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## **Preface**

### **Creation of catalogue**

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## Introduction

*Collection title:* Additional Manuscripts 871-884, 2144: Howlett Papers

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## Contents

This collection of Howlett Family Papers was formerly the property of Mrs. Barbara Denness who lived in Hexham from 1971 to her death in 1996. In 1986 she donated six volumes of memoirs and papers belonging to her great-grandfather Samuel Burt Howlett (1794-1874), surveyor for the Ordnance Survey, and his eldest daughter, her great aunt, Martha Ann Howlett (1827-1914) to Durham University Library. These comprised a treatise on drawing and the autobiography of his early life by Samuel Burt Howlett; two volumes of memoirs by Martha Ann Howlett which throw more light on her father's beliefs and activities, with anecdotes about his colleagues and acquaintances as well as reminiscences of her childhood in London, her education in London, Calais, Paris and, much later, Hanover, and her employment as governess in a variety of households; and two volumes of letters and papers collected and preserved by Samuel Burt Howlett.

Samuel Burt Howlett was descended from the Howletts of Pulham Hall, Pulham St. Mary the Virgin in Norfolk but was abandoned by his father, whose business ventures in London had failed, and grew up ignorant of his father's family and largely ignored by his mother's with whom he lived in London. His career as a surveyor began when he entered the Corps of Royal Military Surveyors and Draughtsmen in 1808 as a cadet at the age of fourteen. By 1830 he had risen to become the Chief Military Surveyor and Draftsman to the Board of Ordnance, where his duties included the inspection of scientific instruments for the War Department. In this capacity he improved on some and invented new instruments (see entry in *D.N.B.* ).

There was a period between 1817 and 1824 however when he was retired on half pay due to the reduction in the numbers of the corps. During this time he became better acquainted with members of his mother's family and acted as accountant for his uncles. He also made himself known to the Howletts still living in Norfolk. Later on he wrote his autobiography to inform his children of their family history. As a child he was acutely aware of his status as a poor relation and was therefore particularly concerned that neither he nor his children should be deprived of any inheritance due to them from either side of the family. The volumes of letters and papers which he collected include items relating to the financial affairs of his mother's family and attempts to establish what became of his father in America. His childhood experiences would also appear to have influenced the direction of his charitable activities, and the documents reveal an interest in the education of poor children and his readiness to procure relief for widows.

The Additional Howlett Papers were donated to the University Library in 1999 by Mrs. Denness's daughter Mrs. Mary Belson in accordance with her mother's wishes. These include 2 scrapbooks and family trees compiled by Mrs. Denness as supplements to Samuel Burt Howlett's "Account of my relations" (Add.MS. 871, ff.10-26) and continue the history of the family to the present. About 1969 she decided to keep her own journal to inform

future generations about her life, beliefs and reactions to events in the news. She began with recollections of her childhood, training as a teacher and as a nurse, marriage to Thomas Denness M.D. in 1937, time spent in India and Egypt both before and during the war, their return to England and life as a doctor's wife in Liverpool, Corbridge and Ipswich. From 1971 the journal was written more or less contemporaneously until a few months before her death and it is copiously illustrated with presscuttings, cartoons, memorabilia, and photographs. There are numerous pictures of family, friends, pets, the house and garden at different seasons of the year, her porcelain and glass collections.

For some years after their move to Hexham Mrs. Denness accompanied her husband when he made home visits to patients which took them to all parts of Northumberland, Cumbria, Durham and North Yorkshire. She used the opportunity to explore towns and villages and to take photographs ranging from general views to architectural details and street furniture. Her reputation as a local photographer developed rapidly after she contributed to the book *Vanishing Street Furniture* by Geoffrey Warren (1978). Several exhibitions of her work were mounted in Hexham Public Library and she accepted commissions from local societies, authors and television. She regularly attended the annual Historical Association conferences and joined excursions organised by the Newcastle Society of Antiquaries and other bodies which afforded further opportunities for photography. Her photographic collection was given to Newcastle upon Tyne City Libraries but it has been thought worth while to append a list of photographs contained in the journals which are of general, historical and local interest, particularly as they are frequently accompanied by a commentary describing the circumstances under which they were taken.

#### Accession details

See contents description

#### Form of citation

The form of citation should be GB-0033-ADD, or the collection title Additional Manuscripts, and the *reference number*.

To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number 770 or 771 etc.

Summary catalogue of Additional Manuscripts

## The Howlett Papers

Add. MS. 871 & 872

"A Present for my Daughter" by Samuel B. Howlett.

In 6 volumes, of which only volumes 1 and 4 have survived, with 2144 below as possibly a third.

## Add. MS. 871

[“A Present for my Daughter” ] by Samuel B. Howlett. Volume 1 Autobiography of Samuel Burt Howlett (1794-1874), surveyor for the Ordnance Survey and inventor (see *DNB* ), to his marriage in November 1824; preceded by an account of his forebears and his wife Martha Green's parents and brother.

Written on the birth of his first child Martha Ann Howlett in 1827, with later annotations by himself and his descendants, to explain his situation in life, his religious beliefs and views on the upbringing of children, and the background to family disputes and business affairs.

Front. Silhouette of Samuel B. Howlett “your affectionate father”.

ff.1-9 Excised. Contained title page, contents and the first twelve paragraphs.

ff.10-26 “Account of my relations”. Contains recollections of his father, and an account of his visit to Norfolk in 1824 to discover his father's family the Howletts of Pulham Hall in Pulham St. Mary the Virgin; with information about his mother's family the Burts of Wapping in London, his wife's father Thomas Green, master mariner, and brother also named Thomas, author and editor, estranged from the family.

ff.30-55 “Period from infancy to the year 1808”. Describes his childhood as a poor relation in his grandfather Burt's house.

ff.56-91 “Period from my appointment in the Ordnance Department to my being placed on a pension in 1817”. Describes his education and training as a cadet in the Corps of Military Surveyors at the Tower of London, his surveys of Berkshire and Wiltshire, his posting to Portsmouth in 1813 and the reduction of the Corps in 1817; with copy of a testimonial from his commanding officer, dated 23 December 1817 (f. 91).

ff.92-123 “Period of the reduction of the Corps of Military Surveyors to my being recalled to the Service in 1824”. Describes his employment in a city firm of auctioneers, surveyors and accountants; the history of the East Grinstead Bank opened by his uncles John and Andrew Burt and his labours in drawing up accounts after its failure, with copy of a certificate from the arbitrators praising the “undeviating fidelity and impartiality” with which he discharged his duties dated 18 June 1825 (f. 119); his reading, authorship of a theological tract against Calvinists, charitable work as superintendant of a Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School and a tour of Flanders. Between ff.123 & 124 Silhouette of Martha Howlett “your affectionate mother” born 14 August 1799, “taken by me in a *camera obscura* ” (on folio numbered 9).

ff.124-139 “Period from my being recalled to the King's service in March 1824 to my marriage in the November following”. Describes the circumstances of his recall, his appointment as Chief Draftsman's First Assistant, his marriage and subsequent appointment as Chief Draftsman in 1830 (f.136 containing the account of his choice of wife excised).

Endpapers Abstract of *DNB* entry relating to Samuel Burt Howlett by Richard Ross Howlett 1937, and full text copied by Barbara Denness (n<sup>o</sup>e Howlett).

Rear pastedown Part of letter from Maurice D. Howlett to Barbara Denness giving her the family papers in 1962.

Gaps in foliation partly due to excision of leaves in the course of writing and partly to errors in numbering. Except as otherwise indicated the text is complete.

124 ff. numbered 10-26, 30-135, 137-139; one leaf inserted between ff. 123 and 124 and blank end leaves.



## Add. MS. 871 enclosure 1

Autobiographical notes by Samuel B. Howlett entitled "Memorandums prior to the year 1819 (when I began to keep a pocket book). Compiled from memorandum books, cash accounts and letters, with remarks added from memory, December 1822". Covers 20 August 1808-30 November 1818. Include accounts of his education and training, surveying work, lodgings, journeys, his mother's re-marriage to Mr. Swan in 1813, his posting to Portsmouth, visits to relatives with particular mention of "cousin Tom" at Pauls Walden Farm in Hertfordshire, his admission to Church Fellowship under the care of Rev. John Griffin of Portsea, 1 August 1815, and his employment at Rist & Croggan, 64 Cornhill, 26 May 1817.

8ff. from small notebook.

## Add. MS. 872

"A Present for my Daughter" by Samuel B. Howlett.

Volume 4 A Treatise on Drawing, 1828.

With decorative frontispiece, title page, list of contents and list of 17 plates. The text has been revised and altered in places, possibly with a view to publication. (Howlett published a treatise on perspective in 1828).

iv+124ff.+17 plates; ff. 81, 82, and 119 mutilated.

## Add. MS. 872 enclosure 1

Printed Catalogue of Improved Superfine Water Colours etc. manufactured and sold by Reeves & Sons, 150 Cheapside. Watermark dated 1828.

4ff.

## Add. MS. 872 enclosure 2

Draft explanation of some of the plates illustrating drawing from nature.

Watermark dated 1830.

1f.

Add. MS. 2144 [1829 - 1856]

Commonplace album of Martha Howlett, [given her by her father in 1831], with watercolours, poems and literary reflections by family and friends

f.1r 'Martha Howlett 1831'

f.3r-v 'A Father's Anxiety', poem, [by] Benj[amin] Vale, curate of Stoke upon Trent, 1829

f.4r Engraving of the duke of Wellington, painted by Thomas Lawrence, engraved by J. Outrum, 1832

f.5r Watercolour of a street scene, with people, neo-classical pedimented arch, stone staircase curving up behind, twin-aisled church with a thin spire beyond, by S[amuel] B[urt] H[owlett]

f.7r Pencil and wash drawing of a piebald greyhound, standing, by Ann Dirke, with a poem below, first line 'When fortune on my master smiles'

f.8r Watercolour of a pastoral river scene, with cliffs, a man riding a horse along a track, a single sail boat on the river with its reflection, and a castle beyond, by S[amuel] B[urt] H[owlett]

f.9r Poem, first line 'Nay! shrink not at the word "Farewell!"', 13 December 1831

f.10r,11r Pen drawing of King Reheboam with hieroglyphs, and a description describing Champollion's visit to Thebes 1828

f.11r Watercolour of still life of 5 cherries on a plate

f.12r 2 verse poem 'To Samuel', first line 'Sweet babe, since first I saw thy smiling face', by Richard Bullen 1835

f.13r Pencil sketch of Dibden Lane, Dorking, with a man with a pack animal, with a high level bridge over the wooded lane, by James Thorne

f.14r Watercolour and gold ink of a butterfly

f.15r Pencil and wash drawing of a cat with a mouse, corkscrew, candle and upturned barrel, by Ann Dirke

f.16r Pencil sketch of Dorking church, with cattle and trees, by James Thorne

f.17r Watercolour of St Just church, Cornwall, with graveyard and trees, with a poem, first line 'Lovely Saint Just! the very name is sweet', by Sam[uel] B[urt] Howlett, 28 July 1835

f.18v-19r Poem 'On Prayer', first line 'Go, when the morning shineth', by M.A.N., 30 December 1833

f.20r Watercolour of flowers ?violets

f.21r Watercolour of a lady painting, with a cherub holding a picture, by R. Baker

f.22r Pencil sketch of an ?Alpine castle

f.22v-23r 7 verse poem 'Hope', first line 'Oh say not the world is without a charm', by Mary K, October 1833

f.25r Watercolour of a half-timbered house by ?the sea, with people, a dog, and boats, by Sam[uel] Burt Howlett

f.26r-v Poem 'The Reply to Bryant's "Song of Pitcairn's island", 5 verses, with an introduction, first line 'Yes, my own dark-eyed island love', by W.A.P., 13 October [18]56

f.28r Pen and wash drawing of haymaking, with a rick, carts, horses, family relaxing, by W.H.T., October 1850; pencil drawing of a fox head

f.29r Watercolour of an arum lily, by Val Lindoe (loose)

f.30r Watercolour of 'a brickmaker's boy, from life. By Mr Charles Evans', profile, half-length

f.31r Shield of the Beaufort arms, colour, (loose)

f.32r Text, then a poem first line 'Hast heard the word of God? Thrice happy then!', by A.G.

f.32v Pen sketch of a lady, half length, in a bonnet

f.33r-v 'Lines addressed to a Lady, at her request, on her Marriage', first line 'My broken lute, disuted, and all unstrung'

f.33v Wash sketch of a girl, head and shoulders

Paper book, in green leather embossed binding, with a gold stamped spine title 'ALBUM', 106f

*Provenance:* Bought at an Anderson and Garland auction, Newcastle, 4 December 2019, Acc No Misc.2019/20:52

#### Add. MS. 873 & 874

Memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett (1827-1914) in two volumes (rebound from four volumes in 1920). Begun about 1891 and completed in 1905, with notes and additions by herself and her nephew Richard Ross Howlett.

Add. MS. 873 ca. 1891

Memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett, Volume I 1827-57. Contains notebooks 1 and 2 begun about 1891.

Gives an account of her childhood in London and education at a fashionable school in London (pp.89 sq.), then in Calais (pp.98 sq.) and Paris (pp.120 sq.); her return home to teach her younger brothers and sisters and first employment as governess to the children of Dr. Cotton, Provost of Worcester College, Oxford, 1851-54 (pp.162 sq.), rejoining them for just over a year in 1857 which included a six month tour of Belgium (pp.207 to end).

As a child she witnessed processions of William IV going to Parliament (p.38) and the coronation procession of Queen Victoria from her father's office in Pall Mall (p.77), the fire at the Houses of Parliament 1834 (p.66), Halley's comet 1835 (p.64), the launch of the *Trafalgar* in the presence of the Queen and Prince Albert 1841 (p.95) and precautions taken along the route of the Chartist procession in 1848 (p.159). She comments on family affairs, her parents' ignorance of the needs of children with regard to dress, punishments and medical treatment, the relationship between her parents, her own views on matrimony and determination to remain independent (pp.125sq.), her father's income and economies (esp. p.181). The Memoirs contain frequent expressions of High Church Tory sentiments (which induced her to spit on the tomb of Rousseau in the Pantheon in Paris p.144), and numerous anecdotes about members of the family, her father's colleagues at the Ordnance Office, school companions and visitors to the Cotton family including Edward Gibbon Wakefield (p.90), Gladstone (p.172), Disraeli (p.179), Dr. Livingstone (pp.200-204) and Queen Victoria (p.210).

Note by R.R. Howlett on front pastedown that the work was rebound from four volumes into two in 1920.

Inscriptions of R. Howlett and R.R. Howlett 1917, on the fly leaf.

Engravings depicting Chelsea Old Church and the Sloane Monument, Chelsea Old Church at the end.

158ff. numbered i, 1-211 sometimes on both sides of the leaf, sometimes on one side only. 6 blank leaves at the end.

Add. MS. 874 ca. 1905

Memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett, Volume II 1857-89.

Contains notebooks 3 and 4, completed 1904 and 1905 respectively, with index compiled after 1920 and appendices by R.R. Howlett.

Continues the tour of Belgium with the Cotton family and then recounts her experiences as governess in a variety of households with frequent changes of employment interspersed with periods at home. Comments on her attendance at a school in Hanover in 1863 (pp.258sq.); family affairs including the careers of her brothers Sam and Richard, her views that children should not be taught anything before the age of six years, her father's Chancery suit to obtain guardianship of Sam's son Burt Howlett after the death of Sam's widow who had remarried (pp.323sq.), her father's retirement in 1866, at the age of 72, on full pay and his subsequent work on reports on War Office lands, barracks and fortifications between Plymouth and Yarmouth (Norfolk) (p.327), and on Chelsea Hospital in 1871 (p.341), her mother's death in 1867 (p.331) and her return home to keep house for her father and sister Mary, her father's illness and death in 1873 (pp.343-347); her resumption of work as a governess on reduced salaries because of her age and a general reduction of wages; her sister Mary's financial transactions (p.360); her own financial affairs, losses on bonds, stocks and savings (p.371), the failure of a project to run her own school in 1877 (pp.373 sq.), increasing poverty and hardship. Mentions a visit to the Worcester China factory in 1876 (p.370), the census of 1881 (p.421), a visit to the Bayeux Tapestry (p.423), and the first county council elections in 1889 (p.459).

f.1 (cover of original notebook 3) Two newspaper photographs of the exterior and interior of St. Dunstan's Church, Stepney.

p.216 Cutting from *The Daily Telegraph* containing letter from Louis Mallet relating to the room in which the Duchess of Richmond's ball was given on the eve of the battle of Waterloo, dated 24 September [1888].

p.232 verso Cutting relating to Sir Anthony Blaxland Stransham "the Grand Old Man of the Army", with portrait, 1900. (His sisters were neighbours to the Sheppard family of the Lawn, North Walsham, where Martha Ann Howlett was employed 1859-61).

p.303 Newspaper report on the will of Mr. Thomas John Birch, J.P. of Armitage Lodge, Rugeley, Staffordshire, who died 4 May [after 1895], one of Martha Ann Howlett's employers in 1864.

p.[469] Index of subjects and persons including members of the family and employers, compiled after 1920.

p.[472 verso] Appendices compiled by R.R. Howlett, 1920:

I List of family plate, relics etc. mentioned in the memoirs.

II Houses lived in by Samuel Burt Howlett (1794-1874).

Inscriptions of M.A. Howlett 1914, R. Howlett 1914-17, R.R. Howlett 1917- on flyleaf in the hand of R.R. Howlett.

229ff. numbered (i), 212-468, [469-474] sometimes on one side of the leaf sometimes on both.

Add. MS. 874 enclosure 1 17 December 1963

Letter from C. Shingler, curator for the Worcester Royal Porcelain Co. Ltd. to Mrs B. Denness at 9, Warrington Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, thanking her for sending an extract from Martha Ann Howlett's Memoirs describing a visit to the factory in 1876 (p.370)

1f.

Add. MSS. 875 and 876

Two volumes containing letters and papers gathered together by Samuel Burt Howlett. As the contents of these volumes overlap in time and subject matter individual items are described in the chronological list which follows the entry for Add. MS. 876.

Add. MS. 875 1791-1847 [1850]

Family Letters and Papers, 1791-1847 [1850].

Letters and papers relating to Samuel Burt Howlett and his relations: the Howletts of Pulham Hall, Pulham St. Mary the Virgin in Norfolk and the Burts of Wapping in London; with some items relating to the family of his wife Martha, daughter of Thomas Green master mariner.

Numbered and indexed by Richard Howlett, one of the sons of Samuel B. Howlett, October 1892. The index lists documents nos.1-50 with notes on relationships and explanatory comments.

1 volume containing index of 10ff. and 107 items, numbered 1-76. 13 and 16 items enclosed at nos. 51 and 58 respectively and some items previously un-numbered.

875 enclosure 1 Undated

Sketch map of Oxford and the surrounding area: a memorial of a visit to Oxford, Woodstock, Blenheim, and Iffley Church by Samuel Burt Howlett and his wife, 5-9 August 1836; with an account of expenses amounting to £10 11s. 9d. (Martha Ann Howlett gives an account of the visit to Blenheim in her memoirs I, Add. MS. 873 p.72).

Tracing paper, 1 piece.

Add. MS. 876 1799-1839

Family Letters and Papers, 1799-1839.

A collection of letters and papers gathered together by Samuel Burt Howlett as a memorial to his friends and relatives and for the information of his children, started 25 June 1834 and continued to 1843.

Contains introduction by Samuel B. Howlett, explaining the principles on which he has selected and preserved the papers contained in this volume (Add. MS. 876/1 25 June 1834, 1f.), correspondence with his wife, letters from friends and relatives (particularly the family of his uncle Andrew Burt junior), references to his treatise on perspective, lectures and charity work and some items relating to the Green family.

Inscriptions of S.B. Howlett 1794-1874, R. Howlett 1841-1917, and R.R. Howlett 1917 in R.R. Howlett's hand; and B. Denness (née Howlett) 1963 on the flyleaf.

Note on rear pastedown, in hand of R.R. Howlett, that there was a black postage stamp of December 1840 (not found, but a stamp has been cut out of Add. MS.

875/44, 15 July 1840, facing letter dated 12 December 1840).

1 volume containing 178 and 3 loose items.

## 876 enclosure 1 Undated

Transcripts made by Mrs. Barbara Denness of four letters from Mrs. Martha Green of Manningtree to her son and daughter-in-law Captain and Mrs. Thomas Green in Upper Frederick Street, Liverpool. Originals in Add. MSS. 875 nos. 20 - 22, 26.

8ff.

## 876 enclosure 2 c. 1964

Extracts relating to the name of Green taken from the Baptismal, Marriage and Burial Registers of Manningtree Parish Church in Essex between 1748 and 1892; with note of further searches to be made respecting the father and grandmother of Samuel Burt Howlett's wife Martha. Typescript.

1f.

## 876 enclosure 3 Undated

Extracts relating to the name of Green taken from the Baptismal, Marriage and Burial Registers of Mistley Parish Church in Essex between 1780 and 1852. In pencil: Abstracts of Affidavit by David Codd of 2 Cannon Street Road, in the parish of St. George, and James Branston of 11 Joan Street, Commercial Road, mariner, testifying to the signature of Thomas Green and Probate of Thomas Green's will, 2 June 1827, with Administration granted to Samuel Burt Howlett and his wife Martha.

1f.

## 875/1 26 April 1791

Letter from Samuel Howlett at the house of Mr. Bedford linen draper, 61 Friday Street, Cheapside, to Miss [Ann] Burt proposing marriage; with ardent expressions of affection and praise for her serious and religious disposition.

2ff.

## 875/2 Undated (Wednesday morning)

Letter from Samuel Howlett at 61 Friday Street, to Miss Burt informing her that he is recovering from his indisposition, with thanks for her enquiries; mentioning a parcel he has sent to Mr. Heasell; and expressing surprise that there has been no invitation from his mother to visit the family in Norfolk.

2ff.

## 875/10 27 April 1793

(1) Samuel Howlett of Castle Court, Budge Row, London, warehouseman.

(2) John Burt of Hounslow, Middlesex, gentleman.

Copy of bond of (1) to (2) in the sum of £1200 conditioned for the payment of £600 with interest at the rate of 5%. Sent to Samuel Burt Howlett by Mrs. Sharpe's son, the original being in her care, 27 August 1847.

2ff.

875/11 8 March 1794

Deposition and Protest by Thomas Green mariner (father of Samuel Burt Howlett's wife), late master of the sloop *The Endeavour* of Harwich, giving an account of the grounding of the said sloop on Buxey Sand 26 February 1794 and the salvage of her cargo of corn, flour and oil; protesting that the loss was not caused by negligence of the crew nor by any defect in the vessel. Taken before John Hull of Harwich, Essex, Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery and Notary Public. Signed and sealed, John Hull.

2ff.

875/12 Dated 1796 by Samuel B. Howlett

Copy of letter from Samuel Howlett at 47, Leadenhall Street, to his brother-in-law Burt thanking him and Mrs. Burt for their kind reception of his wife and child; saying that he is not in possession of the money recently fallen to him but promising to repay his debt with interest by his own efforts or when he comes into his inheritance. Signed: "your unfortunate brother-in-law, Samuel Howlett". Pencil note by Samuel B. Howlett that he received the copy 27 August 1847.

1f.

875/13 1797

Printed page from the introduction to a dictionary dated 27 May 1787.

Inscribed: Sarah Burt (afterwards Mrs. Richard Francis) London 1797, and Samuel Burt Howlett.

1 piece.

875/18 1798-1827

Pages from pocket diaries belonging to Ann Howlett afterwards Ann Swan; these being the only pages containing personal information discovered by her grandson R.H. (Richard Howlett) June 1889. Include notes on her husband's movements and last letter 1796-1800, her son Samuel Burt Howlett's education and first employment 1802 and 1808, the deaths of her parents 1804 and 1827, and visits from relations 1803-1812; with recipe for making colours used in velvet painting with prices of ingredients.

13 items pasted onto 2ff.

875/3 29 January 1799

Letter from Samuel Howlett in New York to his wife at 99 Virginia Street, Wapping, London, informing her that he has left the employment of the firm of Crouder May & Hills after their agent twice attempted to kill him for refusing to condone defrauding their employer; recounting how, pending an investigation, without letters of recommendation and fearing the Yellow Fever epidemic which killed 4000 people, he left New York and was reduced to near destitution felling trees and carting peaches in snake and mosquito infested country; telling her that he has been vindicated by Mr. Ludlow, the investigator sent by C. May & Hills, who gave him money for clothes and found him his present employment at the firm of Maule & Bullock, one of the finest merchant houses in New York; expressing his intention of approaching his former employers with a view to obtaining some recompense for having saved them at least £9000 and for his ill usage; and promising to send money for two suits of clothes for their son and herself. Letter headed "Copy".

4ff.

875/4 12 March 1799

Letter from Samuel Howlett in New York to his wife at [99 Vi]rginia Street, Wapping, London, referring to his previous letter (of 29 January) of which there were two copies sent by different vessels; urging her to wait upon Mr. Hills as he hopes the firm will not scruple to pay his wages, sundry expenses and a reward of at least £300 in respect of the money he saved them; and informing her that the firm's agent is now in prison with about £9000 of his ill gotten gains.

2ff.

875/5 20 April 1799

Letter from Samuel Howlett in New York to his wife at 99 Virginia Street, Wapping, expressing the hope that she has by now acquainted Mr. Hills with all the hardships he suffered on the firm's behalf; complaining that he has received no letters of recommendation despite his four years employment with them; informing her that he will go to the country with his present employer when the Yellow Fever comes again; and telling how the captain of the ship in which he came to America was murdered after a battle with French privateers.

2ff.

875/6B 15 April 1800

Letter from Samuel Howlett in New York to his wife at Mrs. Burt's, 99 Virginia Street, Wapping, complaining of the tone of her last letter and telling her not to write again in the same manner; attributing her accusations to the unkindness of her friends whom he refuses to see again; saying that the child's dress was regarded as fashionable in Bristol; and informing her that he has lost his situation with Mr. Maule because his return passage took so long and that they ran out of water and provisions on the voyage.

Endorsed with note that this was his last letter, that he came to London on 7 September 1799 and returned to New York on 27 September 1799.

2ff. damaged.

875/6A [ca. 1800]

Note by his wife that this was his last letter.

1 piece.

875/7 4 June 1800

Copy of letter from A.H. (Ann Howlett) in London to her husband reaffirming the truth of her previous letter that after receiving some money in London "You went in the midst of your enemies" instead of going to the stage coach, that he was arrested for debt and asked one of her friends, Mr. Morgan, to pay bail or satisfy the debt; praising the friends he blames for their generosity to her and their child particularly as her eyesight prevents her from adding to her salary (as a teacher, see Add. MS. 871 p.21) and she has received nothing from his salary; lamenting the change in his affections and expressing the hope that eventually they will be reunited.

1f.

876/2 1802

Notebook containing texts, verses, riddles and aphorisms used as writing exercises by Samuel B. Howlett, some dated 1802.

22ff.



875/14 20 October 1802

Letter from Thomas Goulton and Francis Sadler of Liverpool to Captain Thomas Green at Sunderland authorising him to pay between 1600 and 1700, or 12 per ton, to purchase a brig between 120 and 145 tons, fully fitted for sea, to trade between Sunderland and Cadiz or Oporto; agreeing to take third shares with him and wishing him success.

Endorsed: "from Mr. Goulton on the purchase of Brig *Ann*".

2ff.

875/14A 26 April 1804

Office copy of probate and will, dated 8 June 1803, of Andrew Burt of Booth Street, Spital Fields, Middlesex, esquire. Mentions his wife Eleanor, his sons John and Andrew and three daughters: Ann and her son Samuel Burt Howlett, Sarah and her daughter Eleanor Burt Francis, and Sophia as yet unmarried.

With pencil note referring to a Settlement dated 30 May 1843.

7ff.

876/14B Undated

Specimen of Thomas Green's handwriting recording the death of his brother Robert in 1799 and his own riding accident in Portugal on 25 July 1804. (See the account of this accident in the Memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett I, Add. MS. 873 p.56).

1 piece pasted on reverse of 876/14A.

875/20 10 January [1805]

Letter from Mrs. Green at Manningtree to her son Captain Thomas Green, Upper Frederick Street, near Nile Street, Liverpool, containing news of family, friends and neighbours, sickness, deaths and marriages. Mentions in particular his brothers and sister, the family of old Robert Finch, the Society (Methodists?), and her own health.

2ff.

875/21 27 October [1805]

Letter from Mrs. M. Green at Manningtree to her daughter-in-law, addressed to her son Captain Thomas Green, Upper Frederick Street, near Nile Street, Liverpool, giving an account of the death of Mrs. Pizzy who had left the (Methodist?) Society a year ago and was separated from her husband; commenting on two bankruptcies among the Methodists and backsliders such as Mrs. Allos who left the Society "for she can go to a Public House without being taken to do for it"; with news of Mrs.

Shaw and her family.

2ff. damaged.

875/22 27 November 1805

Letter from Mrs. Green at Manningtree to her son [Thomas] in Liverpool telling him that she now lives over his brother's shop and containing family news; with mention of Mrs. Gorb's son who has returned home with all but one of his vessels after having been feared lost at sea.

1f.

875/9 29 April 1808

Letter from Samuel Howlett in Baltimore, Maryland, to his brother Robert Howlett at Pulham St. Mary, near Harleston, Norfolk, sent by the packet ship *Princess Mary*, expressing his sense of grievance that he received no reply to a letter he sent before leaving England 2 October 1799 and has not heard from any of his family for twelve or thirteen years; explaining that this letter is to let them know he is still alive; giving an account of his employment in several firms as a clerk and now as a book keeper with a job for life; informing him of his intention to travel to the East Indies and thence to Europe in the near future; saying that America is preparing for war with both England and France; and warning that the postage for any reply must be prepaid or he will not receive it.

2ff.

875/23 21 July 1808

One month's permit granted by the Town Mayor of Gibraltar to Captain Green allowing him to pass Bay Side Barrier and into Spain provided the Commandant of the Lines has no objection.

1 piece.

875/24 26 July 1808

Spanish passport issued to Thomas Green.

1f.

875/8 29 July 1808

Letter from Robert Howlett of Pulham to Ann Howlett enclosing the above letter of 29 April 1808 from his brother Samuel so that she should know that he is alive and what his situation is although it contains no mention of her; with an invitation to her and her son to visit Pulham. Cutting from the *Norfolk Chronicle* containing a notice regarding the bankruptcy of Robert Howlett of Pulham St. Mary the Virgin in Norfolk farmer, 29 October 1822, attached to an inside page.

2ff.

875/25 28 October 1808

Letter from H. Macdermot & Co., Cadiz, to Messrs. Jos. Dowson & Son in London introducing Captain Thomas Green commander of the *Snow Chelmer*, and expressing the hope that they will do business with him.

1f.

876/3 June 1809

Part of letter [from Thomas Green junior in Liverpool] to William Green at Shadwell, containing a copy of a review of his book *Miscellaneous Poetry* from the *Anti-Jacobin Review* for June 1809 and asking him to find out whether it has been reviewed in the *Edinburgh Review* for June and July; saying that he is working on an epic poem to be called "Henry V" or "The Battle of Agincourt". With note added by Richard Howlett that the volume was not in the Library of the British Museum, 15 February 1902. (See an account of Thomas Green junior's career and estrangement from his parents in the *Memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett I*, Add. MS. 873 p.56).

1f. pasted onto thick paper.

875/26 30 January 1810

Letter from Mrs. M. Green to her grandson Thomas Green junior at 159 Radclyff Highway, London, containing news of her health, the deaths of neighbours and friends and telling him to expect a letter from his uncle.

2ff.

875/51/10 5 February 1810]

Summary of the will of Sarah Howlett widow (grandmother of Samuel Burt Howlett) proved 5 February 1810, whereby she bequeaths 100 to her daughter Sarah Cole, £100 to her daughter Maria's husband (William Start) and the residue to her sons and executors Robert and William; with memorandum by Samuel Burt Howlett, dated 16 April 1851, that the official copy of his grandmother's will includes a bequest of £50 and his debts to her son Samuel, and that this was omitted from the above summary given to him (by the executors?).

1 piece.

875/28 3 October 1813

Letter from S. G. Lenny of Laxfield (Norfolk) to Mr. [William] Howlett at Wortwell, Norfolk, praising the "uniformly good conduct of Master William" while in his service and expressing the "utmost confidence" in recommending him for employment by any gentleman. With note that the letter was found among the papers of William Howlett (junior) d. 1888.

2ff.

875/27 October 1813

Inventory by Thomas Thompson and John Staples of hay, straw and dung, labour on the land, lays, growth of underwood etc. on Preston Farm in the parish of Shoreham in Kent, valued for William Howlett at £781 2s. 0d. and 10s. 6d. half stamp duty.

2ff.

875/19 Undated (after 1813)

Memorandum by Ann Swan (n©Burt), born 26 March 1773, recording her recollections of her grandmother Jane Hodgson born c.1689; with note by R.H. (Richard Howlett) that she must be referring to her great grandmother as her mother Eleanor Hodgson was not born until 1741 and could not therefore be daughter of a lady born in 1689.

1 piece pasted on 1f.

875/15 c.1815 (Watermark dated 1813)

Account of monies belonging to [Andrew] Burt at the time of his death 6 April 1804, signed by his widow Eleanor Burt; with notes added by Samuel Burt Howlett regarding the distribution of some of the monies.

Endorsed with memorandum that the paper was proved by Eleanor Burt before the arbitrators 16 December 1824.

1f.

875/51/8 13 September 1815

Copy of letter from Samuel Howlett in Philadelphia to his brother-in-law William Start at Gissing Hall near Diss, Norfolk, accusing Start of ingratitude, inexcusable conduct and of not replying to his letters; saying this will be his last letter. With memorandum by Samuel B. Howlett that his cousin Fryer sent him the original, 23 February 1842.

1f.

876/4 5 January 1821

Letter from Thomas Green in Gravesend to his wife and children informing them that he is about to set sail and complaining that he has had no butter since he left home.

1f.

876/5 16 January 1822

Letter from Mary Burt in Edinburgh to her cousin Samuel Burt Howlett at Mr. Swan's, Essex Street, Bethnall Green, London, redirected to Mr. Francis', Hatter, Well Close Square, repaying a loan of £5 on receipt of her quarter's salary; sending messages to her parents and other members of the family, particularly her Aunt Francis and brother John; informing him of the safe arrival of his drawing of the *Cape Coast Castle* which she will present to Mrs. Robinson when the weather permits her to make the 11 mile journey; encouraging him to visit the Highlands and describing the view from her bedroom window.

Preceded by a short account of Mary Burt's life, her employment as a governess after the ruin of her father (Andrew Burt), and her death, 31 December 1822, in the 23rd year of her age, written by Samuel Burt Howlett, 25 June 1834.

3ff.

876/6 & 7 Undated

2 poems by Mary Burt: "Comparison of the Past with the Present", and "To Melancholy".

1f. each.

876/9 18 May 1822

Letter from Rev. John Burdsall of Chapel Peace to Mr. B. Howlett at 12 Well Close Square informing him that he wishes to discuss Howlett's manuscript with him.

1f.

876/11 13 September 1822

Letter from Ann Swan at Margate to her son (Samuel Burt Howlett) informing him of the improvement in her health, their ride to Dover the previous day and arrangements for their return; with mention of "the arbitrators etc.".

1f.

875/8a 29 October 1822

Cutting from the *Norfolk Chronicle* regarding the bankruptcy of Robert Howlett of Pulham St. Mary the Virgin, farmer.

1 piece attached to inside page.

876/12 14 December 1822

Letter from John Richter at Cottage Sloane Street to Mr. Howlett at T. Dornford esquire, Philpot Lane, informing him that his mother's death and funeral will prevent him meeting the arbitrators (on 19 December); with memorandum by Samuel Burt Howlett that it was agreed the meeting should be held as arranged.

1f.

876/13 14 December [1822]

Letter from Edward Bird (husband of Andrew Burt's daughter Emma) of Lincolns Inn to Mr. Samuel Howlett at Mr. Dornford's, 14 Philpot Lane, asking him to call on a pressing matter of business.

Note (added by Richard Howlett) that Edward Bird was father of Mrs. Isabella Bird (Bishop), the traveller in Korea.

1f.

876/15 17 January 1823

Letter from Andrew Burt at Staple Inn to Samuel Burt Howlett concerning arrangements for the funeral of his daughter Mary Burt in Bunhill Fields, City Road; with mention of Mr. Bird and Emma "who is very ill".

1f.

876/8 Undated

Design for memorial stone to Mary Burt, died 31 December 1822 aged 23 years. Tracing paper, 1 piece.

876/16 [5 April 1823]

Letter from Rev. Andrew Reed, St. George's Place, to Mr. S. Howlett, Mr. Dornford's, Philpot Lane, requesting his presence the next Wednesday evening; with note by Samuel Burt Howlett that he left his manuscript with Mr. Reed on 23 December 1822.

Note added by Richard Howlett that the Rev. Andrew Reed was the originator of Earlswood Asylum.

1f.

876/17 3 May 1823

Letter from Eliza Reed to Samuel Burt Howlett requesting the address of Mrs. Burt as she wishes to see her before leaving town.

2ff.

876/18 28 May 1823

Letter from John Cook at 67 High Street, Gosport, to Samuel Burt Howlett in London, thanking him for his hospitality, encouraging his work "to promote the instruction of youth"; saying he is sending a parcel of books including the *Memoirs* of the late John Griffin, his (Cook's) two last reports and speeches; regretting he was unable to see Mrs. Francis before he left town and enquiring as to the success of the Whit Monday services; with postscript sending Mr. Wilson's regards.

2ff.

876/10 Undated

Portrait of the Rev. John Griffin, Portsea (admitted Samuel Burt to the Church fellowship, 1 August 1815, see Add. MS. 871 enclosure 1).

1 piece.

876/19 6 August 1823

Passport for the Low Countries, issued to Samuel Burt Howlett at London and valid for six months. Entry and exit stamps at Ostend dated 28 August and 6 September 1823. Also stamped at Brussels 3 September 1823.

Pasted on the back:

Note from J. R. (John Richter) urging Howlett to join him and Mrs. R. on a ten day holiday on the continent as they cannot do any more work on behalf of A.B. (Andrew Burt) for the rest of the month; informing him that he has made all the arrangements and is obtaining passports.

1 piece.

876/20 Undated (before end 1823)

Letter from A. Tovell to Martha Green in London asking her to find out the price of purple silk velvet and purple plush. With note by Richard Howlett that A. Tovell of Manningtree was related to his mother (Martha Green), dated 14 February 1904. (For an account of the elopement between Amelia Tovell and Martha's brother Thomas Green junior see the Memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett I, Add. MS. 873 p. 63).

1 piece.

876/23 20 June 1824

Poem composed by Thomas Green junior in London for his wife at Mistle Thorn on the death at birth of their first born baby boy.

1 piece pasted onto stiff paper.

875/29 Undated (1824?)

Cover addressed "For Miss Green with S.B. Howlett's thanks".

1f. folded.

876/81A Undated

Visiting card of Mrs. Edward Bird of Great Ormond Street (Emma Burt, one of the daughters of Andrew Burt junior, d. 1825) with note by Richard Howlett that S.B. Howlett dined with "cousin Bird and Emma" at 17 Great Ormond Street, 7 August 1824.

Card pasted onto 876/81.

876/22 7 August 1824

Letter from Ann Swan in Workington to Samuel Burt Howlett at the Inspector General's Office, Pall Mall, London, informing him that the houses were not sold as the bidding only reached £485; saying that they intend visiting Buxton for their health as soon as their affairs are settled; telling of their trip to the Lake District where they stayed at the house of Mr. Sutton, an artist, with description of Mr. Sutton's studio; enquiring after and sending greetings to members of the family and friends.

2ff.

876/24 6 September 1824

Letter from Ann Swan in Buxton to Samuel Burt Howlett at the Inspector General's Office, Pall Mall, London, giving an account of their journey and accommodation in Buxton and saying that he should visit the Cumberland Lakes, particularly the part around Mr. Sutton's house at Rogerscale, in preference to Buxton; expressing disappointment in the beneficial effects of bathing and drinking the waters; and sending greetings; with note that the Independent Chapel is close to their lodgings.

2ff.

876/21 Undated

Ground plan of a house in Essex Street. (The Howletts' first home? See appendix to the memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett II, Add. MS. 874 p.[472v.]  
1 piece.

876/25 25 May 1825

List of subscribers and receipted accounts in respect of subscriptions collected by Mrs. Howlett and Miss Taylor for dinner at St. George's School and tickets for tea on Whit Monday 23 May 1825.

Signed S.B. Howlett, Assistant Secretary.

2ff.

875/34A [23 November 1825]

Note from M.H. (Martha Howlett) at Cannon Street Road to Samuel Burt Howlett at St. George's School informing him of the death of Mr. Box.

1 piece.

875/42 1826

Proof copy of election ballad for Joseph Butterworth, Independent candidate for the Town and Port of Dover, allegedly composed by Thomas Green brother-in-law of Samuel Burt Howlett. Printed.

1 piece pasted on stiff paper.

875/42A Undated

Note of the results of the poll for the Dover election of 1826 showing Butterworth placed fourth out of six candidates.

1 piece.

876/26 9 January 1827

Letter from Margaret Burt of Lordship Terrace to her nephew Samuel Burt Howlett sending congratulations on the birth of his first child; advising that mother and baby should be kept quiet and not receive visitors for the first week or two; with news that her son John was seriously ill over Christmas.

2ff.

876/27 25 January 1827

Letter from Thomas Rogers of Penryn to Samuel Burt Howlett sending congratulations on the birth of a daughter; reflecting, with reference to the upbringing of his own child, on the responsibilities of parents in attending to a child's comfort, education and spiritual well-being to fit it for both worlds.

2ff.

876/28 23 February 1827

Letter from Henry and Mary A. Biggs of 4 Hope Street, Hackney Road, to Mr. and Mrs. Howlett at Essex Street, Globe Fields, (Mile End), returning a tract (on the religious upbringing of children?); assuring them that although they differ on some points they hope to show their children the value of religion and will not counteract any advice or instruction Mr. Howlett may give; trusting that in the event their child is orphaned Howlett will ensure he is saved from the example of vice.

With note added by Henry Biggs thanking Howlett for his solicitude for the welfare of his godson and postscript by Mary Biggs requesting "a ticket for the linen" to give to a poor deserving woman in Old Gravel Lane.

2ff.

876/29 [26 February 1827]

Letter from Richard Francis junior at 15 Well Close Square to his cousin Samuel Burt Howlett informing him of the death of their grandmother (Eleanor Burt) the previous day.

1f.

876/30 [February / March 1827]

Formal invitation to Samuel Burt Howlett to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Burt from her residence in John Street to the family vault in Wapping churchyard on 7 March 1827.

1f.

875/30 8 March 1827

Agreement as to the measures to be taken pending the settlement of the estate of Andrew Burt and his wife Eleanor both deceased. Signed: Andrew Burt, Thomas Swan, Richard Francis, Sophia Johnstone, Samuel Burt Howlett, Thomas S. Burt, Richard Francis junior, Lawrence S. Burt, Jane S. Burt and Elizabeth Johnstone.

1f.

875/32 10 March 1827

Statement relative to the estate of the late Andrew Burt esquire compiled by Samuel Burt Howlett, formerly accountant to the brothers John and Andrew Burt, for the information of other members of the family: includes five accounts with explanatory notes on each and recommendations as to how the money should now be distributed; expressing the belief that the brothers (John and Andrew) should recompense the sisters (Ann Howlett, Sarah Francis and Sophia Johnstone) for their losses before taking their own shares.

Account A: account of funded property and cash left by Andrew Burt senior in addition to houses which have since been sold or on which the leases have expired. Copied by Samuel Burt Howlett from document believed to have been drawn up by Andrew Burt's widow, Eleanor Burt, in 1815 or 1817. (see Add. MS. 875/15 at 1815 above).  
Account B: account of funds sold out and lent to John and Andrew Burt in 1805 and 1814.

Account C: copy of the account of Andrew Burt junior with the estate of his father Andrew Burt senior from 1797 to 1822, 1 July 1822.

Account D: account of John and Andrew Burt for interest owing to the estate of Eleanor Burt to 25 March 1827.

Account E: account of Andrew Burt for interest owing to the estate of Mrs. Eleanor Burt to 25 March 1827, endorsed with notes on unexpired leases on property in Princes Street, Wellclose Square and the Star and Garter.

13ff. and 5 pieces.

876/14A [April 1827]

Part of letter from Thomas Green in Spain to his daughter Martha Howlett expressing pious and religious sentiments. With note by Samuel Burt Howlett indicating that it arrived after Thomas Green's death.

1 piece pasted onto thick paper.



876/32 30 April 1827

Copy of letter from Samuel Burt Howlett of Cannon Street Road to his brother in law Roger Green at Manningtree, Essex, informing him of the death of Thomas Green; regretting that Mr. Green had never been reconciled to his son (Thomas); and containing an invitation to the funeral. (For a history of the estrangement between Martha Howlett's brother Thomas Green junior and their parents and his subsequent career, see the memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett I, Add. MS. 873 pp. 55-69).

1f.

875/17 7 May 1827

Opinion of Dr. Herbert Jenner of Doctors Commons that there is insufficient evidence to show that Eleanor Burt wished to have the name of her son John omitted as trustee, executor or legatee in her will.

2ff.

876/31 11 May 1827

Letter from Roger Green of Manningtree (to Samuel Burt Howlett) sending a copy of a letter written by his brother the Friday before their father's death (on 27 April 1827), and expressing no surprise at the contents of the will.

1 piece.

876/33 7 August 1827

Poem composed by Thomas Green at Caister Sand Hills near Great Yarmouth for his wife on the birth of their second son and first living child Thomas Tovell Green on 3 August 1827; with note that the child died on 24 August 1827.

1f.

876/39 30 August 1827

Letter from Olinthus Gregory of the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich (Professor of Mathematics at Woolwich 1807-38) to D. Robinson esquire, 61 Quadrant, commenting on Howlett's manuscript on the theory of perspective which he considers "both ingenious and correct" although he believes it would be improved by the introduction of some curved examples such as an arch; refusing a public recommendation not because he under-rates its value "but because I shrink from the presumption of telling the public what they ought to encourage".

2ff.

876/40 26 November 1827

Letter from Olinthus Gregory of the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich (to Samuel Burt Howlett) thanking him for a copy of his *Treatise on Perspective* and expressing the hope that "its winning exterior will tempt many to look within and acquaint themselves with your simple, useful and accurate rule".

1f.

875/58/1-15 1828-1874

15 documents contained in a wrapper labelled "Correspondence relative to money lent to Mr. Burwell Hunt upon his Painting called *Nymphs Bathing*. The picture had no frame and was to be returned upon his discharging the within account". Signed, Samuel Burt Howlett.

15 pieces.

875/58/11 Undated

Memorandum by Samuel Burt Howlett relating to a painting left with him by Burwell Hunt; the painting being attributed to Cornelius Polenburg fl.c.1630 and purchased from someone who found it rolled up and dropped from a smuggler's cart during pursuit near Aldborough, Suffolk c.1800.

With newspaper cutting giving notice to Burwell Hunt or his representatives that if the picture left with Samuel Burt Howlett in 1828 is not redeemed within one month it will be disposed of (March 1874).

Slip of paper with newspaper cutting pasted on the reverse.

875/58/1 Undated

Account of Burwell Hunt debtor to Samuel Burt Howlett, 1828-36.

1f.

875/58/25 [3 January 1828]

Letter from B. Hunt to Mr. Howlett at Cannon Street requesting a loan of 2; with note that the money was sent.

2ff.

876/34 January 1828

Letter from Charles Hayter (formerly Professor of Perspective to Princess Charlotte and author of *Introduction to perspective* in 1813, *DNB*) of 14 Buckingham Street, Fitzroy Square, to Samuel Burt Howlett at 84 Pall Mall, praising some parts of Howlett's work on perspective drawing, with some criticism of his method of illustrating false perspective and sketch.

2ff.

876/35 Undated

Letter from Charles Hayter of 14 Buckingham Street, Fitzroy Square, to Samuel Burt Howlett at 84 Pall Mall, commenting on Howlett's treatise on perspective; comparing it with his own work on the same subject and offering to show him the use of a transparent plane, which can be purchased from Fuller's of Rathbone Place.

2ff.

876/36 Undated

Letter from Charles Hayter of 14 Buckingham Street, Fitzroy Square, to Samuel Burt Howlett at 84 Pall Mall, responding to his queries as to how better to teach perspective.

2ff.

876/37 5 May 1828

Letter from Thomas Rogers junior in Wallingford to Samuel Burt Howlett at the Ordnance Office, Pall Mall, London, giving an account of his journey to Penryn visiting Ramsgate and Margate on the way, the town of Wallingford, its churches and chapels, and his new employer Mr. Field; with some criticism of the Methodists for "want of punctuality and arrangement".

2ff.

875/31 4 June 1828

Letter authorising Thomas Swan to deliver up to Lord Percival a promissory note for £2500 and to execute a conveyance of property in Spital Fields from Lord Percival to Messrs. Pellatt & Burnal for the benefit of holders of securities given by Lord Percival.

Signed: Andrew Burt, Samuel Burt Howlett, Richard Francis junior, Lydia Francis, Sophia Johnstone, Elizabeth Johnstone and Ann Mary Johnstone.

1f.

876/56 23 June 1828

Lines composed at the request of a Lady, to be written in an Album beneath her drawing of a Stone Jug containing a Lily of the Valley and a Flower called Forget-me-not.

Signed: Samuel Burt Howlett.

1f.

876/38 9 July 1828

Letter from Samuel Burt Howlett at Manningtree to his wife describing his reception by her family at Manningtree, his pleasure in the scenery and hopes for future friendship; sending greetings from her brother and sister.

1f.

875/58/9 [Summer 1828, dated by S. B. Howlett]

Letter from Miles Hunt to Mr. Howlett, Cannon Street Road, Commercial Road, informing him of his engagement and imminent departure on an East Indiaman as a musician playing second clarinet and waiting on passengers; apologising for not returning Howlett's possessions in person and saying they have been left with his sister Ann in Stratford.

1f.

875/58/3 [22 September 1828, dated by S.B. Howlett]

Letter from B(urwell) Hunt to Mr. Howlett at Cannon Street, Cannon Road, conveying his family's distress at the disappointment of their expectations and requesting a loan on security. Attached: promissory notes from Burwell Hunt to S.B. Howlett for 7 and 1, dated 24 and 27 September 1828 respectively.

2ff. and 2 pieces.

875/58/4 [2 October 1828, dated by S.B. Howlett]

Letter from B. Hunt at East Sheen to Mr. Howlett, Cannon Street, St. George's East, giving an account of moving his wife, six children and possessions the ten miles to their new home, describing the house and saying he has only 2s. left for food and heating.

2ff.

875/58/5 21 December 1828, dated by S.B. Howlett]

Letter from B. Hunt to Mr. Howlett at 9 Cannon Street Road, St. George's East, requesting the loan of Howlett's cloak for a journey to Suffolk on business, as his own is in pawn, and a "little pecuniary aid"; with remarks on Howlett's views on education. (For a description of Howlett's travelling cloak see the memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett I, Add. MS. 873 p.124). Endorsed with a copy of an inscription over the Decalogue in a church in Wales, written by S.B. Howlett.

1f.

875/58/6 31 January 1829

Letter from B. Hunt at East Sheen to Mr. Howlett at Canon Street Road, St. George's East, London, about 4 doors from the Turnpike, apologising for not having met Howlett that day, assuring him that he will be able to give a good account of himself when they meet shortly and thanking him for a donation "to my dear partner".

2ff.

875/56 6 July 1829

Resolution by the Bucks and Bloods at the Pestle and Mortar Hall, the Commencement of all things, addressed to W. Philcox esquire, End of all things, Dartford, to hold a pigeon shooting match for 10 sovereigns a side; with request to "his Satanic Majesty" to attend with champagne, Brie cheese and onions. Dr. Bolus in the chair.

Found among the papers of Mr. William Howlett, 1888.

2ff.

876/49 13 July 1829

Letter from Charles Hayter of 16 Cirencester Place, Fitzroy Square, to Samuel Burt Howlett at 84 Pall Mall, commenting favourably on Howlett's book on perspective with some suggestions, an illustration and an outline of his own course of teaching.

2ff.

876/41 23 July 1829

Letter from D. Foulger of Walthamstow to Mr. Howlett, the Infant School, 15 Walburgh Street, describing the circumstances of a child he would like to attend Howlett's Friday evening classes.

2ff.

876/42 21 August 1829

Letter from Samuel Burt Howlett at Capel Curig to his wife giving an account of his journey with descriptions of iron workings in the country around Birmingham, the town of Shrewsbury and the Welsh mountains; wishing that she were with him but assuring her that the journey would have been too arduous for her and the child; commenting on the Welsh language, entertainment provided by harpers, and the harvest.

4ff.

876/43 24 August 1829

Letter from Samuel Burt Howlett at Tan-yr-Allt (Andrew Burt's house at Tremadoc, Caernarvonshire) to his wife, describing the cottage, its situation and views of the mountains, the river estuary and Harlech Castle; with an account of his exhilarating ride of the twenty miles over the mountains from Capel Curig in torrential rain.

2ff.

876/44 28 August 1829

Letter from Martha Howlett in London to her husband at Andrew Burt's, Tan-yr-Allt, Tremadoc, containing news of the family, including her mother's illness, his uncle's visit and attempt to collect the rents from John Street, her regret at not being able to accompany him, and the poor health of his mother; with greeting written by his daughter Martha Ann (aged 2 years).

2ff.

876/45 31 August 1829

Letter from Samuel Burt Howlett at Tan-yr-Allt to his wife commenting on their daughter's growing understanding of the difference between right and wrong; telling of his acquaintance with two Cambridge students staying in the village; describing the situation of Tremadoc on land reclaimed from the sea, his musical contributions to the church services, and an expedition to see the waterfalls near Dolgelly. 2ff.

876/46 3 September 1829

Letter from Samuel Burt Howlett at Dolbadern Inn on Lake Llanberis to his wife, describing his ascent of Snowdon and discovery of stones containing sea shells on the top which he believes to be evidence that the mountain "was washed by some mighty deluge"; reflecting on the grandeur of nature and his belief that natural and revealed religion should be taken together; with copy of the ballad "Beddgelert, or the Greyhound's Grave". 5ff.

876/48 4 September 1829

Letter from Martha Howlett in London to Samuel Burt Howlett at Tan-yr-Allt, Tremadoc, commenting on his letters and containing news of family and friends with particular reference to their daughter and the Lidgetts. (For information about the Lidgett family see the memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett I, Add. MS. 873 pp.204-7). 2ff.

876/47 9 September 1829

Letter from J. Nightingale in Pall Mall to Samuel Burt Howlett assuring him that all is well at the office with mention of the declining health of "our worthy chief" (Mr. Pink) and commenting on Howlett's accounts of his holiday. 2ff.

876/50 11 September 1829

Letter from Martha Howlett in London to Samuel Burt Howlett at Tan-yr-Allt, Tremadoc, commenting on his account of the ascent of Snowdon and anticipating his return; describing their daughter's antics and the pain she herself is enduring from toothache. 2ff.

876/51 12 September 1829

Letter from Samuel Burt Howlett at Tan-yr-Allt to his wife commenting on his intended route home which will take him through Buxton and Derbyshire; reflecting on the benefit of holidays to both body and mind; and commenting on the characters of his business colleagues Nightingale and Mr. Pink. (For anecdotes about Howlett's office colleagues, and a description of the offices in Pall Mall, see memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett I, Add. MS. 873 pp. 13sq. and 35). 2ff.

876/52 29 November 1829

Letter from D. Foulger of Ratcliff Highway inviting Mr. and Mrs Howlett to attend some lectures in aid of the Friends of the Infant School; with mention of some of Howlett's sketches which he will return after his daughter has copied them. 1f.

876/66 Undated

Letter from D. Foulger (to S.B. Howlett) returning money for lecture tickets which were intended as a token of gratitude for Howlett's generosity to the Infant School and asking his opinion of a drawing made by his daughter.

1f.

876/53 [4 January [1830]

Letter from Th. Eaton to Mrs. Howlett in Cannon Street Road, Whitechapel, inviting her and Mr. Howlett to take tea the following evening, with request that Mr. Howlett would bring his Grammar.

1f.

876/54 9 February 1830

Letter from William Prosser in Tewkesbury to Samuel B. Howlett at 9 Cannon Street Road, St. George's East, explaining that the expense of educating and maintaining his three sons and five daughters makes it impossible for him to give any substantial assistance to his niece (Mrs. Oldham) but that he has instructed his bank to give Howlett £2 to be dispensed for her benefit.

Receipt, dated 16 February 1830, by Sarah Oldham in respect of £2; with mention of her husband's death on 14 February 1830.

2ff.

875/58/7 [February 1830, dated by S. B. Howlett]

Letter from B. Hunt to Mr. Howlett at Canon Street Road acknowledging his foolish and cowardly conduct in avoiding a meeting with Howlett or returning his cloak; saying that he has worked as a jobbing gardener, bricklayer, carpenter, painter etc. but is now forced to return (to Manningtree?) as a common pauper; thanking him for his generous and noble acts and informing him that he has used the money advanced for buying paper and copying Howlett's manuscript on his own necessities. Memorandum by Howlett, dated 1 March 1830, relating to expenses in redeeming the cloak and to Hunt's failure to copy a manuscript for which 10s. 6d. had been advanced on 13 December 1828.

1f.

876/55 Undated

Letter from M.A. Foulger in Walthamstow to Mrs. Howlett explaining the necessity for holding another ball in aid of the Infant School and asking for her assistance.

2ff.

875/36 7 May 1830

Warrant addressed to William Howlett, appointed special constable for the occasion, for the arrest of William Hubbard of Pulham St. Mary the Virgin in Norfolk, gardener, to answer the charge of having run away leaving his wife and child chargeable to the said parish. Issued by John Oldershaw J.P. in Norfolk, and endorsed with authority for execution in Middlesex.

1piece.

876/57 3 June 1830

Letter from D. Foulger of Walthamstow to Mr. Howlett asking him to give instruction to a group of eight girls aged 8 to 10 years; with thanks for the use of his sketches and his kindness to the children of the Infant School.

2ff.

876/58 6 August 1830

Letter from Martha Howlett at 89 King Street, Ramsgate, to Samuel Burt Howlett giving an account of their journey with Miss Duke (by boat), the frightening experience of landing on the pier at low tide, the accommodation and company at the house and the precautions she takes for their daughter's safety. (See the account of this holiday and the Duke family in the memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett I, Add. MS. 873 pp.30-33).

2ff.

876/59 9 August 1830

Letter from Samuel Burt Howlett of 9 Cannon Street Road to his wife at Mrs. Marshall's, King Street, Ramsgate, telling of his visits to Mrs. Duke and the Colosseum; commenting on her account of their arrival at Ramsgate and the development of their daughter's character.

2ff.

876/60 10 August 1830

Letter from Martha Howlett in Ramsgate, to Samuel Burt Howlett at 84 Pall Mall, describing their activities, their daughter's health and conduct, the family and company where they lodge; with comments on the Duke family.

2ff.

876/61 11 August 1830

Letter from Samuel Burt Howlett at 83½ Pall Mall to Mrs. Howlett at Mrs. Marshall's, 89 King Street, Ramsgate, concerning arrangements for joining her in Ramsgate, their daughter's health and character, a visit from Young Chambers "more bigotted and priest-ridden than half the Catholics are", and an exhibition of paintings by Sir Thomas Lawrence (President of the Royal Academy).

2ff.

876/62 22 August 1830

Letter from Samuel Burt Howlett of 9 Cannon Street Road to his wife at Mrs. Marshall's, King Street, Ramsgate, expressing his love and affection for her and their daughter; describing his journey home, the illuminations and celebrations (on the accession of William IV); with advice on treating their daughter's disorder (diarrhoea), and mentioning her mother (Mrs. Green), the Behlings, Mrs. Duke, a visit from Nightingale, arrangements for their return and the absence of news from Plaistow (home of his mother Ann Swan).

2ff.

876/63 24 August 1830

Letter from Martha Howlett in Ramsgate to Samuel Burt Howlett at 84 Pall Mall, London, describing their daughter's condition for the information of the doctor, saying she is full of spirits and does not appear at all ill; anticipating their return home and mentioning Miss Duke's preference for returning by the Margate packet.

2ff.

876/64 25 August 1830

Letter from Samuel Burt Howlett at 84 Pall Mall to Mrs. Howlett at Mrs. Marshall's, 89 King Street, Ramsgate, informing her of his intention to consult the doctor Mr. Betson about their daughter and advising her to return home immediately preferably by the Ramsgate packet otherwise, if travelling via Margate, she should ask Miss Duke to take care of the luggage. With postscript conveying the doctor's instructions and saying they should return on Monday (30 August) if there is no improvement although the doctor sees no cause for alarm.  
2ff.

876/65 26 August 1830

Letter from Martha Howlett in Ramsgate to Samuel Burt Howlett reporting an improvement in the child's condition and her intention of returning with Miss Duke via Margate the following Wednesday or Thursday.  
2ff.

876/67 Postmarked 9 November 1830

Letter from M. Prichard of 29 Fenton Street to Mrs. S.B.Howlett at 9 Graham Street, Pimlico, expressing the hope that the family is settled in its new residence with regrets that they are now further apart; giving an account of her health and anticipating Mrs. Howlett's next visit. (There is a description of 9 Graham Street in the memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett I, Add. MS. 873 p.33).  
2ff.

875/35 19 November 1830

Letter from Elizabeth Shaw at Rockfield House, Buckfastleigh, to Mrs. Howlett at 9 Cannon Street Road, St. George's East, London, redirected to 9 Graham Street, Pimlico, expressing her pleasure at the prospect of peace and unity being restored to the (Green) family through their reconciliation with Mrs. Howlett's brother, sadly after the death of her father (Thomas Green); containing news of Mrs. Shaw's school, her husband, seven children including Edmund who opened a new school in Bath in January, and other members of her family; and asking Mr. Howlett to purchase a map of the world for her "on white lustring", with description of one obtained for her in the past, instructions for sending it in a parcel ready to be sent from the Methodist Book Room, New Chapel, City Road to the Rev. O. Henwood at Ashburton and arrangements for payment.  
2ff.

875/33 29 November 1830

Part of letter [from Henry Cole] in New York to his uncle [William Howlett] giving an account of a fight on board ship during the fifty day voyage from London when the captain put one of the crew in irons for throwing meat overboard; describing the harbour, gentlemen's houses and scenery at New York, his travels to Philadelphia, passing the houses of Joseph Bonaparte and Rowland Stephenson, West Chester and Baltimore, where he endeavoured to trace his uncle Samuel Howlett, through the Allegheny Mountains to Pitts[burgh] and across the Ohio River to Cincinatti, where he met their English friends; with comments on the price and quality of land and the extent of trade. Found among the papers of Mr. William Howlett (1796-1888).  
1f.



876/68 28 December 1830

Letter from M. Prichard to Mrs. Howlett sending seasonal greetings with expressions of friendship and an account of her poor state of health.

2ff.

876/69 Monday morning (January 1831?)

Letter from Th. Eaton to Mrs. Howlett inviting her and Mr. Howlett to take tea as she expects Mr. Eaton will soon be under orders to join the vessel sailing to the Cape.

1 piece.

876/70 Thursday (January 1831?)

Letter from E. Jones to Mrs. Howlett requesting her company in the evening if the weather improves.

1 piece.

876/71 3 January 1831

Note from Miss Hall to Mr. Howlett asking him to copy poems by Byron and Shelley into her album and illustrate them with a small pencil landscape.

1f.

875/38 Undated

Notice addressed to Mr. (William?) Howlett at Mr. Philcox's, Dartford, requesting his attendance at a meeting in Dartford on Thursday next, 10 February 1831, to form a troop of yeomanry and appoint the officers.

1 piece.

876/72 14 February 1831

Letter from John Owen in Dublin (to S.B. Howlett) giving an account of his journey and arrival in Dublin; with comments on the changes which coal mining has brought to the Staffordshire countryside in the last twenty years, the Liverpool docks, the stormy crossing, the buildings of Dublin, the practice of taking a collection for the poor at church services and arrangements for forwarding his post.

2ff.

876/73 5 April 1831

Letter from D. Foulger, Ratcliff Highway, to Mrs. Howlett at 9 Graham Street, Coleshill Street, Pimlico, inviting her to attend the next sale.

2ff.

876/74 15 June 1831

Letter from J.T. Burt, 34 Torrington Square, to S.B. Howlett accepting an invitation for the following Wednesday, adding that his mother will bring Llewellyn and Ellen.

1f.

876/75 3 August 1831

Letter from Ann Mary Johnstone of 13 Little Hermitage Street, Wapping, to her cousin (S.B. Howlett) declining his invitation to take tea and saying they will call at the Office for the money on Friday.

1f.

876/76 2 September 1831

Letter from Henrietta Pritchard of Hadley (to S.B. Howlett) enquiring whether her friend Mrs. Nugent may be permitted to witness the (coronation) procession (from his office window in Pall Mall). (See the account of this event in the memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett I, Add. MS. 873 p.37).

1f.

876/77 5 September 1831

Letter from Elizabeth Shaw of Rockfield House, Buckfastleigh, to S.B. Howlett at 84 Pall Mall, London, containing news of her school and family; requesting two maps of the world on white Lustring, the same as before (see above at 19 November 1830, 875/35). With note, dated 15 September, that £1 1s. 0d. was paid for the maps.

1f.

876/78 29 September 1831

Letter from Mrs. Nugent of Hadley, Middlesex, sending a present of a neck chain for Martha Ann with thanks for the attentions of Mr. and Mrs. Howlett on the day of the coronation.

1f.

876/79 11 November 1831

Letter from John Owen in Dublin to S.B. Howlett asking him to forward some letters; enquiring after Howlett's family; with comments on the political situation in Ireland, the "baneful influence" of Popery, and his belief that the Reform Bill "strikes the nell of the downfall of our protestant church".

2ff.

876/80 10 January 1832

Letter from Claudia Pritchard (to S.B. Howlett) thanking him for his interest in her affairs and informing him that her uncle and aunt have asked her to "enter their family" (as governess?); accepting an invitation to stay a day or two with the Howletts and sending greetings from her sister.

1f.

876/81 11 January 1832

Letter from John Lidgett of 4 Harris Terrace (to S.B. Howlett) declining an invitation; saying he will have more leisure after this week but that Mrs. Lidgett's time is fully occupied with the baby.

1f.

875/39 7 February 1832

Letter from [Rev.] J.W. Evans at Westby near Grantham to Samuel Burt Howlett esquire at 84 Pall Mall, London, asking him in justice and humanity to use his influence with Mr. (Andrew) Burt to ameliorate his situation; with copy of letter from Evans to Andrew Burt requesting him to forgive his past offence and have pity on him, his wife and child by lifting the sequestration on his living; describing his sufferings and the depths of his poverty being compelled to live on £50 a year. Endorsed with copy of letter from Howlett forwarding Andrew Burt's refusal, 27 February 1832. (Richard Howlett explains (875/1 f.vii) that Andrew Burt obtained the living of Bassingthorpe-cum-Westby in Lincolnshire for the Rev. J.W. Evans then engaged to his daughter Mary. Immediately after his induction Evans married another and an action for breach of promise led to the sequestration of the living).

2ff.

876/82 31 March 1832

Letter from Mr Harwood to Mr. Howlett declining an invitation to teach military drawing as his drawings are of landscapes, seats, street views, churches etc. and intended for publication; offering to show Howlett some examples.

1f.

875/52 8 May 1832

Copy of letter from William Howlett junior of Dartford, Kent, to [J.] Kitson esquire solicitor at Catherine Close, Norwich, requesting information about the property to be divided between members of the Howlett family on the death of Jonathan Howes of Pulham (under the will of the latter's father, Jonathan Howes, also of Pulham, deceased). Found among the papers of William Howlett who died in 1888. (For an account of S.B. Howlett's visit to Pulham Hall and the connections between the Howes and Howlett families see Samuel Burt Howlett's "Account of my relations" Add. MS. 871 pp.17-24).

1f.

875/53 12 May 1832

Letter from J. Kitson in Norwich to William Howlett junior at Dartford, Kent, informing him of arrangements for paying the legacy due to Howlett's father under the will of Jonathan Howes and enquiring as to the representatives of Howlett's uncles John and Samuel; with pencil notes listing other members of the family. Found among the papers of William Howlett (1796-1888).

2ff.

875/54 Undated

Summary of the will of Jonathan Howes, proved 8 May 1794, with query as to whether the three surviving children of John and Elizabeth ( *recte* Sarah) Howlett inherit the shares of £100 each of the three deceased or whether the legacies descend to their families; with response that the money goes to their legal representatives. Found among the papers of William Howlett, died 1888.

2ff.

875/34 Undated

Notes on the families of John and Samuel Howlett (compiled by their brother William Howlett senior?). Endorsed with explanatory note by Richard Howlett, October 1892.

1piece.

876/83 28 May 1832

Letter from Richard Francis in Rio de Janeiro, South America, to his cousin S.B. Howlett care of Mr. Francis at 6 Gordon Place, Tavistock Square, describing the harbour of Rio de Janeiro, regulations for approaching vessels, living conditions in Rio and the necessity of having slaves for servants; reflecting on slavery and his belief that for the most part the slaves have a better life in America than in their own country, regulations for preventing the slave trade laid down in treaties between England, Spain and Brazil while the trade continues under French and North American flags, with mention of a slave auction; expressing astonishment at the Brazilian attitude to death and his hopes for the beneficial effect of a European education on their children; commenting on the dearth of female society, the lack of education and monotonous lives of Brazilian women "not infrequently grandmothers at 27 years of age", the supply of water to Rio, excursions to the countryside and waterfalls; with greetings to his parents.

2ff.

876/84 Postmarked 8 June 1832

Letter from Margaret Burt at Gothic Cottage, Tulse Hill, Brixton, to S. B. Howlett at 9 Graham Street, Pimlico, informing him of their arrival in London, promising to visit as soon as her mother recovers from the journey and an attack of toothache.

1f.

875/57 1 July [1832?]

Letter from Mrs. S. Chappell (née Maria Carron) of Harlestone, Norfolk, to her cousin (William Howlett?) advising him that all their Aunt Deane's nephews and nieces were entitled to a share in a legacy and recounting her efforts to trace his whereabouts. Found among William Howlett's papers.

2ff.

875/41 5 July 1832

Letter from Margaret Burt (wife of Andrew Burt) in London to S.B. Howlett 84 Pall Mall sending a copy of her letter to Rev. J. Evans at Bassingthorpe near Grantham, rejecting his claims to pity from the Burts, attributing all his misfortunes to his own actions; pointing out that his present income is more than most Welsh curates receive; and asserting that Mr. (Andrew) Burt has no financial interest in the matter as the mortgage (of the tithes of the living) is held by the Rev. E. Bird of Borebridge, Yorkshire (formerly husband of the Burts' daughter Emma who died in 1825).

2ff.

875/51/1-13 20 August 1832 - 6 May 1851

Twelve documents contained in a wrapper labelled "Correspondence relative to the legacy of £100 due to me under the will of the late Mr. Jonathan Howes of Pulham St. Mary the Virgin, Norfolk". Signed Samuel B. Howlett; with genealogical notes on the back.

1f.

875/51/1 Undated

Memorandum of a letter written by Samuel Howlett from Philadelphia in America to William Start at Gissing Hall near Diss, Norfolk, 13 September 1815. Found among the papers of Mr. William Howlett (1796-1888).

1piece.

875/51/2 20 August 1832

Copy of letter from Samuel B. Howlett of 9 Graham Street, Pimlico, to Messrs. Kitson & Rackham solicitors at Norwich, requesting that the legacy due under the will of Jonathan Howes (proved 8 May 1794) to the representatives of Samuel Howlett should be paid to him; informing them as to the last news of his father; and stressing that as his mother has remarried they should not communicate with her on the matter.

1f.

875/51/3 23 August 1832

Letter from J. Kitson of Norwich to Samuel B. Howlett at 9 Graham Street, Pimlico, advising that if there is evidence that his father has died without leaving a will his mother is entitled to one third of his effects and should take out letters of Administration unless she wishes to renounce the Administration in Howlett's favour; with copy of Howlett's reply, dated 25 August 1832, concerning arrangements for a meeting between them in London the following week.

2ff.

875/51/6 10 September 1832

The *United States Gazette*, newspaper published in Philadelphia containing an advertisement requesting information about Samuel Howlett.

2ff.

875/40 26 September 1832

Part of letter [from S.B. Howlett's cousin H. Cole] at Passmores B. . . . ey, Salisbury near the Gap, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, America, to his uncle [William Howlett senior] describing conditions on board ship during his ten week voyage from England with mention of their provisions, cooking arrangements, sickness, the Captain's love of cards and the bottle, and a mutiny by the crew against harsh treatment by the First Mate; recommending strongly that people should be advised to travel by American rather than English vessels; commenting on the effect of cholera on trade in New York, the year's good harvest and the prices fetched by different crops; giving an account of his duties as clerk to a brewer and maltster up country and the cost of living; informing him that his uncle Samuel Howlett was employed as a clerk and ticket writer to Mr. Curry the High Constable between 1815 and 1817 but took to drink and bad company and is now believed dead.

1f.

876/85 28 September 1832

Note from the Rev. Benjamin Vale, curate of Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, and formerly of St. Luke's, Middlesex (to Samuel B. Howlett) returning some drawings and a book. Written on a paper containing an advertisement and terms for the Rev. B. Vale's School of Arts and Sciences teaching the Learned and modern Languages including Hebrew and every department of Mathematics and Philosophy, including Chemistry. (For anecdotes about the Rev. B. Vale see the memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett I, Add. MS. 873 pp.39 and 42).

1f.

876/86 6 October 1832

Letter from J. Huntley senior of 63 Shoreditch to Samuel Howlett informing him of the death of his cousin Caroline Burt with arrangements for the funeral.

1f.

876/88 30 October 1832

Letter from Henrietta Pritchard of Hadley to Mrs. Howlett concerning orders for handkerchiefs (silk shawls?); with messages for Martha Ann and news of Mrs. Biggs. (In her memoirs Martha Ann Howlett tells that her mother obtained orders for members of the Luttrell family of Cheyne Walk who made silk shawls and half shawls, Add. MS. 873 p.68).

1f.

876/87 18 October 1832

Letter from the Rev. Benjamin Vale of the School of Arts and Sciences, 187 Sloane Street, to Samuel Burt Howlett conveying his intention of calling for Howlett that evening; requesting a picture depicting the reflection of a pillar in water and asking him to find a day scholar.

1f.

876/90 6 November 1832

Letter from Claudia Pritchard in Charlotte Street to Mrs. Howlett expressing the hope that she has recovered from her indisposition and thanking her for a handkerchief; with greetings to Mr. Howlett and Martha Ann.

1f.

876/91 12 November 1832

Letter from Mrs. Herbert of 4 Bridge Row to Mrs. Howlett at 9 Graham Street inviting her to purchase some articles being sold "for the benefit of a respectable family in great difficulties".

1f.

876/92 27 November 1832

Letter from Mrs. Duke of Mile End to Mrs. Howlett at 9 Graham Street, Chelsea, expressing the hope that she will be able to call shortly and thank Mrs. Howlett properly for the handsome and elegant handkerchiefs.

1f.

876/93 13 December 1832

Letter from Benjamin Vale of 187 Sloane Street to S. Howlett in Chelsea thanking him for a charitable donation.

2ff.

876/89 20 December 1832

Letter from D. Robinson in Woolwich to S.B. Howlett responding to Howlett's request for information about the recent fall of a meteor and discussing meteors in general; mentioning his intention of travelling to the Sussex coast the next day for the benefit of his health. Note by R.R. Howlett that the writer was with the Corps of Military Surveyors at the battles of Corunna and Waterloo.

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876/94 Saturday [26 January 1833]

Letter from the Rev. Thomas Fuller of Eaton Place to Mr. Howlett at 9 Graham Street asking him to undertake the duties of a Visitor in the St. Peter's District Society; with copy of Howlett's reply, dated 28 January 1833, expressing his willingness to act as a Visitor and requesting information as to the duties. (Martha Ann Howlett gives an account of her father's duties in her memoirs I, Add. MS. 873 p.84).

1f.

876/95 Postmarked 30 January 1833

Letter from Ann Lidgett of 16 Philpot Street to Mrs. Howlett at 9 Graham Street, Pimlico, declining an invitation on account of the weather and placing more orders (for handkerchiefs?).

1f.

876/97 Undated, received 4 February 1833

Letter from George Smith in Gibraltar describing the geology of Gibraltar; commenting on the large number of sketches he has made of places in the Mediterranean particularly of the garrison at Gibraltar with which he will illustrate his new plan incorporating a survey of the town and all the changes which have taken place since the last plan sent to England in 1811; thanking Howlett for his support in an unsuccessful application for promotion; conveying a request from Colonel Mann that Howlett should discover the fate of a shell sent to England for inspection by the Geological Society and giving the reference for an account of the geology of Gibraltar contained in the 4th volume of the *Edinburgh Philosophical Transactions*.

2ff.

876/96 Undated

Sketch of the Rock of Gibraltar with geological notes.

1 piece.

876/98 1 March 1833

Letter from Mr. Tate of 32 Smith Street to Mr. Howlett containing an invitation to dinner on Wednesday next. (There is a description of Mr. Tate in the memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett I, Add. MS. 873 p.39).

1f.

875/51/4A & B 25 April 1833

Copy of letter from Samuel B. Howlett of 9 Graham Street, Pimlico, to J. Kitson in Norwich containing an extract from Henry Cole's letter to William Howlett of 26 September 1832 (see above) concerning attempts to obtain information about Samuel Howlett in America, and copy of an advertisement placed in an American newspaper 10 September 1832; pointing out that he will never have the means of proving his father's death and is thus deprived of his inheritance; proposing that the capital should be invested and the interest paid to him, with promise to indemnify if need be.

2ff. and 1 piece.

876/99 7 May 1833

Letter from Mr. Tate of 32 Smith Street, Chelsea, to Mr. Howlett arranging a meeting for the following day.

1f.

875/51/5 10 May 1833

Extract from letter from Henry Cole in Philadelphia to his daughter Harriet saying he has been unable to find any trace of his uncle Samuel Howlett after 1817; with note by S.B. Howlett that Harriet showed him the above letter and a newspaper (see at 10 September 1832) on 28 July 1839, signed and dated 31 July 1839.

1 piece.

876/100 11 May 1833

Letter from Fanny Terry of 10 Lawrence Street to S.B. Howlett at Graham Street sending congratulations on the birth of his son Samuel.

2ff.

876/101 11 May 1833

Letter from Mr. Tate to Mr. and Mrs. Howlett congratulating them "on the happy event of this morning". Note by R. Howlett, 12 June 1909, that his two large oriental trumpet-shaped vases came into the family's possession through Mr. Tate.

1f.

876/102 11 May 1833

Letter from Margaret Burt at 34 Torrington Square to Samuel B. Howlett at 83½ Pall Mall sending congratulations on the birth of his son and greetings to Mrs. Howlett and her god-daughter Martha Ann; saying that she is boarding at the above address for the benefit of Llewellyn's education; and asking him to call to discuss a letter she has received from Bassingthorpe and one from his uncle (Andrew Burt).

2ff.

876/103 13 May 1833

Letter from Mr. Tate of Smith Street, Chelsea to Mr. Howlett at Graham Street inviting him to dine the following day.

1f.

876/104 28 May 1833

Letter from Henrietta Pritchard of Hadley to Mrs. Howlett congratulating her on the birth of her son with mention of Mrs. Biggs and Mrs. Nugent and greetings to Martha Ann.

1f.

876/105 7 June 1833

Letter from William Tate of 32 Smith Street, Chelsea, to Mr. Howlett inviting him to dinner on Sunday next; explaining that it is not his usual custom to hold dinner parties on the Sabbath but that the gentleman he wishes to honour is only available that day.

1f.

876/108 10 June 1833

Copy of letter from Samuel B. Howlett of 9 Graham Street, Pimlico, to Benjamin Wilson esquire at 15 Clapham Road Place, Kennington, asking him and his wife (Howlett's cousin Eleanor née Francis) to stand godparents to his child and informing them that his cousin John Burt will be the other godfather.

Slip of paper, attached to the back of 876/107.



876/106 11 June 1833 (altered from 23 May)

Part of letter [from Margaret Kingsmill] of Lane End Parsonage near Newcastle, Staffordshire, to her mother (Margaret Burt) saying that she has been much occupied attending the annual missionary meetings and entertaining visiting clergy and missionaries, with particular mention of Dr. Daran an Irishman lately returned from India, Mr. Mayer, and Mr. Leigh Rector of Newcastle; informing her that the question of their staying (at Lane End) is still unsettled and commenting unfavourably on the conduct of Mr. Vale the former curate of Stoke, who was induced to leave that parish by the offer of a sum of money and is now attempting to secure her husband's living by the "plotting, bribery and other illegal proceedings" of his supporters and by organising a petition to the Bishop signed by children, dissenters and Roman Catholics, which has prompted a counter petition in favour of Mr. Kingsmill from the pew owners and occupiers and all the school teachers; with description of the parsonage and surrounding countryside. Note by Samuel B. Howlett relating to Mr. Vale: "In London he was decent in the pulpit, but a mountebank elsewhere". (See the account in the memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett I, Add. MS. 873 p.42). 4ff.

876/107 Wednesday morning (12 June 1833)

Letter from B. Wilson of 15 Clapham Road Place agreeing to Howlett's request for himself but declining on the part of his wife as she thinks Mrs. Howlett would prefer to take the duties (of godmother) upon herself. 1f.

876/109 20 September 1833

Letter from Samuel B. Howlett at the Angel Inn, Grantham, to his wife at 9 Graham Street, Pimlico describing his journey and the benefit he receives from a day's ride through the country; expressing the hope that the business at Bassingthorpe will be concluded that day and that he will be able to promote justice in that matter (concerning the tithes of the Rev.J.W. Evans?); with mention of his visit to Newton's birthplace at Woolsthorpe. 2ff.

876/110 20 September 1833

Pen and ink sketch of Woolsthorpe Manor House; inscription from the cenotaph in Colsterworth Church relating to Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727) and previous generations of the Newtons, Lords of the Manor of Woolsthorpe; with description in pencil of the room in which Newton was born. 2ff.

876/111 4 October 1833

Letter from William Tate of 32 Smith Street, Chelsea, to Mr. Howlett thanking him for a sketch of Sir Isaac Newton's birthplace and asking him to accept in return the present of a silver pint (pot). 1f

876/112 9 October 1833

Letter from Margaret Kingsmill of Parsonage House, Lane End, to her cousin Samuel B. Howlett at 83½ Pall Mall sending congratulations on the birth of his son; informing him that the election between Mr. Kingsmill and Mr. Vale has been delayed pending the arrival of the Duke of Sutherland, who has two votes, and will probably take place the following week.

2ff.

876/113 16 October 1833

Letter from William Tate of 32 Smith Street, Chelsea, to Mr. Howlett sending copies of the *Memoirs of the Duke de Sully* and Walson's *History of Philip II of Spain*.

1f.

876/114 19 October 1833

Letter from R. Bullen (to S.B. Howlett) thanking him for a gift.

1 piece.

876/115 5 November 1833

Invitation to dinner from Mr. Tate of 32 Smith Street, Chelsea, to Mr. Howlett.

1 piece.

876/116 22 November 1833

Letter from Margaret Kingsmill of Lane End Parsonage, to Samuel B. Howlett at 9 Graham Street, Pimlico, thanking him for his letter; informing him that the election has ended in Mr. Kingsmill's favour thanks to the support of the Duke of Sutherland which deterred the opposition "although all their forces were mustered in an inn close to the church" and expressing her relief that her husband has been appointed in "a unanimous feeling of joy among the people and congregation"; asking him to inform her parents in Sweden as she is still weak after an attack of scarlet fever and the application of leeches to her head; with an invitation to him to visit them in the summer.

2ff.

876/117& 117A 23 December 1833

Letter from Mr. Tate of 32 Smith Street, Chelsea, to Mr. and Mrs. Howlett sending a gift of a Christmas turkey. Mr. Tate's visiting card attached.

1f. and 1 card.

876/118 21 January 1834

Letter from James Miller to S.B. Howlett saying that the information he requires could only be obtained by laborious study of the Parliamentary Reports which might lead to inaccurate conclusions.

1f.

876/119 Undated

Letter from Henrietta Grove to Mrs. Howlett inviting the whole family to dinner and asking her to fix the day.

1f.

876/120 16 March 1834

Letter from Eliza Gibbs in Bedford to Mrs. Howlett saying that she is repairing the previous neglect of her studies; complaining of the lack of society, intellectual and musical activity in Bedford and sending greetings to the children.

2ff.

876/121 4 April 1834

Letter from Margaret Burt in Wasbacken and Forswick (Sweden) to Samuel B. Howlett at 83½ Pall Mall describing their journey nine months previously and the countryside, their life in a "very retired" part of the country, the friendly reception they have met with despite the problem of language, care of the farm animals in winter, the death of the mining captain and his son-in-law, her son John's tour of mining districts and subsequent illness which has now lasted more than ten weeks and the cost of living; informing him that the quantity of manganese mined so far is insufficient to repay the advances made by the Company but that his uncle (Andrew Burt) still hopes to make a profit "to settle those claims which your uncle's family think we wish to evade"; with mention of her children Lewellyn and Ellen, Miss Downing, Lydia Francis and the business at Bassingthorpe. (See the memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett for the affairs of Andrew Burt's family at this time, Add. MS. 873 p.46).

2ff.

876/122 22 May 1834

Letter from J. King at the Admiralty, Somerset House, to S. Howlett esquire at the Ordnance, Pall Mall, asking Howlett to take his place on the visitation of Sloane Terrace Sunday School as he has to visit a sick sister in the country.

2ff.

876/123 Undated

Formal invitation to attend the funeral of William Tate of Smith Street, Chelsea, at Cheam Church on Thursday next, 5 June 1834. On card with engraving depicting an angel and tombstone.

1 card.

876/124 14 June 1834

Letter from J. Wilkinson of Wellington Street to S.B. Howlett at 83 Pall Mall asking him to distribute some mourning rings with the respects of Mrs. Dewsberry and Mr. Tate, and requesting a visit to discuss "the approaching litigation".

2ff.

876/125 24 June 1834

Letter from Thomas Rogers (senior) at Penryn to Samuel Burt Howlett, 84 Pall Mall, London, requesting the latest copy of Regulations for the admission of gentlemen cadets to the military academy at Woolwich, and advice about procedure, on behalf of a friend who wishes to place his 15 year old son there; containing news of his family, comments on the Poor Law Reform Bill and the financial difficulties of a mutual friend Mr. Croggan; expressing the hope that Howlett and his wife will visit Penryn during the summer.

2ff.

876/1 25 June 1834

Introduction to the volume of letters Add. MS. 876 by Samuel B. Howlett explaining the principles on which he has selected and preserved the papers.

1f.

876/126 28 June 1834

Letter from James Thorne of Limehouse to S.B. Howlett thanking him for the loan of his *Introductory Remarks* and *Treatise on Perspective*; expressing the hope that he will prove worthy of Howlett's assistance.

1f.

876/127 4 July 1834

Letter from J. T. Burt at Mr. J. Young's, Albion Road, Church Street, Stoke Newington, to his cousin (S. B. Howlett) apologising for his failure to contact Howlett since his arrival in town and expressing the hope that he will be well enough to walk in the next day; enquiring after Howlett's family and informing him that they are "pretty well" in Sweden.

1f.

876/129 15 July 1834

Letter from M. A. Biggs of 6 Cambridge Row to Mr. Howlett commenting on her decision to punish her son Edward for his behaviour at the Howlett's house; proposing another trip as soon as possible; with mention of Mrs. Grove and a visit to the Pantheon.

2ff.

876/128 21 July 1834

Letter from J. T. Burt at 3 Albion Road, Stoke Newington, to his cousin Samuel explaining that he has been too unwell to come to Pall Mall; mentioning some trouble about a house at Limehouse and expressing the intention of calling on Mrs. Howlett as soon as he is well enough to walk so far; with postscript inviting Howlett and his family to join him on a visit to the Zoological Gardens as he has a member's ticket which will admit a party free.

1f.

876/131 Watermark dated 1834

Letter from Francis Herbert (to Samuel Burt Howlett) requesting a character reference in connection with his application to the Commissioners of the Court of Requests for the City and Liberty of Westminster.

1f.

876/130 25 August 1834

Letter from S. Fryer of Morning Thorpe to her nephew S.B. Howlett at 84 Pall Mall expressing pleasure at the prospect of a visit from the Howletts.

2ff.

876/132 6 October 1834

Letter from James Cook Evans on behalf of the Belgrave Literary and Scientific Institution to S.B. Howlett at Graham Street inviting him to contribute a paper for one of their conversazioni; with copy of Howlett's acceptance, dated 16 October 1834.

2ff.

876/133 24 November 1834

Letter from J.P.Fryer to his cousin S.B. Howlett at 83½ Pall Mall, London, informing him that he is sending a hamper containing a pair of fowl to be collected from the Times Coach Office; enquiring whether Howlett will be affected by the change of ministers and who are likely to take office.

2ff.

876/134 8 December 1834

Letter from Samuel Herbert of the Incorporated Law Society to Samuel Howlett apologising for not having as yet fulfilled his engagement to see Mr. De Ville's collection of natural curiosities with Howlett.

2ff.

876/135 29 December 1834

Letter from J. Wilkinson of 10 Elm Place to S. B.Howlett requesting advice on how to deny the allegations of Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Dewsberry concerning his conduct in regard to Mr. Tate's will.

2ff.

876/136 12 May 1835

Note from S.F. Scott inviting the Howlett family to tea the following Friday, 15 May. 1piece.

876/137 30 July 1835

Letter from J.Nightingale at 83½ Pall Mall to S.B. Howlett (away on holiday) forwarding a letter from Mrs. Howlett; commenting on the supply of office equipment and wishing him well on his holiday; with pencil notes by S.B. Howlett relating to a tour of Cornwall.

2ff.

876/138 30 July 1835

Letter from Martha Howlett in London to her husband Samuel Burt Howlett containing news of the children, the disposal of some ground and the receipt of a banker's draft; asking him to make some small purchases at T.R.'s (Thomas Roger's) shop and sending greetings to "all the Rogers's"

2ff.

876/139 31 July 1835

Letter from Martha Howlett in London to her husband Samuel Burt Howlett at Mr. Rogers, Penryn, Cornwall, acknowledging his second letter and commenting on the inconvenience of communicating through the office; containing news of the children; urging him to take care of himself and expressing anxiety at the idea of his going boating.

2ff.

876/140 [20 September 1835]

Account of expenses incurred by S.B. Howlett, Thomas Rogers and Thomas Rogers junior on their tour of Cornwall 30 July-5 August.

1f.

875/43 30 October 1835

Letter from Andrew Burt at Wassbacken och Forswik in Sweden to his nephew Samuel B. Howlett, Graham Street, Pimlico near London, commenting on his family's health; saying that his present small salary prevents him from assisting Howlett's mother by adding to her portion of £55 19s. 6d. *per annum*; regretting the sale of (his parents') property the rents from which over the years would have yielded more than the sale; giving an account of the business relationship between his brother John and Howlett's father, John's anger that his father (Andrew Burt senior) refused to make good his losses of several hundred pounds from the portion given to Howlett's mother, and the consequent estrangement between John and other members of the family; advising where Howlett could obtain more details but stressing that he is in no way obliged to recompense John. Continued by Mrs. M. Burt informing him of a slight improvement in her health whilst in Sweden and enquiring after Howlett's family and other relatives.

2ff.

876/141 4 December 1835

Letter from Cyrus R. Edmonds on behalf of the Belgrave Literary and Scientific Institute to S.B. Howlett at 9 Graham Street proposing that Howlett should read his paper on 14 December.

2ff.

876/142 4 January 1836

Letter from Richard Francis at the Refuge for the Destitute to Samuel Burt Howlett, 9 Graham Street, Pimlico, informing him of the death of his daughter Sarah (Riddell) from a fever in India.

1f.

876/144 8 January 1836

Letter from Andrew Francis to his cousin S.B. Howlett at the Ordnance Office, 83½ Pall Mall, informing him of the death of his father Richard Francis, his health having deteriorated since the news of Sarah (Riddell)'s death.

2ff.

876/143 15 January 1836

Letter from Ann Swan in Plaistow to Martha Howlett postponing the family's visit until the weather improves; containing news about her own health and that of Mr. Swan and asking Martha Ann to write to her.

1f.

876/145 20 January 1836

Letter from Margaret Kingsmill of Parsonage House, Lane End, to her cousin S.B. Howlett at 83½ Pall Mall, London, responding to his letter received the day before; sending messages to her family in Sweden; expressing sympathy with her Aunt Francis on the deaths of her husband and child and inviting the Howlett family to visit in the summer.

1f.

876/146 21 January 1836

Letter from Andrew Francis at the Female Refuge in Hackney Road, to his cousin S.B. Howlett at the Ordnance Office, 83½ Pall Mall, informing him that his father's funeral will take place the following Tuesday, 26 January.

2ff.

875/58/8 16 May 1836

Receipt in respect of a picture frame made by Richard Hunt for Mr. Howlett.  
1 piece.

876/147 26 July 1836

Letter from Mr. Coles of 32 Smith Street inviting Mr. and Mrs. Howlett to attend his wedding to their friend Miss Wallin.

1f.

876/148-150 Undated

Note from Mr. and Mrs. B. Coles of 32 Smith Street, Chelsea, to Mr. and Mrs. Howlett saying that they will be at home after 12 August; with wedding cards of Mr. and Mrs. B. Coles attached.

1f. and 2 cards.

876/152 23 February 1837

Note from Mr. and Mrs. Pocock of Knightsbridge inviting Mr. and Mrs. Howlett to tea on Wednesday 1 March.

1f.

875/37 [April 1837]

Notice addressed to Serjt. Howlett (Mr. William Howlett) at Dartford, that the Dartford Troop of the West Kent Yeomanry will assemble on 6 and 13 April 1837 at the Hop Hole and that the troop will also practice the sword exercise every Monday and Tuesday evening in the Market Place.

1f.

876/151 16 August 1837

Letter from Ann Swan in Plaistow to her son S.B. Howlett expressing relief at the news that the children are recovering from their illness (whooping cough) and hoping that the family will visit her before long; saying that her sister Sarah (Francis) who is staying with them can now walk without crutches or a stick whereas she doubts whether she herself will ever walk again. (There is an account of the children's illness and their medical treatment in the memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett I, Add. MS. 873 p.75).

2ff.

876/153 9 October 1837

Letter from Margaret Burt at Lane End to her nephew Samuel containing news of the health of Margaret and Mr. Kingsmill and Llewellyn; discussing several matters of business regarding some properties and an insurance policy.

2ff.

876/156 10 December 1837

Letter from Francis Herbert in Pimlico thanking S.B. Howlett for a donation of 5 to the Sloane Terrace Female Charity.

1f.

875/45 12 December 1837

Letter from James Cole at Bungay to his cousin William Howlett in Dartford, Kent, reminding Howlett of an offer to find him employment however trifling; describing his financial difficulties and distress in having to rely on the support of his mother; with mention of Howlett's father and the price of crops. Cutting relating to the funeral of William Howlett senior, 22 April 1847, attached.

2ff.

876/157 21 December 1837

Letter from Ann Swan in Plaistow to her son Samuel B. Howlett contemplating her death and offering a confession of her faith as a consolation to him and his wife; with mention of an occasion when Samuel was about twelve years old (1806/07) when she believed she was dying.

2ff.

876/158 Undated

Memorandum in Ann Swan's handwriting of the texts preached at the funeral sermon for her father (Andrew Burt) 29 April 1804 and at church on the following Sunday.

1piece.

876/154 28 February 1838

Letter from Margaret Burt at the Parsonage, Lane End, Staffordshire, to Samuel [B.] Howlett at 83½ Pall Mall, London, concerning the illness of her daughter Ellen, her son John's ordination and return to Cambridge, and her own wish to return to Sweden after Ellen's recovery.

2ff.

876/171 March 1838

Annual report of the Rev. Richard Wilson, M.A. (late Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge) Head Master of St. Peter's Grammar School, Eaton Square. Printed.

4ff.

876/172 Undated

Fees for young gentlemen aged 4 to 10 years at the Preparatory School run by the Misses West at 25 Lower Belgrave Place, Pimlico. Printed.

1f.

876/173 [1838]

Explanatory notice respecting the registration of Births under the New Registration Act (6 & 7 Will. IV c.86). Printed.

1f.

876/155 13 March 1838

Letter from Margaret Burt at the Parsonage, Lane End, Staffordshire, to her nephew Samuel Burt Howlett, 83½ Pall Mall, London, congratulating him on recent successes and promotion; informing him in confidence that Andrew Burt may be coming to England on business but that no one other than Mrs. Howlett should be told lest John Burt should hear of it; and containing news of the family. With postscript conveying a message from Andrew Burt regarding the purchase of a policy.

2ff.



876/164 24 June 1838

Letter from J.T. Fryer of Morningthorpe to his cousin S.B. Howlett accepting his invitation and asking him to meet their coach from Norwich when it arrives in London on 27 June. (There is an account of this visit in the memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett I, Add. MS. 873 p.79).

1f.loose.

876/165 (f2.of 876/164 above) June 1838

List of persons invited to dinner at S.B. Howlett's office on 28 June 1838. (The memoirs of Martha Ann Howlett contain an account of the party for the coronation of Queen Victoria at her father's office in Pall Mall from where they could see the procession, I Add. MS. 873 p 81).

1f. loose.

876/162 28 June 1838

Order of the Procession for the coronation of Queen Victoria. Printed.

1 piece.

876/159-161 [July 1838]

Wedding cards of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hofland of Durham House, Chelsea, at home on 5 July; with note of their marriage 22 June 1838.

2 cards and 1f.

876/170 1839

Prospectus for the London Mechanics' Institution, founded 2 December 1823, with lecture list for 8 March to 31 May 1839. Includes a lecture on "Drawing by Mechanical means: useful for Landscapes, Buildings, Statuary, Furniture etc." to be given by S.B. Howlett on 10 May. Printed.

2ff.

876/163 16 July 1839

Letter from J.T. Fryer of Morningthorpe to his cousin Samuel Burt Howlett at 9 Graham Street, Pimlico, London, asking him to postpone his visit to Stratton until the 24th (July). With copy of Howlett's reply, dated 18 July 1839, and instructions by S.B. Howlett to book a place on the coach to Stratton near Norwich, dated 22 July 1839, attached.

2ff. and 1 piece.

876/175 25 July 1839

Letter from Samuel B. Howlett in Morningthorpe to his wife Martha Howlett at Graham Street, Pimlico, informing her of his safe arrival and giving an account of the journey, the house and family at Morningthorpe; with mention of a second cousin, Harriet Cole aged about 16 years, whose father has been in America for the past seven years.

2ff.

875/51/5a 31 July 1839

Memorandum by S. B. Howlett that on 28 July 1838 Harriet (Cole) showed him a letter from her father Henry Cole, dated Philadelphia 10 May 1833, saying he had been unable to find any news of his uncle Samuel Howlett after 1817, and the newspaper in which he advertised for information ( *United States Gazette*, Add. MS. 875/51/6, see above at 10 September 1832).

1 piece.

875/51/9 31 July 1839

Memorandum by S. B. Howlett of an interview, in the presence of his cousin J.T. Fryer, with Mr. Kitson, executor of the will of John Hows, in which Kitson agreed to invest £100 at 4% in his own name and to transfer the capital and interest to Howlett and his mother when they take out letters of Administration in respect of his father. 1f.

876/166 22 December 1839

Letter from J.T. Fryer of Mourningshorpe to his cousin S.B. Howlett esquire at 83 Pall Mall sending Christmas greetings, saying that he is sending a Norfolk turkey by the coach the following day and containing family news. 2ff.

876/167 Undated

"The Testimony of Divine Adoption", copy of poem by Madame Guion. 2ff.

876/168 Undated

Letter from D. Robinson to S.B. Howlett informing him as to the works required for the Mathematical course at the Academy. 1f.

875/47 & 48 March 1840

"A Statement of Facts". Printed pamphlet setting out John Burt's case regarding the distribution of his parents' estate; accusing his brother Andrew, "a lawyer residing in London, the saint of the profession and the idol of the family" who has "absconded resident in Sweden for seven years last past", and "his sycophantic agent" S.B. Howlett of intending to defraud him of his lawful inheritance through the Bill they have filed in Chancery; with family pedigrees. 2 copies: one addressed to Mrs. Thos. Swan late Howlett (S.B. Howlett's mother), the other to Mr. S.B. Howlett. Both contain observations and marginal notes in pencil. 4ff.

875/48A [March 1840 ?]

Key to the persons mentioned in the pamphlet written in the hand of Richard Howlett. 1f. loose.

876/174 May 1840

"A Testimony to the Authority of Christ in his Church, and to the Spirituality of the Gospel Dispensation; also against some of the corruptions of professing Christendom". Given forth by the Yearly Meeting of the religious Society of Friends in London, 20-19 May 1840. Printed pamphlet, 2ff.

875/44 15 July 1840

Letter from R. Storr at Grantham to S.B. Howlett, 83½ Pall Mall, London, on matters concerning the commutation of tithes for the parish of Bassingthorpe with arrangements for collecting payments and an account of expenses. 2ff. (stamp cut out).

875/46 Received 26 August 1840

Letter from [Benjamin] Wilson to S.B. Howlett (to accompany the above pamphlet of March 1840 setting out John Burt's case) explaining that he had forgotten it was addressed to Howlett.

1f.

876/169 1841

List of lectures to be given at the Cadogan Literary and Scientific Institution in the Botanic Gardens, Sloane Street, on Tuesday evenings, January - March 1841. Includes lecture entitled "Description of the Heavens and Solar System" to be given by Samuel B. Howlett on 26 January. Printed.

1f.

875/51/7 23 February 1842

Letter from J.T. Fryer at Mourningshorpe to his cousin (Samuel B. Howlett) informing him of the discovery of a letter from Samuel Howlett to John Start's father William Start.

1f.

875/51/8a 23 February 1842

Memorandum by Samuel B. Howlett that his cousin Fryer has sent him a letter from Samuel Howlett dated 13 September 1815; with copy of the said letter (see above at 13 September 1815).

1f.

875/49 24 March 1842

Letter from Ann Swan in Plaistow to her son Samuel B. Howlett concerning his father Samuel Howlett's business affairs; advising him to seek out the account books and recommending Mr. Morgan, a former employee, as the most likely source of information.

1f.

876/176 17 November 1842

Instructions from Thomas Swan of Plaistow esquire and his wife Ann Swan to Messrs. Samuel B. Howlett and Benjamin Wilson for the investment of money arising from the estate of Andrew Burt in 3% Consols, and to their solicitor Mr. Francis Herbert to prepare a Declaration of Trust for the payment of the said stock to Ann Swan for her separate use, and for the transfer after her death of the whole of the said stock to Samuel Burt Howlett.

Signed: Thomas Swan, Ann Swan, Samuel B. Howlett, and Martha Howlett.

Witnessed by Mary Tyson of Plaistow.

1f.

876/177 17 November 1842

Quitclaim by Thomas Swan in respect of £175 due to his wife Ann Swan, being the balance of her legacy of £300 from her father Andrew Burt; the said sum of £175 eventually to become the property of Samuel Burt Howlett, Thomas and Ann Swan enjoying the interest during the lifetime of Ann Swan.

1f.

875/50 30 May 1843

Letter from Messrs. Herbert and Luttlely to Samuel Burt Howlett regarding the division of the remaining articles of plate belonging to the estate of the late Andrew Burt between (1) Ann Swan and her son, (2) Mrs. Francis and her children, and (3) Mrs. Elizabeth Johnstone; with receipts by or on behalf of the three parties.

1f.

875/50A 30 May 1843

Paper containing signatures of surviving adult members of the Burt family, excepting John Burt.

1 piece.

876/178 30 May 1843

(1) Francis Herbert, solicitor for: Andrew Burt, Thomas Swan and his wife Ann, Samuel Burt Howlett, Sarah Francis, Richard Burt Francis, Benjamin Wilson and his wife Eleanor (née Burt, Lydia Francis, the personal representative of the late Sarah Francis deceased, Emily Francis, Andrew Francis, Jane Francis, and Mary Ann Francis.

Henry Bath for B.E. Luttlely, solicitor for John Burt, Sophia Johnstone, Elizabeth Johnstone, Thomas Smith and his wife Ann Mary.

(2) Samuel Burt Howlett at 34 Smith Street, Chelsea.

Commendation from (1) to (2) formally praising the manner in which he dealt with the affairs of his grandfather Andrew Burt ". . . never during the whole course of our practice have we met with accounts, vouchers and documents relating to long and complicated affairs kept in a manner more correct, straightforward and satisfactory".

2ff.

875/59 23 October 1847

Letter from Ann Swan at Plaistow to her daughter-in-law Martha (Howlett) concerning the death of Thomas Swan.

1piece.

875/60 Undated

Memorandum by S.B. Howlett concerning the funeral of Thomas Swan (1765-1847).

1f.

875/61 Undated

Extracts from the Will of Thomas Swan dated 1 July 1844 relating to an annuity of £70 payable to his wife on condition that she should employ the testator's niece Mary Tyson as nurse or domestic servant at the rate of £10 a year; made by John Sutton, one of the executors, for the information of Mrs. Swan at Plaistow, Essex.

2ff.

875/62 2 November 1847

Letter from Ann Swan to her son Samuel B. Howlett proposing that she should go to an asylum (hospital/nursing home) at Hackney where she will have the best medical advice and assistance; with reference to Mary Tyson and Mr. Sutton.

2ff.

875/62A 8 November 1847

Letter from Ann Swan to Samuel Burt Howlett and his wife thanking them for their kindness and anxiety on her behalf; with proposals for moving her furniture and possessions to the Howlett's house and mention of Mary Tyson's illness.

2ff.

875/75 25 December 1847

Letter from H. Worthouse Robinson (to S.B. Howlett) sending condolences on the death of his mother.

1f.

875/63 27 December 1847

Letter from A. (Andrew) Francis at 1 Princes Street to his cousin Samuel Burt Howlett sending condolences on the death of his mother Ann Swan and accepting an invitation to the funeral.

1f.

875/64 Monday evening [27 December 1847]

Letter from J.T. Burt at Pentonville Prison to his cousin (Samuel B. Howlett) accepting an invitation to attend the funeral of Howlett's mother and conveying the condolences of his own mother (Margaret Burt).

1f.

875/65 Monday evening [27 December 1847]

Letter from L.C. (Llewellyn Charles) Burt at 19 Belitha Terrace to his cousin Samuel Burt Howlett sending condolences from himself and his mother on the death of Howlett's mother; regretting that he and his brother John (J.T.Burt) may have to leave for the continent before the funeral.

1f.

875/66 27 December 1847

Letter from Sophia Johnston of 13 Little Hermitage Street to Samuel Burt Howlett sending condolences on the death of his mother.

1f.

875/67 30 December 1847

Letter from Ann J. Lidgett [to Samuel Burt Howlett] sending condolences on the death of his mother.

2ff.

875/68 30 December 1847

Letter from Ann Duke, Morden Hill, Blackheath [to Samuel Burt Howlett] sending condolences on the death of his mother.

2ff.

875/69 Monday morning [3 January 1848]

Letter from James Thomas of Bell Green, Sydenham, to S. B. Howlett commenting on the conduct of Mr. Sutton (Thomas Swan's executor) and his refusal to allow either of them any claim on the estate; with expressions of sympathy on the death of Howlett's mother.

2ff.

875/70 11 January 1848

Copy of letter from Samuel Burt Howlett at 34 Smith Street, Chelsea, to Thomas Rogers Esquire, Walbrook House, Mansion House, requesting a small looking glass formerly belonging to his grandfather valued at 20s. and two mugs for which he will pay 5s. (from the estate of Thomas Swan); postponing payment of an annuity and claiming that his own expenses balance Mr. Sutton's claim for 12s. 3d. 2ff.

875/73A January 1848]

Memorandum by Samuel Burt Howlett regarding a chest of drawers formerly belonging to his mother when she was at boarding school.

Slip of paper.

875/74 22 January 1848

Receipt by Thomas Gaskell surgeon for £2 10s. in respect of professional attendance on the late Mrs. Swan, i.e. 20 visits, 22 November to 25 December 1847.

1 piece.

875/71 12 February 1848

Letter from Andrew Burt to his nephew (Samuel B. Howlett) sending condolences and lamenting the lack of natural affection within the family for which he accepts some of the blame; giving an account of his recovery from influenza, a journey to Brussels on legal business and the apartments he has taken there for himself and his family; with mention of his attempt to obtain payment of a debt owed by the Hon. Thomas Bowes from his godson the Earl of Strathmore after his success at the races in Paris.

2ff.

875/72 26 February 1848

Letter from A. Francis of the Britannia Life Assurance Office in London to his cousin S.B. Howlett requesting the return of a form of Declaration needed by the bank.

1f.

875/72A 4 March 1848

Letter from A. Francis of the Britannia Life Assurance Office in London to S.B. Howlett informing him that the Declarations have been prepared.

1f.

875/73 25 March 1848

Catalogue of the household furniture of the late Mr. Thomas Swan, to be sold at Stratford auction room by George Burbidge on 28 March 1848; sent with covering letter from George Burbidge to Samuel Burt Howlett at 34 [Smith Street], Chelsea. Printed. Memorandum by Samuel Burt Howlett dated January 1848 attached, regarding a chest of drawers formerly belonging to his mother when she was at boarding school. Note added by Richard Howlett that they are now in his possession. 6ff.

875/58/10 25 August 1848

Letter from Burwell Hunt's wife Lucy at 27 Farralis Villa, Harrogate, to her cousin Mrs. Howlett formerly Martha Green, commenting on a recent meeting between their husbands; thanking her for the present of a music book; expressing satisfaction with her circumstances in Harrogate and praising the surrounding countryside; with some news of her family. Note added by Richard Howlett that this was the last heard of any member of the Hunt family.

2ff. loose.

875/76 [1850]

Letter from Andrew Burt to his nephew (Samuel Burt Howlett) sending him the London University M.D. examination questions to compare with the Cambridge questions; informing him of the collection of Welsh rents at Carnarvon fair and remitted to Messrs. Williams, Deacon & Co.; and describing accommodation at 22 Montpellier Square which he decided not to take because of the high rent of £2 a week; with mention of his sons Llewellyn and John.

2ff.

875/51/10a 16 April 1851

Memorandum, added by Samuel Burt Howlett to the summary of his grandmother Sarah Howlett's will, proved 5 February 1810, given him (by the executors), that the summary omits a bequest of £50 to her son Samuel and his debts.

1piece.

875/51/11 29 April 1851

Share certificate in respect of £136 7s. 2d. Consolidated 3% Annuities in the name of Samuel Burt Howlett.

1piece.

875/51/12 6 May 1851

(1) Samuel Burt Howlett of 34 Smith Street, Chelsea, Middlesex, gentleman.

(2) John Kitson of Thorpe in the county and city of Norwich, registrar of the diocese of Norwich.

Copy of Release, Quitclaim and Indemnity by (1) to (2) in respect of all claims arising from a legacy of £100 bequeathed to (1)'s father Samuel Howlett by Jonathan Howes of Pulham St. Mary the Virgin, Norfolk, gentleman, deceased, in his will dated 16 March 1793, proved at Norwich 28 May 1794; letters of Administration in respect of Samuel Howlett having been granted to (1) 16 April 1851.

Consideration: the transfer by (2) to (1) of two sums of £116 1s. 6d. and £20 5s. 8d. Consolidated 3% Annuities and payment of accumulated dividends amounting to £20 8s. 4d.

Original signed (1).

2ff.

875/51/13 Undated

Calculations in pencil relating to the value of stock transferred by John Kitson to Samuel Burt Howlett; written on back cover of wrapper containing documents relating to the legacy of £100 due to Samuel Burt Howlett under the will of Jonathan Howes.

1f.

875/16 5 July 1858

Copy made by Samuel Burt Howlett of the monumental inscriptions from the the graves of Andrew Burt, died 6 April 1804 age 62 years, his eight children who died in infancy, and his widow Eleanor, died 25 February 1827 age 85 years; taken from the vault at Wapping Old Church. With sketch showing the position of the vault in the graveyard.

1 piece.

875/57A 18 July 1868

Verse composed by William Howlett on entering his 73rd year, updated 18 July 1887. With note by Richard Howlett, dated 17 May 1889, that William Howlett lived to the age of 91 years.

1 piece.

875/58/11a March 1874

Newspaper cutting containing notice to Burwell Hunt or his representatives advising that if the picture left with Samuel Burt Howlett in 1828 is not redeemed it will be disposed of. Attached to the reverse of a memorandum by Samuel B. Howlett, c. January 1828, concerning the provenance of a painting attributed to Cornelius Polenburg.

Newspaper cutting.

875/58/12 March 1874

Notes by Richard Howlett relating to the painting attributed to Cornelius Polenburg, giving an account of his research into its authenticity and concluding it to be the work of an imitator of Cornelius Polenburg named Nicholas La Tombe.

1f.

875/58/13 Undated

Extracts relating to the life and works of Nicholas La Tombe copied by Richard Howlett from J.R. Hobbes, *Picture Collectors Manual* and J.B. Descamps *La vie des Peintres Flamands, Allemands et Hollandois* (Paris 1754).

1 piece.

875/58/14 26 March 1874

Draft letter composed in French on behalf of Richard Howlett to the Curator or Director at Morits Huis, s' Gravenhage, describing the picture and its provenance, and enquiring whether it could have been stolen from the collection of the Prince of Orange during the Napoleonic wars c.1795 and whether other paintings in the collection bear inscriptions similar to those found on this one.

1f.

875/58/15 23 May 1874

Letter from the curator at the Hague [to Richard Howlett] informing him that none of the paintings of the Prince of Orange bear inscriptions such as he described; that the paintings taken by the French in 1795 were returned in 1815; that none of the surviving lists mention a painting by La Tombe but agreeing that his painting is probably the work of La Tombe.

1f.



875/58/16 Undated

Back cover of wrapper containing 15 documents. Endorsed with the address of Mr. Hunt at Farrali's Villa, Harrowgate.

1f.

875/55 Undated

Letter in an antique style purporting to be written by the Recorder of Dartford to John Hall esquire, Mayor of Wye, alleging the discovery of a long lost Corporation Song and proposing it should be printed at the expense of the Corporation. (The letter was sent through the post being folded, sealed and postmarked). Found among the papers of William Howlett 1888.

2ff.

## Additional Howlett Papers

Add. MS. 877 [1974 ?]

*Howlett Family Records*, ed. T.J. Longhurst (London?), International Research Publications, [1974?]. No. 133 of an edition of 150 copies.

Add. MSS. 878-879

2 volumes of facts, notes and illustrations about her family compiled by Barbara Denness (1913-1996, nœe Howlett) as a supplement to her great-grandfather Samuel Burt Howlett's "Account of my relations" (Add. MS. 871)

Add. MS. 878 Compiled 1963-1967

Correspondence, photographs, cuttings, engravings, extracts from printed works and Howlett family papers relating to members of the family and the places where they lived: Pulham, Mistley in Essex, Gracechurch Street, Stepney, Wapping, Plaistow, Chelsea and Bromley.

Includes: Copy of Will of Thomas Green pilot, 11 April 1827 (p.33).

Portraits of Samuel Burt Howlett aged 25yrs. (p.32) and his wife Martha Green aged 27yrs. (p.34).

*The Story of St. George-in-the-East*, compiled by Rev.A.M.Solomon (Rector) c.1964, with cover picture reproduced from photograph taken by Barbara Denness, and Order of Service for the rededication of the Church by the Bishop of London 26 April 1964 (pp.38-39).

Copy of Birth Certificate of Richard Howlett, son of Samuel Burt Howlett (and grandfather of Barbara Denness) b. 17 August 1841, obtained 29 October 1963 (p.47); and extract from his will (p.57).

58 numbered pp. with many interleaved sheets.

Add. MS. 879 Compiled 1967-1987

Information about the family of Richard Howlett's wife Alice Featherstone, the New Zealand descendants of Richard's elder brother Samuel, and the places where they lived; with copies of census returns, birth, marriage and death certificates, photographs of relatives and houses, correspondence with family members and official bodies.

Includes: Obituary of Richard Howlett F.S.A. (p.43).

*The History of Sigglesthorne*, by Noel Wright 1966 (pp.48-49).

Photocopies of pages from diary kept by Richard Howlett (pp.52-53).

59 pp. with many pieces interleaved.

Add. MS. 880 1897 etc.

Diary, illustrated with sketches, kept by G[erard] D[aniel] Howlett (1874-1898, M.D.) of a voyage as ship's doctor on the S.S. Umbilo from London to Durban, and back to Las Palmas, 17 March - 17 May 1897 (ff.1-44); and list in his hand headed "Photographs" at back of volume (f.67).

Includes notes by Barbara Denness's mother Sarah Isabella Howlett (1880-1967, wife of Bernard Featherstone Howlett brother of G.D. Howlett) on intervening blank leaves: instructions for cooking Christmas dinner (in pencil, ff.64-66 ); and recollections of her parents, John Reside Smith and Hamilton Smith (nœe Macgregor), beginning on loose leaves (ff.44A-E) tucked into the volume and continuing on blank leaves (ff.45-48) in the middle of the volume. First leaf of the recollections is missing, the text begins on p.3.

68 ff. and 6 loose leaves.

**Add. MS. 881**

Family trees compiled by Barbara Denness (née Howlett) and miscellaneous family papers, loosely inserted in a scrap book:

881/1

Featherstone and Ross families.

881/2

Dalzell and Burt families.

881/3-6

Howlett family.

In 4 sections: Folio I 1583-1723; Folio II 1781-1963; Folio III 1904-1963; Folio IV 1963-[1994].

881/7-9

Macgregor family.

In 3 sections: Folio I Macgregors, Buchanons, Grays, Campbells etc. c.1551-1786; Folio II Macgregors, Smiths, Howletts, Halls, Brooks etc. c.1650-1853; Folio III Macgregors etc. 1853-1967.

881/10-13

Stone-Wigg family. Typescript notes on Wigg genealogy and photocopy of arms of Clement Stone-Wigg M.A.

881/14-15

"Entries from the Bible of Richard Howlett F.S.A." Pencil notes of entries recording family marriages, births and deaths, with photocopy of additional entries.

881/16-17

Commission of Bernard Featherstone Howlett as temporary Lieutenant in the RAMC, 15 October 1918; with letter, headed Marlborough House, thanking him for his wartime hospital service and sending him the British Red Cross war medal, May 1921.

881/18-23

6 letters to Richard Howlett on family matters:

2 from his son Bernard Featherstone Howlett, undated.

2 from Stella [Sara Isabella Smith], future wife of Bernard Featherstone Howlett, 1902-1904.

2 from her father, John Reside Smith, 1902-1904.

881/24-26

2 bifolia of shorthand notes (pre-Pitman), one with the name Mary Wakeman and the other with the name Eliza Wakeman, at the foot; and envelope with note by Barbara Denness identifying the shorthand as in the hand of Samuel Burt Howlett.

881/27-33

Recollections by Sarah Isabella Howlett (née Smith) of her parents, John Reside Smith and Hamilton Smith: typescript of the manuscript inserted in G.D. Howlett's diary (see above Add. MS. 880); with notes added by her daughter Barbara Denness.

881/34-37

Description of a motor tour from Kingston-on-Thames to Hull, and back via Cambridge, Autumn 1907, made by Stella [Sara Isabella] Howlett and her husband Bernard Featherstone Howlett. Begun by Stella and completed by Bernard. Carbon copy typescript.

881/38-43

Recollections by Mac [John Macgregor] Howlett (b.1915, brother of Barbara Denness) of wartime service in an army tank brigade 1939-46, including an account of the retreat from Dunkirk, and of his capture and escape from the Germans while serving with the Desert Rats in the Middle East. Carbon copy typescript, with ms. notes by Barbara Denness. A more detailed account of Mac's capture and escape is contained in volume 3 of Barbara Denness's recollections (Add. MS. 882/3).

881/44-49

References for Barbara Howlett (later Denness) from her school, teacher training college and vicar, 1933; and University of London matriculation exam papers sat by her, June 1930.

881/50-62

"The Story of Sarah Fletcher", photocopied typescript with annotation "presumably by Mrs. Maude Foulkes" by Barbara Denness; with her ms. notes on the same ghost story attached.

The ghost of Sarah Fletcher was reputed to haunt a house in Clifton near Dorchester where Barbara Denness's sister Joan Negus and her family lived during the 1939-1945 war.

881/63-71

"The Cloud. (A true story)", manuscript and two typescript versions of an account by Barbara Denness of an episode during her wartime service in the W.A.C.(I) in Poona, India in 1944.

881/72-79

"Pele-towers and Little Castles", manuscript of a lecture given by Barbara Denness.

## Add. MS. 882 1969-1995

Memoirs and Journals of Barbara Denness (1913-1996, n e Howlett, daughter of Bernard Featherstone Howlett, and great-granddaughter of Samuel Burt Howlett).

The first 5 volumes are recollections, written c.1969, describing her childhood in Kingston-on-Thames in Surrey, her training as a teacher at the Froebel Institute at Roehampton 1930-1933 and brief teaching career at a small boarding prep. school in Caversham, her training as a nurse at St.Thomas's Hospital 1934-1937, marriage to Thomas Denness M.D. in 1937 and life in India where he served in the Indian Medical Service, wartime life in India and Egypt, where she returned to nursing and later worked at the Censorship Office, posting back to India in 1942 where she joined the Women's Auxiliary Corps (India) (WAC(I)), return to England in 1946, the birth of her daughter Mary, and life as a doctor's wife in Liverpool, Corbridge and Ipswich.

The Journal begins in 1971, shortly after she and her husband had moved to Hexham in Northumberland, where she spent the rest of her life, and is kept assiduously (although not written on a daily basis) until April 1995. It describes her own life and her reactions to events in the wider world as reported in the newspapers and by television. Royal events, crime, terrorism, the IRA bombing campaign, protest movements, youth culture, politics and sporting events are recurrent themes, but almost any headline could trigger a trenchantly worded discourse. On a personal level she records the usual cycle of family events, anniversaries and celebrations, and makes frequent reference to her particular interests: family and local history, her porcelain and glass collections, and photography. For some years after their move to Hexham she accompanied her husband when he made home visits to patients which took them to all parts of Northumberland, Cumbria, Durham and North Yorkshire. She used the opportunity to explore towns and villages and take photographs ranging from general views to architectural details and street furniture. Her reputation as a local photographer developed rapidly after she contributed to the book *Vanishing Street Furniture* by Geoffrey Warren (1978). Several exhibitions of her work were mounted in Hexham Public Library and she accepted commissions from local societies, authors and television. She regularly attended the annual Historical Association conferences and joined excursions organised by the Newcastle Society of Antiquaries and other bodies which afforded further opportunities for photography. The Journal is copiously illustrated with presscuttings, cartoons, memorabilia, and photographs. There are numerous pictures of family, friends, pets, the house and garden at different seasons of the year, her porcelain and glass collections, and picturesque views taken on holiday often in Scotland. A list of photographs of more general, historical and local interest, which are often accompanied by a commentary describing the circumstances under which they were taken, is appended at the end of this entry: 96vols.

882/1 1913-1939

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882/2 1939-1942

f.30 Passenger list for the S.S. *Conte Verde*, Bombay to Genoa, 6-18 Feb.1940, and tickets for Mrs. Barbara Denness and dog.

f.47 Account of the evacuation of her brother Mac and cousin Maurice from Dunkirk. 96ff. 49 photographs

882/3 1942-1943

f.1 Account of her brother Mac's capture by Austrians in the desert and escape from an Italian camp.

120ff. 31 photographs

882/4 1943-1946

In back pocket: Identity cards for Barbara Denness and her daughter Frances M[ary], with clothing coupons, utility furniture units, dockets for curtain materials, and Kingston-upon-Thames Air Raid Precaution notice.

120ff. 33 photographs

882/5 Oct. 1946-Aug. 1970

120ff. 70 photographs

882/6 1971

120ff. 33 photographs

882/7 1972-1973

120ff. 8 photographs

882/8 1973

120ff. 9 photographs

882/9 Jan. - March 1974

118ff. 2 photographs

882/10 April - Aug. 1974

120ff. 31 photographs

882/11 Aug. - Nov. 1974

120ff. 19 photographs

882/12 Nov. 1974-March 1975

f.23 The destruction of trees around Nafferton Castle (alias Lonkin's Hall) for the Horsley and Heddon Bypass, with "before" and "after" photographs.

120ff. 17 photographs

882/13 March - July 1975

120ff. 24 photographs

882/14 July - Sept. 1975

97ff.(ff.56-59,68-72 excised) 5 photographs

882/15 Sept. - Dec. 1975

f.27sq. Unveiling of the statue of Rob Roy Macgregor (ancestor of Barbara Denness) at Stirling, 8 Nov. 1975.

99ff. 11 photographs

882/16 Dec. 1975-May 1976

99ff. 9 photographs

882/17 June - July 1976

99ff. 12 photographs

882/18 Aug. - Sept. 1976

120ff. 28 photographs

882/19 Sept.-Dec. 1976

f.34 Letter from Collins Publishers informing Mrs. Barbara Denness that five of her photographs have been included in the *Companion Guide to Northumbria*, 13 Oct. 1976.

f. 35 Photocopy of letter from the Home Secretary Merlyn Rees to Geoffrey Rippon M.P. for Hexham, conveyed by him to Mrs. Denness, concerning the Home Secretary's powers regarding a film on the sex life of Jesus Christ proposed to be made in Britain by Jens Jorgen Thorsen, 7 & 12 Oct. 1976.

f.78 Autograph (from Christmas card) and recollections of Benjamin Britten, a former patient of Mrs. Denness's husband when they lived in Ipswich.

120ff. 29 photographs

882/20 Jan. - April 1977

120ff.(f.24 excised) 15 photographs

882/21 May - June 1977

98ff. 43 photographs

882/22 June - Sept. 1977

94ff. 35 photographs

882/23 Sept. - Nov. 1977

94ff. 34 photographs

882/24 Nov. 1977-Feb. 1978

95ff. 13 photographs

882/25 Feb. - July 1978

95ff. 27 photographs

882/26 July - Oct. 1978

f.26 Account of her radio interview on the fascination of street furniture, with letter of thanks from Radio Carlisle, 9 Aug. 1978.

f.46 Photograph of Geoffrey Warren, author of *Vanishing Street Furniture*.

95ff. 41 photographs

882/27 Oct. 1978-Feb.1979

ff.8-15 Description of her grandfather Richard Howlett F.S.A., drawn from his diary, sent to Barbara Denness by her cousin Maurice Howlett.

f.42 Reviews of *Vanishing Street Furniture* by Geoffrey Warren.

120ff. 13 photographs

882/28 Feb. - May 1979

f.104 Featherstone Castle, photograph by Mrs. Denness, published in *The Guardian*, 18 April 1979.

120ff. 41 photographs

882/29 May - Nov. 1979

120ff. 32 photographs

882/30 Nov. 1979-April 1980

94ff. 18 photographs

882/31 April - Aug. 1980

94ff. 32 photographs

882/32 Aug. 1980-Feb. 1981

ff.3-7 "Co. Durham in my Heart and on my Mind", poem written by Mrs. Denness in the car at Consett while waiting for husband to complete his visit to a patient (typescript copy see Add. MS. 884).

94ff. 18 photographs

882/33 Feb. - July 1981

128ff. 30 photographs

882/34 July - Oct. 1981

94ff. 30 photographs

882/35 Oct. 1981-Feb. 1982

f.14 Copies of Samuel Burt Howlett's letter proposing marriage to Miss Green, and her reply, 10 & 11 Sept. 1824 (originals not contained in the Howlett Papers).

98ff. 18 photographs

882/36 Feb. - May 1982

98ff. 24 photographs

882/37 May - June 1982

82ff. 34 photographs

882/38 June - Sept. 1982

f.78 Offprint of chapter about Bromley, Kent, by J.M.Rawcliffe in *The Rise of Suburbia* edited by F.M.L.Thompson; makes use of the memoirs of Martha Howlett (Add.MSS. 875-876) particularly regarding house prices.

98ff. 47 photographs

882/39 Sept. - Dec. 1982

f.9 Photographs of Bernard and Barbara Howlett (afterwards Denness) aged respectively 14 and 12 years.

f.39 Extract from *Motor Sport*, Dec. 1982, containing letter from Barbara Denness's brother J.M.Howlett (Mac), concerning a motorbike he built from spare parts when he was between 13 and 15 years old, c 1930.

98ff. 27 photographs

882/40 Jan. - May 1983

f.66 Letter from Hexham P.C.C. concerning the re-siting of the Matilda gravestone, 25 March 1983.

98ff. 39 photographs

882/41 May - Aug. 1983

98ff. 44 photographs

882/42 Aug. - Oct. 1983

ff.13-15 Copy of talk given by Barbara Denness on the Matilda grave cover and the significance of shears carvings.

98ff. 39 photographs

882/43 Oct. 1983-March 1984

96ff. 24 photographs

882/44 March - June 1984

96ff. 47 photographs



882/45 June - Aug. 1984

96ff. 25 photographs

882/46 Aug. - Oct. 1984

96ff. 22 photographs

882/47 Oct. 1984-Jan. 1985

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882/48 Jan. - March 1985

96ff. 26 photographs

882/49 March - May 1985

96ff. 37 photographs

882/50 June - Aug. 1985

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882/51 Aug. - Nov. 1985

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882/52 Nov. 1985-Jan. 1986

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882/53 Jan. - April 1986

ff.9,24 Discussion of the possibility that sketches of Martha Howlett and her pupils by Richard Redgrave were the basis of later pictures.

f.43 Photograph of "The Poor Teacher", painting by Richard Redgrave (Shipley Art Gallery, Gateshead).

End: Photograph of "The Governess", painting by Richard Redgrave (Victoria and Albert Museum).

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882/54 April - July 1986

98ff. 61 photographs

882/55 July - Oct. 1986

98ff. 60 photographs

882/56 Oct. - Dec. 1986

f.70 Photocopy of hotel bill for Barbara Denness's parents, Bernard Featherstone and Sarah Isabella Howlett, on their honeymoon at Hickling in Norfolk, June 1904.

98ff. 36 photographs

882/57 Dec. 1986-March 1987

98ff. 21 photographs

882/58 March - May 1987

98ff. 47 photographs

882/59 May - July 1987

98ff. 37 photographs

882/60 Aug. - Nov. 1987

f.74 Account of Barbara Denness's journey from Newcastle to London the day following the hurricane, 16 Oct.1987.

98ff. 43 photographs

882/61 Nov. 1987-Feb. 1988  
98ff. 18 photographs

882/62 Feb. - May 1988  
92ff. 16 photographs

882/63 May - July 1988  
94ff. 47 photographs

882/64 Aug. - Nov. 1988  
98ff. 47 photographs

882/65 Nov. 1988-Jan. 1989  
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882/66 Jan. - March 1989  
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882/67 March - May 1989  
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882/68 May - July 1989  
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882/69 July - Oct. 1989  
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882/70 Oct. - Dec. 1989

Rear pastedown: Photocopy of pages of Family Bible belonging to Barbara Denness's grandfather, Richard Howlett, recording family births, marriages and deaths 1905-1917 (see above 881/14-15).

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882/71 Dec. 1989-Feb. 1990  
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882/74 July - Oct. 1990  
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882/75 Oct. - Dec. 1990  
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882/76 Dec. 1990-Feb. 1991  
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f.81 Cutting from the *Hexham Courant* concerning Mrs. Denness's photographs of Hexham and the Castles and Pele Towers of Northumberland, 31 Oct.1975.

f.82 Cutting from the magazine produced by Oak Tree Farm, Wetheral, containing a photograph of Mrs. Denness's cat Fred.

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882/81 Nov. 1991-Jan. 1992

f.19 Photograph of portraits of Barbara Denness's great-grandparents, Martha and Samuel Burt Howlett.

82ff. 22 photographs

882/82 Jan. - April 1992

98ff. 54 photographs

882/83 April - June 1992

82 ff. 34 photographs

882/84 June - Aug. 1992

f.68 Photographs of the house in Mildenhall, Norfolk, where Martha Howlett started her school; sent by Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, author of M.A. thesis on Martha Howlett.

98ff. 48 photographs

882/85 Aug. - Oct. 1992

98ff. 44 photographs

882/86 Oct. - Dec. 1992

98ff. 37 photographs

882/87 Jan. - March 1993

94ff. (numbered 1-95, ff.69 & 70 missing) 25 photographs

882/88 March - May 1993

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882/89 May - Aug. 1993

98ff. 40 photographs

882/90 Aug. - Oct. 1993

98ff. 23 photographs

882/91 Oct.1993-Jan. 1994

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882/92 Jan. - March 1994

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882/93 March - June 1994

ff.71-72 Photographs of Croft House, Corbridge, in 1951.

98ff. 43 photographs

882/94 June - Sept. 1994

ff.36-38 Description of a ms. book written by Barbara Denness's brother Bernard Hamilton Howlett, entitled "Howlett Family Memoirs", in which he attempted to trace the family's connection with Pulham Hall; with photocopies of extract relating to their father Bernard Featherstone Howlett 1875-1949.

98ff. 31 photographs

882/95 Sept. - Dec. 1994

f.95 Photocopy of family photograph showing Barbara Denness's father Bernard Featherstone Howlett and friends at a dinner to celebrate their qualification as doctors at St.Thomas's Hospital, 1900; the group includes W.Somerset Maugham.

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Add. MSS. 882/1-96 Appendix: Photographs of General, Historical or Local interest in the Journals of Barbara Denness.

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Lorton Hall Pele Tower and Jacobean house 882/25 f.24

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Melmerby Village Bakery 882/34 f.47

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