

## **Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum**

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Short Title of MSS Edward Duke Letters

Name and Address of Owner Salisbury, South Wilts and Blackmore Museum,  
St. Ann Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Name and Address of Custodian \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Accumulation Private letters Class \_\_\_\_\_

How and where kept The Museum library.

Condition of Documents Good

Facilities for Students On application to Custodian.

Date	Description
1824-28, 1836-37.	<p>41 letters, nearly all from the antiquary Edward Duke, of Lake House, Amesbury, to the printer J. B. Nichols, at 25 Parliament Street, London. A few are not addressed but are obviously to Nichols, three are to J. Gough Nichols, son of J. B. Nichols; one is from J. B. Nichols presumably to Duke (though not addressed); and there is one in a different hand-writing, neither signed nor addressed, but which seems to be from one of the Nichols to Duke. Besides the 41 there is another rough letter, neither signed nor addressed but in the same hand-writing as the last one mentioned, enclosed in a letter of Duke's dated 3 August 1827 and seeming to be an answer to one of Duke's.</p> <p>The letters are all on antiquarian subjects, the earlier ones mainly about articles by Duke to be printed by Nichols in his magazine [The Gentleman's Magazine ?] and especially Duke's 'hypothesis of Abury'. The later ones are about the publication and sale of Duke's book, 'The Halle of John Halle'.</p>

K. P. Stewart,  
3 December, 1957.