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REPORT ON THE PAPERS OF
VISCOUNTESS WOLSELEY

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INTRODUCTION

In 1926, Field Marshal Lord Wolseley's daughter Frances (who had succeeded to her father's viscountcy by special remainder in 1913) donated the Wolseley Room to Hove Public Library with the intention that it should form the nucleus of an Agricultural and Horticultural Library and a repository for her own manuscript collections. These include a large group of letters addressed to her father or collected by him for their autographs, family scrap-books and five spring-back binders of letters written by Lord Wolseley to his family, 1852-1887. This material, concerning her father's career, which is of military, political and social interest, has been catalogued separately, and the present list deals only with Viscountess Wolseley's own papers.

These fall into three main series: the papers relating to Lady Wolseley's horticultural concerns; those concerning Sussex local history and buildings; and those relating to her personal affairs and friendships generally.

From her 'teens onwards, Frances was interested in horticulture. After 1901-2 she gave informal instruction to a few gardening students, and much of her interest to the historian lies in the School for Lady Gardeners at Ragged Lands, Glynde, which she founded and ran as an independent institution from 1906 to 1916. The school - or Gardening College, as it was also called - is represented directly by a Students' Register, 1903-14 (item 182), and there is a considerable amount of material relating to it in Lady Wolseley's correspondence files and Commonplace Books, including letters from the Misses Lawrence, sisters of Sir Trevor Lawrence (President of the Royal Horticultural Society, 1884-1913), who assisted Frances in the establishment of her school. Secondary material in the collection includes a folder of notes and photographs relating to the School (item 195); some of the photographs are the originals of those reproduced in Lady Wolseley's own book, In a College Garden (1916) and in Marjory Pegram's Life of Lady Wolseley, The Wolseley Heritage (1939). A brief account of the horticultural interest of the collection has been given by R.A. Storey in the Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society, LXXXIX (1964), pages 466-7.

Each volume of a further series of some 120 binders has a title page which usually reads "This is a collection of pictures representing villages and houses in the county of Sussex put together with a few

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historical notes by Frances Garnet, Viscountess Wolseley". The material is arranged alphabetically by parish and each binder contains an extensive collection of pictures - postcards, engravings and the like - together with photographs (some of interiors of historical buildings), specially commissioned by Lady Wolseley for her articles in the Sussex County Magazine, some of which were adapted for Some of the Smaller Manor Houses of Sussex (1925). Typescripts of some of her articles are also included. The historical notes consist of extracts from records sources (mainly those published in Sussex Archaeological Collections), cuttings from newspapers and parish magazines, and correspondence with other local historians and the owners of the larger and older houses of the county. There is little pedigree material, but the history of many villages has been illustrated by a coloured heraldic drawing of the arms of its principal family. Because of the wide range of photographs of buildings, the collection is likely to be of use to the general architectural historian and industrial archaeologist as well as to the student of county history.

Similar binders to the local history series are used for the 44 personal volumes which contain principally letters addressed to Lady Wolseley, some with explanatory notes, some diary passages, photographs, Christmas cards and brochures. The correspondence is arranged chronologically, most volumes covering a year or part of a year. The earlier volumes include correspondence with her father and later there are family letters which illustrate the difficult relations with her parents at the time when she became completely independent in 1906. This correspondence includes letters from her godfather, Lord Mount Stephen, who gave her his support and advice.

There is much of horticultural interest to be found in this group of binders, including letters from Gertrude Jekyll and from William Robinson, the horticultural writer and founder of a number of journals, who lived in Sussex. Vol. 140 contains testimonials to Lady Wolseley in connection with her application for a post with the Board of Agriculture during the First World War (she was Organising Secretary for the East Sussex Women's Branch, 1916-17; see also vol. 189). Correspondence with her former Gardening School students is included in vol. 141 for example. The Principal of the School during the Great War, Miss Elsa More, features in the correspondence after her direct connection with Lady Wolseley ended, and her early death is recorded in vol. 161 (1933). Other horticultural material, already referred to, is described in the list.

There are a few letters from the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies in the personal volumes (see also 185), but Lady Wolseley's concern was for the employment of women, particularly in horticulture, rather than for their enfranchisement. There is, however, (in vols. 143 onwards) some correspondence of the 1920's relating to the Peeresses Bill, which proposed legislation to enable peeresses in their own right to sit in the House of Lords.

As might be expected, the files contain much material relating to the endowment of the Wolseley Room at Hove Public Library. Some of the correspondence throws light on the provenance of the Hove Collection of the Field Marshal's correspondence and on the location of related papers elsewhere. This aspect is

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referred to in the introduction to the list of Field Marshal Wolseley's correspondence. Hove Central Library also houses a collection of book-plates (including Continental ones) made by Lady Wolseley, which **has not** been dealt with in this list, although volume 181 contains book-plate designs by her.

An interest in collecting (autographs, china, silver, etc.) was marked in Viscountess Wolseley's parents and helps to account for her meticulous arrangement and annotation of the material at Hove.

The Registrar's thanks are due to the Corporation of Hove for their courtesy in making this interesting material available for listing, and to the Borough Librarian, Jack Dove, Esq., F.L.A., F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., and his staff for their ready co-operation.

February 1965.

N.B. In this list F.G.W. is used as an abbreviation for Frances Garnet, Viscountess Wolseley.

Lady W. is used as an abbreviation for Frances Wolseley's mother.

W. is used as an abbreviation for Field Marshal Lord Wolseley.

Other correspondents additional to those mentioned in the above introduction include (with file nos.) :

Sir Baker Russell (127, 128)

Louis Octave Uzanne, 1852-1931, French jnlst. & bibliophile (128)

Alfred Austin (139)

Henry James (139)

Sir Henry Bulwer (139)

Wilfrid Meynell, husband of Alice M. (143, 148)

Garnet Ruskin Wolseley, b.1884, painter & archaeologist (148)

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1-117 LOCAL HISTORY & TOPOGRAPHY (MAINLY SUSSEX)

Loose-leaf binders containing postcards, photographs, water-colour sketches, cuttings, notes and letters dealing with the history and buildings of Sussex villages, arranged alphabetically. According to note by Viscountess Wolseley in each vol. the collection was begun by her in 1924 (some of the material, e.g. postcards, is, however, earlier than 1924). The collection includes typescripts of articles by F.G.W. for the Sussex County Magazine and related correspondence.

PRINCIPAL PLACES DEALT WITH, BY VOLUME:

1. Albourne, Alciston, Aldingbourne, Alfriston, Amberley, Angmering, Appledram, Ashdown.
2. Appledram, Ardingly.
3. Ardingly.
4. Upper Lodge Farm, Ardingly.
5. Arlington.
6. Arlington.
7. Arundel.
8. Ashburnham, Ashurst.
9. Balcombe, Barcombe, Battle, Bayham, Catsfield.
10. Beckley.
11. Beddingham, Berwick, Bexhill.
12. Bignor, Billingham, Birdham, Bishopstone, Blatchington.
13. Blackboys, Bodiam, Bognor, Bolney.
14. Boreham Street, Bosham, Boxgrove, Bury.
15. Bramber.
16. Brede.
17. Brightling.
18. Brighton, Broadwater, Burwash.
19. Buxted.
20. Catsfield, Chailey, Clayton.
21. Chelwood.
22. Chichester.
23. Chiddingfold.
24. Chithurst, Clayton, Clymping.

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25. Cocking, Coombes.
26. Cowden, Cowfold.
27. Crawley, Crowhurst.
28. Cuckfield.
29. Dallington, Danehill.
30. Typescript: The Story of A Little Old Man: Forge, a Cairn Terrier by F.G.W., with letter of rejection from Philip Allan & Co. Ltd., 15 Dec. 1930.
31. Ditchling.
32. Easebourne, Ebernoe.
33. Eastbourne.
34. East Hoathly.
35. East Grinstead.
36. do.
37. do.
38. Etchingham.
39. Ewhurst.
40. Fairlight, Falmer, Faygate, Felham, Fernhurst, Findon, Firle, Fittleworth.
41. Fletching, Forest Row.
42. Framfield.
43. do.
44. do.
45. Frant, Friston.
46. Glynde [Par. Mag.]
47. Glynde [incl. Ragged Lands Garden School], Goring, Guestling.
48. Hadlow Down, Hailsham, Hammerwood, Hamsey, Hangleton.
49. Hartfield.
50. Harting.
51. Hastings.
52. Haslemere, Haywards Heath.
53. Heathfield, Hellingly.
54. Henfield
55. do.

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56. Herstmonceux.
57. Heyshott.
58. Hollington, Horsham.
59. Horsted Keynes, Houghton.
60. Hurst Green, Hurstpierpoint.
61. Icklesham, Iden, Ifield, Iping, Isfield, Itchingfield,
Jevington.
62. Keymer, Kingston.
63. Kirdford.
64. do.
65. Lancing, Laughton.
66. Lower Beeding, Loxwood, Lullington, Lyminster, Lynchmere.
67. Lewes.
68. Lindfield.
69. do. : Massetts Place.
70. do. : do.
71. do.
72. Littlehampton, Lt. Horsted, Litlington.
73. Lodsworth.
74. Maresfield, Mark Cross, Mayfield.
75. Mayfield.
76. Midhurst.
77. Mountfield.
78. Newick, Newtimber.
79. Ninfield, Nutley.
80. Northiam.
81. Offham, Ore, Ovingdean.
82. Parham, Patcham, Peasmarsch, Penshurst, Pett.
83. Petworth.
84. do.
85. Pevensey, Piddinghoe, Playden, Plumpton, Poling,
Poynings, Preston, Pulborough.

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86. Racton, Rapton, Ringmer, Ripe.
87. Rotherfield.
88. Robertsbridge, Rodwell, Rogate, Rolvenden [? Kent].
89. Rottingdean.
90. Rudgwick, Rustington, Rye.
91. Saddlescombe, St. Botolphs, St. Leonards, Salvington, Seaford.
92. Sedlescombe, Selham, Selsey.
93. Sompting, Southbourne, Southease, Southover, Southwick.
- 94a. Stanmer, Staplefield, Stedham.
- 94b. Unbound foolscap translations: Court Rolls, Manor of Stedham, 1527-65 and transcripts of same, C.18.
95. Steyning.
96. do.
97. Shermanbury, Shipley, Shoreham, Slindon,
98. Stopham, Sullington, Sutton.
99. Stansted Park.
100. Tarring, Tillington.
101. Thakeham.
102. Ticehurst.
103. Tortington, Trayford, Trotton, Turners Hill.
104. Twineham.
105. do. , incl. Slipe.
106. Uckfield, Udimore.
107. Up Waltham, Petworth.
108. Misc. picture postcards.
109. Wadhurst.
110. Walberton, Waldron.
111. W. Blatchington, W. Burton, W. Chiltington, W. Dean, Westfield.
112. W. Grinstead, Westham.
113. W. Hoathly, Westmeston, W. Tarring, W. Wittering.
114. Willingdon, Wilmington, Winchelsea.
115. Wiston.
116. Wittersham [Kent], Withyham, Wivelsfield.
117. Woodmancote, Woolbedring, Worth, Worthing.

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118-218 PERSONAL PAPERS

- 118-121. Four volumes: 'best copy' of F.G.W.'s Life and Letters: autobiography based on transcribed letters, illustrated with sketches and original photos. Introduction states: "The originals of all the most important of the letters that are in the Life are in my private bookcase at the Hove Free Library. There are many other original letters there besides the ones here copied". [see vols. 127-162, 164-171, 184-90].
- 122-5. 'Second copy' of above, non-illustrated.
126. 1886-1916: MS. Diary [narrative, rather than daily entries. With introduction explaining the form of the diary and note on the origin of the numerous scrap-books relating to her father, preceding p.1.].
- 127-171 Unless otherwise stated, loose-leaf binders containing principally letters written to F.G.W., incl. those reproduced in Life and Letters (118-121). Also incl. letters from F.G.W. to her father.
127. 1879-84.
128. 1885-92.
129. 1893-5.
130. 1896-7.
131. 1898.
132. 1899.
133. 1900.
134. 1901-3.
135. 1904-5.
136. 1906-7. Relates to the establishment, with the aid of her friends, the Misses Lawrence, of the Garden School at Glynde. Incl. many letters from her parents, some "painful ones" which were not put into the Life and Letters.
137. 1908.
138. 1906-20: The 1906 letters "have not so far been copied as they are unpleasant ones" - F.G.W.
139. 1909-14.
140. 1915-21.
141. 1922.
142. 1923.
143. 1924.
144. 1924.
145. 1925.
146. 1925.
147. 1925.
148. 1926.
149. 1926.
150. 1927.
151. 1927.
152. 1928.
153. 1928.
154. 1928.
155. 1929. This file incl.refs.to MSS. in R.U.S.I. until 1968. *
156. 1930.
157. 1931.
158. 1931.
159. 1932.

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160. 1932.
161. 1933.
162. 1933.
- 163/i-v. 1852-87: 5 loose-leaf binders of letters from W. to his family. Referred to in greater detail in separate list of the Field Marshal's papers.
164. 1933 Dec. 19 - 1934 Jun. 24: Typescript diary of F.G.W.
165. 1934 Jun. 25 - Nov. 11: as above, with some p/c views of Sussex.
166. 1934.
167. 1934.
168. 1935.
169. 1935.
170. 1936.
171. 1936.
172. 1924: Science Museum, S. Kensington: leaflets and illustrations: British Flowering Plants.
173. n.d.: Notes on Old Time Names of Flowers and Fruit, by Viscountess Wolseley, intended for publication.
174. 1924: Notes on the Heraldry and Symbols of Agriculture by F.G.W., incl. foll. pamphlets: Charms Employed in Cattle Diseases, Rbt. Day, F.S.A., 1904; The Folk Lore of the Horse, Edw. Lovett.
175. n.d.: Notes on Agriculture and Tenure of Land by F.G.W.
176. n.d.: Annals of Agriculture: Old World Farm Life: notes by F.G.W.
177. Miscellanea relating to agriculture and rural life.
178. "Agricultural Annals: modern since the Great War": cuttings, brochures, etc., put together by Viscountess Wolseley, incl.: leaflet, Stop! Read! Think! How we can help to win the war, Oct. 18, 1915, United Workers; Co-operation in Agriculture, Journal of the Agricultural Organization Society, Vol. XI, No.1, Jan. 1915, incl. book review by E.M. [? Elsa More]; Deering and McCormick Implement Catalogues.
179. n.d.: "To the Honour of Agriculture and Horticulture, Vol.I": notes and illustrations collected by F.G.W. for the help of those who decorated the Wolseley Room in Hove Public Library.
180. 1933: Volume of pictures, titled as (179). Incl. letter 2 Apr. 1921, from Dr. E.J. Russell, Director, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Herts. referring to his own collection of material relating to agriculture.
181. Bookplate designs by Viscountess Wolseley.

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182. 1903-14: Students' Register of Ragged Lands Garden School, Glynde: note, Aug. 1933, by Viscountess Wolseley states that the entries to p.38 are by her forewoman, Miss Turner, after which she made them herself as she then had a less experienced forewoman. She planned lectures and interviewed until 1916 when she resigned and Miss Elsa More, a student, took over. The Register contains detailed comments on the students and their progress at the Garden School. Full names and addresses are generally given and frequently background detail and future career.
183. 1872-1924: Volume entitled "Drawings 1872 to 1924", containing water colours and pencil sketches by Viscountess Wolseley, also photographs and miscellanea, incl.: sheet of specimen lining papers for books: G. Rizzi, Varese; Diploma, 30 Oct. 1665, conferring Senatorial dignity and privileges in the city of Reate on Mgr. Francisco Maria Phoebus, First Master of Ceremonies to the Pope and Principal Preceptor of the Hospital of S. Spirito in Sassia and Master General of that Order: by Peter Zacharias Matheius, Gonfalonier of Reate and Cardinal Franciscus Sixtus.
- 184-190 COMMONPLACE BOOKS [some with loose items].
184. 1901-6: Commonplace Book: photographs, cuttings and some letters relating to the Glynde School for Lady Gardeners.
185. 1906-8: as above, incl. also 3 leaflets and 2 letters, 1908: Natl. Union of Women's Suffrage Societies and London Soc. for Women's Suffrage (sgd. V.M. Stillington).
186. 1908-13: as 184.
187. 1913-16: as 184.
188. 1916: as 184.
189. 1916-24: as 184. [incl. corres. relating to her work as Organising Secretary for E. Sussex to the Board of Agriculture & Fisheries, 1916-17].
190. 1920-22: Commonplace Book.
191. 1904-9: Notes about visits to gardens and extracts from gardening books.
192. 1913-24: Notes on gardens and places, also p.c.'s, photographs and sketches.
193. 1910-11: Notes on gardens, incl. p.c.'s. and letters.
194. 1925: Notes on Fruit Culture.
195. 1925: Garden and other Notes.
196. Folder: typescript notes and photographs: Glynde School for Lady Gardeners. The photographs are mainly of the period 1913-18. The notes include a postscript criticising the conduct of Miss More as Principal after 1916.

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197. Folder containing water colours by Viscountess Wolseley and Mrs. Peete Musgrave; also: pmt. Map of Glyndebourne Farm, belonging to Thos. Hay, 1768 [by Geo. Picknall]; plans and elevations for proposed additions to cottage at Glynde [? Ragged Lands], by Geoffrey Lucas, A.R.I.B.A., Hitchin, Herts., Feb. 1910.
 198. "The Story of Massetts Place", Lindfield par., with water colours and photographs.
- 199-202 4 loose leaf binders.
199. (1923, 9): Notes on the Holmes Family. [Intro. by Viscountess Wolseley notes that Alex. Erskine Holmes was presumably her mother's father].
 200. As above, second volume, incl. family photographs.
 201. As above, also referred to as "second volume".
 202. (1929): Typescript notes on Newnham family.
 203. (1890-2): Typescript copies of Lady W.'s letters to W. [box file numbered '3'].
 204. (1900-04): As above, [box file numbered '6'].
 205. Bound article by Harry How in the Strand Magazine: "Illustrated Interview No. XI: Lord Wolseley, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., etc."
 206. 1913 April: Bound sheets of press cuttings, mounted on official paper and titled: "The late LORD WOLSELEY. Extracts from Press, War Office, April 1913".
 207. 1922 Nov. 26: Two loose sheets: cutting from Sunday Times: review by Edmund Gosse of The Letters of Lord and Lady Wolseley 1870-1911, ed. by Sir Geo. Arthur.
- 208-218 Scrapbooks, etc. (in Top Gallery).
208. n.d.: Scrapbook: Christmas and greetings cards collected by F.G.W. as a child.
 209. Late C19: Album of Christmas card pictures. [Binding of album poor].
- 210-211 Postcard albums, collected by "Mr. Taite, architect":
210. Views of London.
 211. " " Country houses.
 212. n.d.: Loose leaf binder: postcards of horticultural illustrations.
 - 213-4. Scrapbooks: postcards sent to F.G.W. by her friends, assembled 1934; English and foreign scenes.

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215. C17-19: Album containing mainly printed items, many of them given to F.G.W. by Sir Anthony Weldon, Bt., "in whose family they had been for a long time". Includes: bills and bill-heads of tradesmen from various parts of the country; advertisements; notices of sales; fashion plates; book plates; MS. Order of Office of Ordnance re. fitting out ships, 3 Oct. 1696.
- 216-7. 2 Portfolios: topographical sketches, maps, plans of gardens, etc.
218. 1902: Scrapbook: mainly coronation invitations and protocol, Lord & Lady W., with some interesting miscellanea and corresp. re. W's duties as gold stick.

The following items are in the possession of Mr & Mrs E.W.H.Christie, 27 Tedworth Square, London, S.W.3, to whom written application should be made to consult the MSS. (Mrs Christie inherited the MSS. from her cousin, Mrs Peete Musgrave, Lady Wolseley's friend.) Inspected by R.A.Storey, H.M.C., March 1970.

Notes & drafts by Viscountess Wolseley on local, agricultural and horticultural history, and some letters to her re the same.

Scrapbook, 1918-20, including letters from Edward Arnold, publisher, and one from Carrie Kipling.

Small scrapbook including letters from William Robinson (DNB) in his latter years.

MS. of Glimpses of the Sussex Yeomen of Olden Times by Viscountess Wolseley.