From Mrs. S. Price	1793 July 21
b. 1, f. 26	To unidentified recipients One partial letter and two notes, all unsigned.	1768, undated
Waldegrave, Elizabeth Laura, 1760-1816		
b. 1, f. 27	From Charlotte Waldegrave FitzRoy, 1761-1808 Childhood letter reporting on the health of their brother Frederick (1776-1834).	undated
Walpole children		
b. 1, f. 28	Letters to Stylan Thirlby Styan Thirlby (1692?-1753) was a family friend, a classical scholar, theologian, and a physician. The folder holds three letters written to Thirlby by the Walpole children Laura, Maria, and Edward.	1745-1746

Series II: Clement Family Papers, 1754–1812

1.7 linear feet (4 boxes)

The series contains correspondence and some personal papers of Jane Clement, her brother's daughter Anne Clement Edmeston, and Anne's husband General William Edmeston. Jane and Anne both had close relationships with Sir Edward Walpole and his three daughters who were also the daughters of Jane's sister Dorothy Clement. Both Jane and Anne moved frequently between London and Windsor, and when in London they lived in homes owned by Walpole on Pall Mall and on Ryder Street.

The first subseries, Jane Clement Correspondence, holds letters to Jane from family and friends, but primarily from her two nieces Laura Walpole Keppel and Maria Walpole, Duchess of Gloucester, to whom she was known as "Totty." The forty-three letters from Laura include one written on fine embossed mourning paper, where she shares the details of Horace Walpole's will. The sixty-six letters from the Duchess feature a dozen long letters written while the Duchess and Duke were living in Rome between February 1776 and April 1777. Also present are eight letters from Clement's great-niece Elizabeth Laura Waldegrave, and four from Sir Edward Walpole clarifying (and arguing) the terms of their residential agreement. In his letter, her niece's husband Bishop Frederick Keppel also gave her advice for navigating a relationship with Walpole. In the custom of the time, Jane Clement, as an older unmarried woman, was often addressed as "Mrs Clement."

The second subseries, Anne Clement Edmeston and William Edmeston Papers, is the largest group of papers in the collection. Anne Clement Edmeston's correspondence consists of more than 350 letters she received from friends and relatives, primarily from a network of women who were the daughters and granddaughters of her aunt Dorothy Clement, between 1771 and 1812. Because Anne's father Hammond Clement was ten years younger than his sister Dorothy, Anne's birth in 1747 placed her chronologically between her cousins Laura Walpole Keppel (born 1734) and Maria Walpole, Duchess of Gloucester (born 1736) and their daughters (born between 1759 and 1771); as a result, three generations of Clement and Walpole women were active correspondents with their niece or cousin Anne, who was affectionately addressed as "Nancy" or "Nan."

Prominently represented in Anne Edmeston's correspondence are her cousin Laura Keppel (with 30 letters) and Keppel's daughters Anna Stapleton (17 letters), Charlotte Foote (90 letters), and Laura FitzRoy (7 letters); and Anne's cousin Maria, Duchess of Gloucester (more than 100 letters) and daughters Elizabeth Laura Waldegrave (119 letters), Charlotte FitzRoy (10 letters), and Anna Horatia Seymour (12 letters). The women sent news of family members, illnesses, deaths and mourning, finances, society, and current events, and many expressed concern with Anne's welfare. Some letters offered well-meaning advice, as the Duchess did on May 5, 1785: "I increased your allowance to 200£ a year, that when you come into the hundred a year which my father left you, I should reduce it to 60£ a year again as you will have 200£ a year with what my sisters allow you. If Lady Dysart, or any other of your friends can get you Lodgings in any of the Palaces, you may be sure I shall have no objection, to that or any other thing for your advantage, but I can do nothing in it myself, nor do I choose to have my name mentioned, in the business." Her daughter Elizabeth Laura Waldegrave dashed that plan one month later, writing "I am concerned to find that you have set your Heart so much upon having Lodgings in one of the Palaces as it is a thing I am sorry to say that you have not the smallest chance of," reminding Anne that she could always live with her aunt Jane Clement at Windsor Castle, or "make up your mind to the idea of the House in Ryder St. being secured to you to live in." Waldegrave's livelier letters were full of gossip and humor (when she ran out of news, she wrote out lies and labeled them as such). Another cousin, Laura FitzRoy, sent on January 21, 1781, a comprehensive account of the Queen's birthday ball held a few days prior, including a list of dancers and their dances that evening.

Anne's husband, General William Edmeston, is represented by a handful of items, including a letter from Persifor Carr, the caretaker of his property in Otsego County, New York, that he had acquired after the French and Indian War, and two letters of advice from the general to his nephew Samuel Barker Edmeston in Berwick-upon-Tweed.

The third subseries, Other Papers, contains miscellaneous documents and letters related to the Clement family.

Series II is organized into three subseries: Jane Clement Correspondence, Anne Clement and William Edmeston Papers, and Other Papers.

Jane Clement Correspondence

b. 2, f. 1	Clement, Anne, 1747-1813 Anne was the niece of Jane Clement. The first letter, dated December 2, 1790, is one from Lionel Tollemache, Earl of Dysart, to Anne Clement, which she had annotated and forwarded to Jane Clement.	1790-1791
b. 2, f. 2	Dysart, Charlotte Walpole Tollemache, Countess of, 1738-1789 Charlotte was the daughter of Edward Walpole and Dorothy Clement, making her the niece of Jane Clement. She married in 1760 Lionel Tollemache (1734-1799), Earl of Dysart, and lived at Ham House, near Richmond.	1775
b. 2, f. 3	Home, J.	1773 April 19
b. 2, f. 4	Keppel, Frederick, 1728-1777 Frederick was the husband of Laura Walpole and served as Bishop of Exeter from 1762 until his death. Keppel's first letter is dated 1766 but is likely 1767 as it gives advice for handling her relationship with Sir Edward Walpole; see also letters between Clement and Walpole in Series I (Box 1, folder 1) and below (Box 2, folder 21).	1767, [1768]
	Keppel, Laura Walpole, approximately 1734-1813 Laura was the daughter of Edward Walpole and Dorothy Clement, making her the niece of Jane Clement. In 1758 she married Frederick Keppel (1728-1777), Bishop of Exeter (1762-1777). She inherited Lacy House in Isleworth, Middlesex, from her father, and renamed it Laura Villa.	
b. 2, f. 5	Letters Her letter of September 16, 1775, enclosed a poem titled "On the Fête Marine, given the 14th of August by the Star-Cross Club, Devonshire."	1768-1775
b. 2, f. 6	Letters	1776-1777
b. 2, f. 7	Letters	1797, 1805, undated
b. 2, f. 8	Laton, L., Mrs.	1770 January 24
b. 2, f. 9	Littlehales, [B. G.?	undated
	Maria, Duchess of Gloucester, 1736-1807 Maria was the daughter of Edward Walpole and Dorothy Clement; she married first James Waldegrave, Earl Waldegrave; she married second, in 1766, Prince William Henry, Duke of Gloucester and Edinburgh, and thereafter was known as Maria, Duchess of Gloucester.	
b. 2, f. 10	Letters	1754-1769
b. 2, f. 11	Letters	1772

Jane Clement Correspondence > Maria, Duchess of Gloucester, 1736-1807 (continued)

b. 2, f. 12	Letters One quarter of the letter dated August 23, 1773, is present. A photocopy of a photostat with the remainder of the letter accompanies the fragment; the original photostat is in the library's Photostat Collection.	1773-1775
b. 2, f. 13	Letters	1776-1777
b. 2, f. 14	Letters	1796, undated
b. 2, f. 15	Messrs. Kent and Darlington	1780 November 6
b. 2, f. 16	Newhaven, William Mayne, Baron, 1722-1794	1772 November 9
b. 2, f. 17	Roberts, Edward, 1747-1835 Edward Walpole Roberts, of London and Ealing, was a family friend and managed the finances of Sir Edward Walpole's estate. Like Walpole, he became clerk of the pells in the Office of the Exchequer, and held the position from 1823 to 1825.	1772-1797
b. 2, f. 18	Southcott, Joanna, 1750-1814	undated
b. 2, f. 19	Sword, James	1773 September 27
b. 2, f. 20	Waldegrave, Elizabeth Laura, 1760-1816 Elizabeth Laura was the daughter of Maria Walpole and her first husband James Waldegrave; in 1782 she married her cousin George Waldegrave (1751-1789), the fourth Earl Waldegrave and Viscount Chewton. She died at Strawberry Hill in Twickenham.	1772-1786, undated
b. 2, f. 21	Walpole, Edward, Sir, 1706-1784 Edward was the common-law husband of Jane Clement's sister Dorothy. Four letters concerning Jane Clement living in his house after quarreling about her conduct and the conduct of her maid; some appear to be drafts or copies kept by him.	1766
b. 2, f. 22	Outgoing letter to unidentified recipient Clement writes of the Walpole family and references the death of Margaret Rolle (1709-1781), widow of Sir Edward Walpole's brother Robert Walpole (1701-1751), 2nd Earl of Orford.	1781 February 6-8
Anne Clement and William Edmeston Papers Organized under three headings: Anne Clement Edmeston Correspondence, William Edmeston Correspondence, and Other Papers.		
Anne Clement Edmeston Correspondence		
b. 3, f. 1	Barr, William	1812 November 24
b. 3, f. 2	Bearcroft, S.	1798 February 19
b. 3, f. 3	Blake, Francis, Jr.	1812 May 31

Anne Clement and William Edmeston Papers > Anne Clement Edmeston Correspondence
(continued)

b. 3, f. 4	Browne, G. H.	1799 February 26
b. 3, f. 5	Clarke, A. J.	1812 September 26
b. 3, f. 6	Clement, Jane, 1721-1798 At the end of her letter dated December 20, 1795, she has copied a note from Joanna Southcott about finances.	1788-1795, undated
b. 3, f. 7	Deacon, J.	1799 May 15
b. 3, f. 8	Dysart, Charlotte Walpole Tollemache, Countess of, 1738-1789 Charlotte was the daughter of Edward Walpole and Dorothy Clement, making her Anne's cousin. She married in 1760 Lionel Tollemache (1734-1799), Earl of Dysart, and lived at Ham House, near Richmond.	1780 November 23
b. 3, f. 9	Dysart, Lionel Tollemache, Earl of, 1734-1799	1790
b. 3, f. 10	Edmonds, Luther	1800 April 2
b. 3, f. 11	FitzRoy, Charlotte Maria, 1761-1808 Charlotte was the daughter of Anne's cousin Maria Walpole and James Waldegrave; in 1784 she married George Henry FitzRoy (1760-1844), Earl of Euston and later Duke of Grafton.	1779-1806
b. 3, f. 12	FitzRoy, Laura Keppel, 1765-1798 Laura was the daughter of Anne's cousin Laura Walpole Keppel; in 1784 she married George FitzRoy (1761-1810), Baron Southampton.	1781-1794
	Foote, Charlotte Augusta Keppel, 1771-1852 Charlotte was the daughter of Anne's cousin Laura Walpole Keppel; in 1802 she married Robert Foote (1783-1845) of Charlton Place, Bishopsbourne, near Canterbury.	
b. 3, f. 13	Letters	1786-1787
b. 3, f. 14	Letters	1788-1790
b. 3, f. 15	Letters	1792-1794
b. 3, f. 16	Letters	1795-1797
b. 3, f. 17	Letters	1798-1799
b. 3, f. 18	Letters	1800-1807
b. 3, f. 19	Letters	1810-1812, undated
b. 3, f. 20	Hughes, S. Keppel, Laura Walpole, approximately 1734-1813 Laura was the daughter of Edward Walpole and Dorothy Clement, making her Anne's cousin. In 1758 she married Frederick Keppel (1728-1777), Bishop of Exeter (1762-1777). She inherited Lacy House in Ilsworth, Middlesex, from her father and renamed it Laura Villa.	1791 August 30

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b. 3, f. 21	Letters	1775–1799
b. 3, f. 22	Letters	1800-1812, undated
	<p>Maria, Duchess of Gloucester, 1736-1807</p> <p>Maria was the second daughter of Edward Walpole and Dorothy Clement, making her Anne's cousin. In 1759 she married James Waldegrave (1714-1763), Earl Waldegrave, and in 1766, Prince William Henry (1743-1805), Duke of Gloucester and Edinburgh; she was thereafter known as Maria, Duchess of Gloucester.</p>	
b. 4, f. 1	Letters	1771–1789
b. 4, f. 2	Letters	1790
b. 4, f. 3	Letters	1791–1793
b. 4, f. 4	Letters	1794–1796
b. 4, f. 5	Letters	1797–1798
b. 4, f. 6	Letters	1799–1806
b. 4, f. 7	Letters	undated
b. 4, f. 8	Covers, detached from letters	undated
b. 4, f. 9	Price, E.	1788
b. 4, f. 10	<p>Roberts, Edward, 1747-1835</p> <p>Edward Walpole Roberts, of London and Ealing, was a family friend and managed the finances of Edward Walpole's estate. Like Walpole, he became clerk of the pells in the Office of the Exchequer, holding that position from 1823 to 1825.</p>	1793–1798
b. 4, f. 11	Roberts, M.	1798 June 20
b. 4, f. 12	<p>Seymour, Anna Horatia Waldegrave, 1762-1801</p> <p>Anna Horatia was the daughter of Anne's cousin Maria Walpole and her first husband James Waldegrave; in 1785 she married British Royal Navy officer Hugh Seymour (1759-1801), son of Francis Seymour-Conway, Marquess of Hertford. Hugh Seymour retained the surname Seymour-Conway until the death of this father in 1794.</p>	1773–1789
b. 4, f. 13	Seymour, Hugh, Lord, 1759-1801	[1797 October 21]
b. 4, f. 14	<p>Smart, William</p> <p>Smart appears to have been Mrs. Clement's attorney.</p>	1790, undated
b. 4, f. 15	Southcott, Joanna, 1750-1814	1790–1799

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b. 4, f. 16	<p>Stapleton, Anna Maria Keppel, 1759-1836</p> <p>Anna was the daughter of Anne's cousin Laura Walpole Keppel. She married William Stapleton (1770-1826) in 1790; they had one child, John Horace Thomas Stapleton.</p> <p>Her letter of September 11, 1787, also has a note from her mother Laura Keppel.</p>	1775-1806
b. 4, f. 17	<p>Townshend, Caroline, Baroness Greenwich, 1717-1794</p> <p>Waldegrave, Elizabeth Laura, 1760-1816</p> <p>Elizabeth Laura was the daughter of Anne's cousin Maria Walpole and her first husband James Waldegrave, making her a first cousin once removed. In 1782 Elizabeth married her cousin George Waldegrave (1751-1789), Viscount Chewton and later Earl Waldegrave, who left her a widow at twenty-nine with five children to raise; she died at Strawberry Hill, which her son John (1785-1846) had inherited in 1797. She signed some of her letters "E. Laura Chewton," but otherwise "E. Laura Waldegrave" or simply "ELW."</p>	1791, undated
b. 5, f. 1	Letters	1774-1778
b. 5, f. 2	Letters	1780-1781
b. 5, f. 3	Letters	1782
b. 5, f. 4	Letters	1784-1789
b. 5, f. 5	Letters	1790-1792
b. 5, f. 6	Letters	1793-1794
b. 5, f. 7	Letters	1795-1812
b. 5, f. 8	Letters	undated
b. 5, f. 9	<p>Waldegrave, George Waldegrave, Earl, 1751-1789</p> <p>George was the husband of Elizabeth Laura Waldegrave.</p>	1788 October 27
b. 5, f. 10	Watson, H.	1789, 1790
b. 5, f. 11	<p>William Frederick, Duke of Gloucester, 1776-1834</p> <p>William Frederick Hanover was the son of Anne's cousin Maria Walpole and her second husband William Hanover, Duke of Gloucester.</p>	1808, 1810
b. 5, f. 12	[Woodruff?], Margaret	1800 February 11
b. 5, f. 13	<p>Unidentified correspondent</p> <p>Incomplete letter written after Lord de la Warr's death on November 30, 1777, and before Bishop Keppel's death on December 27, 1777.</p>	circa 1777 Dec
	<p>Outgoing letters</p> <p>The letters filed here are drafts, some incomplete, to the daughters of her cousins Laura and Maria.</p>	

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b. 5, f. 14	To Anna Horatia Waldegrave Seymour Anna Horatia was the daughter of Anne's cousin Maria Walpole and her first husband James Waldegrave; in 1785 she married British Royal Navy officer Hugh Seymour (1759-1801).	undated
b. 5, f. 15	To Elizabeth Laura Waldegrave Elizabeth Laura was the eldest daughter of Anne's cousin Maria Walpole and her first husband James Waldegrave, making her a first cousin once removed. In 1782 Elizabeth married her cousin George Waldegrave.	1791, 1793
b. 5, f. 16	To Maria, Duchess of Gloucester Drafts of five letters, most incomplete.	undated
b. 5, f. 17	To unidentified relative	After 1786
William Edmeston Correspondence		
b. 5, f. 18	From Persifor Carr Persifor (or Percifer) Carr was a British Loyalist who served with William and Robert Edmeston in the French and Indian War. He remained in New York and became a caretaker for the tracts of land claimed by the Edmestons, and managed the Mount Edmeston estate. He died in Otsego County, New York, in 1804.	1785 January 23
b. 5, f. 19	To Edward Augustus, Prince, Duke of Kent, 1767-1820 Draft of a letter	1803 January 20
b. 5, f. 20	To Samuel Barker Edmeston, 1775-1823 Samuel was the son of William Edmeston's brother Robert (1738-1783) and his wife Mary. Two letters, one (1793) incomplete and giving his nephew life advice, and one (1802) regarding property Samuel had inherited in Otsego County, New York.	1793, 1802
Other Papers		
b. 5, f. 21	Letter from Jane Todd to Margaret Clement Margaret Dobson Clement (1720-1806) was the mother of Anne Clement, and sister-in-law to Jane Clement.	1801 November 1
b. 5, f. 22	Prescription for Jane Clement	undated
b. 5, f. 23	"Dr Harington's receipt for Sickness and looseness of the Bowels" In Anne Clement's hand, with note "I have sent this Receipt to the Honble Mrs Keppel."	1812
b. 5, f. 24	Anne Clement's will Autograph manuscript, unfinished partial statement.	1812 October 14
b. 5, f. 25	Receipt for payment towards a share in Four per Cent Annuities Printed form filled in and signed.	1789 August 20
b. 5, f. 26	Obituary for James Waldegrave (1714-1763), 2nd Earl Waldegrave, addressed to Mrs Clement	1763

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b. 6, f. 4	"A Description of a Country Life at C. Hall, Adress'd To D. H. Eqr." The poem describes an unidentified country house with views of Windsor Castle, Gloucester Lodge, and Cooper's Hill; the property abutted Royal Park (Windsor Great Park).	undated
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b. 6, f. 9	"To the Honourable Edward Walpole Esqr"	undated
b. 6, f. 10	"To Lady W---- by an Old Soldier in his grand Climacteric"	undated
b. 6, f. 11	"To the Rev'd Mr William Burchett, on his recovery after having been cut for the stone" William Burchett (1694-1750) was Rector of Cleworth, Berkshire, and Canon of Windsor.	undated
b. 6, f. 12	"To Simplicity" In the same hand as "A Description of a Lover."	undated
b. 6, f. 13	"Upon Miss Lovell running away at the sight of a Soldier"	undated

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Songs (continued)

b. 6, f. 14	"An ode on the New Year / Not to be said but sung to the Tune of King John and the Abbot of Canterbury" The lyric begins "Fair Laura of the Villa," referring to Laura Walpole Keppel (1734-1813), and her country house "Laura Villa" in Isleworth, Middlesex.	circa 1776 January 5
b. 6, f. 15	"I am in Truth a Country Youth," by Henry Carey (1687-1743) Also published as "A Yorkshire Song."	undated
b. 6, f. 16	"A Song" Four verses to an English, Country and Morris Dance tune popular in the eighteenth century, published as "The Maid of the Mill."	undated
b. 6, f. 17	"Song set to Musick by Mr Lawes" Published as "To His Mistress" in <i>Poems on Several Occasions</i> (London: Printed by H.P. for J. Roberts, 1717).	undated
b. 6, f. 18	"Words made for an old air of Mr Lawes"	undated

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