

U DX123

Correspondence of Walter Bagehot

1857-1858

Biographical Background:

Walter Bagehot was a noted journalist, essayist and banker, who was the second editor of The Economist and wrote widely on political and economic affairs. Bagehot was born into a family of merchants and bankers on 3 Feb 1826 in Langport, Somerset. In his early years he attended Langport Grammar School before being sent to Bristol College at the age of 13. His university education was conducted at University College London where he gained a first class degree in 1846 and went on to complete an MA in moral and intellectual philosophy in 1848. Although educated in law and called to the English Bar in 1852, Bagehot took up work as a banker in the firm of Stuckey & Co. alongside his father.

During this time he was able to pursue his passion for literature and wrote on many subjects. His writings on financial and economic matters attracted the attention of James Wilson, the founder of The Economist in 1843, and at the time financial secretary to the treasury in Lord Palmerston's government. They became acquainted and through this acquaintance Bagehot met Wilson's daughter Eliza whom he married in April 1858. In politics he was a declared Liberal but in spite of close relationships with various politicians of the time he stood unsuccessfully in several elections and so never entered politics himself. His literary achievements however were substantial.

Following the death of James Wilson in India in 1860 Bagehot became the editor of The Economist in which position he remained for 17 years. He also wrote and published works titled The English Constitution (1867), Physics and Politics (1872), Lombard Street (1873), Literary Studies (1879), and Economic Studies (1880). The latter two works were published posthumously as Bagehot died on the 24 March 1877 at the age of 51 having battled throughout his life with ill health. Although he had lived most of his life in London he was buried back in Langport, Somerset, where he had been born.

Custodial History:

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Description:

The collection contains correspondence of Walter Bagehot with Eliza Wilson, his future wife, with her father James Wilson the founder of The Economist, and also with F.B. Batten his partner in the Bank of Stuckey's Banking Company. The correspondence dates to the 6 months prior to the marriage of Bagehot and Eliza which took place in April 1858. Subjects discussed include Bagehot's literary work, Bagehot's business concerns, Eliza's health and treatment under a Mr Beveridge of Edinburgh, visits to see Eliza, the couples feelings for each other, arrangements for the wedding, search for a house for the newly wedded couple to live in. In this period Eliza was residing in Edinburgh with her sister Sophy in order to receive treatment from Mr Beveridge for headaches and eye strain. At the end of her treatment she went to stay in London with her family for a short time before returning to the family home of Claverton Manor nr Bath, Somerset. Bagehot was residing at his house Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset, and working at Stuckey's Banking Company in Bristol. Bagehot visited Eliza several times in the period, at Edinburgh, London, and Claverton Manor nr Bath. The couple were married from Claverton on 21 April 1858.

Note that this correspondence was later edited by E.I. Barrington and published in 1933 under the title 'The love letters of Walter Bagehot and Eliza Wilson'. Please note that the

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following which appear in the edited volume Barrington, Emilie Isabel (ed.), *The love-letters of Walter Bagehot and Eliza Wilson* (London : Faber, 1933) are now missing: Poem 'Orithyia' which accompanied letter of 22 Nov 1857; 2 Feb 1858; 9 Feb 1858; 11 Feb 1858; 14 Feb 1858; 16 Feb 1858; 24 Feb 1858; Fragment Mar 1858; 16 Mar 1858. Note also that the letter

from Matthew Arnold dated 27 Oct 1857 which accompanied his letter of 4 Jan 1858 is also missing as are two letters to his mother of 21 Apr 1858 and 23 Apr 1858 all of which appear in the edited volume above.

Arrangement:

Collection is arranged into the following 4 series:

U DX123/1 Letters from Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson, 10 Nov 1857-1 Feb 1858

U DX123/2 Letters from Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot, 11 Nov 1857-16 Apr 1858

U DX123/3 Letters from James Wilson to Walter Bagehot, 26 Sep 1857-1 Oct 1857

U DX123/4 Letters from F.B. Batten to Walter Bagehot, 1 Apr 1858

Extent: 69 items

Related Material:

Hull University Library holds the following works relating to Walter Bagehot:

Bagehot, Walter, *Bagehot's historical essays* (London : Dennis Dobson, 1971) Ref: DA 530 B1

Bagehot, Walter, *Biographical studies* Ref: DA 300 B1

Bagehot, Walter, *Economic studies* (London : Longmans, 1895) Ref: HB 171 B1

Bagehot, Walter, *Literary studies* (London : Dent, 1911) Ref: PR 401 B1

Bagehot, Walter, *Lombard Street : a description of the money market* (London : Murray, 1915) Ref: HG 3020 L8 B1

Bagehot, Walter, *Physics and politics, or, Thoughts on the application of the principles of "natural selection" and "* (London : Kegan Paul, Trench & Co., [1896?]) Ref: JC 223 B14 P5

Bagehot, Walter, *The collected works of Walter Bagehot* (London : The Economist, 1965-86) Ref: DA 565 B1 vols1-3

Bagehot, Walter, *The English constitution* (London : Fontana, 1993) Ref: JC 223 B14 E5

Barrington, Emilie Isabel, *Life of Walter Bagehot* (London : Longmans, Green, 1914) Ref: DA 565 B1 B2

Barrington, Emilie Isabel (ed.), *The love-letters of Walter Bagehot and Eliza Wilson* (London : Faber, 1933) DA 565 B1

Saint John-Stevas, Norman Anthony Francis, *Walter Bagehot* (London : Longmans, Green, 1963) Ref: DA 565 B1 S1

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| U DX123/1 | Letters from Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson
Letters written by Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson prior to their marriage in April 1858. In these letters he refers to her as 'Dearest Eliza'. Subjects discussed include Bagehot's literary work, Bagehot's business concerns, Eliza's health and treatment under a Mr Beveridge of Edinburgh, visits to see Eliza, the couples feelings for each other, arrangements for the wedding, search for a house for the newly wedded couple to live in.
Letters for the following dates are present: 10 Nov 57; 18 Nov 57; 21 Nov 57; 22 Nov 57; 25 Nov 57; 28 Nov 57; 29 Nov 57; 1 Dec 1857; 4 Dec 1857; 7 Dec 1857; 9 Dec 1857 (2); 31 Dec 1857; 4 Jan 1858; 8 Jan 1858; 11 Jan 1858 (2); 14 Jan 1858; 14/15 Jan 1858; 16 Jan 1858; 17 Jan 1858; 20 Jan 1858; 21 Jan 1858; 22 Jan 1858; 24 Jan 1858; 29 Jan 1858; 31 Jan 1858; 1 Feb 1858.
28 items | 10 Nov 1857-
1 Feb 1858 |
| U DX123/1/1 | Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson
Sent from Bagehot at Langport. Bagehot expresses hope to see Eliza before she goes to Edinburgh, happiness 'so intense and soothing', requests that she might stay in London longer that they might have more walks, refers to first walk in a cemetery.
1 item | 10 Nov 1857 |
| U DX123/1/2 | Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson
Sent from Bagehot at Yeovil. Bagehot mentions that he is soothed by the last week with her, a visit made by him and Eliza's father to see the newly arrived antiquities of Halicarnassas at the British Museum after her departure, dinner at Mr Moffat's where they 'talked currency' and Michel Chevalier and the double standard in France, visit to one of his partners in the Bank and intimate friend 'Batten'.
1 item | 18 Nov 1857 |

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U DX123/1/3	<p>Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Langport. Bagehot mentions his amusement at Eliza's account of her Aunt Julia, discusses Mr Campbell and a Lord as suitors to Eliza, health issues of Eliza, her residence in Edinburgh and his mother's opinion that Eliza means to break off the engagement by removing to Edinburgh. 1 item</p>	19 Nov 1857
U DX123/1/4	<p>Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Herds Hill. Bagehot refers to his pleasure in Eliza's last letter, her deep and reserved nature, quotes 'Miss Austen', his 'wild burning pain' for her, early intellectual talks at Claverton and a day in the conservatory, expresses his love for her, mentions finding a poem about Orethya that he had previously told her of. 1 item</p>	22 Nov 1857
U DX123/1/5	<p>Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Langport. Bagehot asks after the health of Eliza's eyes, asks what her sister Julia means by calling her 'spoilt', mentions that her letters are making him grow vain. 1 item</p>	25 Nov 1857
U DX123/1/6	<p>Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Langport. Bagehot refers to a visit he will make to Calverton, Eliza seeming very poorly and tried by the 'back strut', informs her that he will ask her sister Julia to try and arrange Eliza's coming home from Edinburgh. 1 item</p>	28 Nov 1857
U DX123/1/7	<p>Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Claverton. Bagehot mentions having dined at Claverton with Eliza's family including her sister Emily, refers to his having 'distinguished' himself by writing a letter in the Economist that her father like and which 'Greg' declared as better than any of his 'literary things', mentions his desire for reputation in the area of money, refers to her 'shy dignity' of manner, refers to 'the crisis' at work, mentions her health and the opinion of 'Greg' that her doctor Mr Beveridge's theory is 'Bosh'. 1 item</p>	29 Nov 1857

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U DX123/1/8	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Herds Hill. Bagehot refers to Eliza's 'most soothing note', mentions that he wishes to discuss their plans together, journey back from Bristol on the train, being behind on his literature because of devoting his writing time to her, mentions currently literary projects including proofs for essays, a letter for the Economist, and a piece for the Encyclopaedia Britannica. 1 item	1 Dec 1857
U DX123/1/9	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Herds Hill. Bagehot refers to his feeling his soul bound to Eliza's for eternity, a moment shared in the library at Claverton, intention to come up to Edinburgh in a week, hope that she will be cured by Christmas, his intention to take a holiday over Christmas after 15 months of work, his mother's pleasure at their engagement, refers to Eliza's view of Fanny in Jane Austen's Mansfield Park as 'perfect'. 1 item	4 Dec 1857
U DX123/1/10	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Herds Hill. Bagehot refers to his work on his essay proofs, intended visit to Edinburgh at the end of the week, Eliza's health and treatment in Edinburgh. 1 item	7 Dec 1857
U DX123/1/11	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Langport. Bagehot refers to his intended visit to Edinburgh and request information on hotels near to where Eliza is staying. 1 item	9 Dec 1857
U DX123/1/12	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Langport. Bagehot informs Eliza that he will be with her in Edinburgh on Sunday morning at breakfast. 1 item	9 Dec 1857
U DX123/1/13	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Liverpool. Bagehot mentions the time spent together with Eliza in Edinburgh, an evening spent with old friends from Liverpool. 1 item	31 Dec 1857

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U DX123/1/14	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Herds Hill. Bagehot refers to the need for a house, his enjoyment in discussing thology, reprinting his essays for Eliza, discusses a letter received from Matthew Arnold. 1 item	4 Jan 1858
U DX123/1/15	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Langport. Bagehot informs Eliza that he is about to take the train to London, expresses his gladness at her improvement in health, refers to her staying with Lady Kinnaird another of Mr Beveridge's former patients, refers to dwellings for them being sought, mentions that he is reading Mr Arnold's new tragedy, refers to his book of essays being out next week. 1 item	8 Jan 1858
U DX123/1/16	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at London. Bagehot expresses his desire to see Eliza again, refers to it seeming an age since his visit to Edinburgh, informs her that he will be dining and sleeping over at 'Greg's'. 1 item	11 Jan 1858
U DX123/1/17	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at London. Bagehot describes falling asleep on the train after being up late writing to Eliza which led him to miss his stop at Langport and have to stay at an inn in Wellington till he could get the next train, refers to his writing on 'the crisis'. 1 item	11 Jan 1858
U DX123/1/18	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at 51 Lombard Street. Bagehot refers to marriage preparations, informs Eliza that she might arrange things as she wishes but asks if his cousin Mary Watson Bagehot might be a bridesmaid, expresses his wish that she return from Edinburgh and his dubiousness over the benefit of Mr Beveridge's treatment, mentions a journey from Aberdeen to Edinburgh on the packet, expresses his appreciation of the Scottish landscape, informs her that he will take his father to visit her father at Claverton so they can meet. 1 item	14 Jan 1858

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U DX123/1/19	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Lombard Street. Bagehot refers to an evening spent at Wimbledon, informs Eliza that Mr Greg has been captivated by a Mrs Cameron who is a friend of Tennyson and whose husband was a respectable member of Council at Calcutta, gives his opinion of meeting various members of Mr Greg's family and Mr Fitzjames Stephen. 1 item	15 Jan 1858
U DX123/1/20	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Langport. Bagehot refers to his disappointment if he cannot be in London on the first Saturday that Eliza is there. 1 item	16 Jan 1858
U DX123/1/21	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Langport. Bagehot tries to ease Eliza's worries over the forthcoming marriage and leaving home and talks of their forthcoming life together. 1 item	17 Jan 1858
U DX123/1/22	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Bristol. Bagehot jokingly blames Eliza for a cold he has contracted after being thrown from his horse who had gotten fat and lazy whilst Bagehot was in Edinburgh and so could not take a ditch, refers to using Mr Wilsons' furniture for their house, lists options for houses for them once married. 1 item	20 Jan 1858
U DX123/1/23	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Bristol. Bagehot refers to business involving houses and banking, notes his pleasure at a comment made by Sir C. Lewis. 1 item	21 Jan 1858
U DX123/1/24	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Bristol. Bagehot gives Eliza his opinions on houses he has been viewing as potential residences for them once married. 1 item	22 Jan 1858

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U DX123/1/25	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Langport. Bagehot refers to it being the anniversary of his first visit to Claverton where he met Eliza, refers to Eliza's health and Mr Beveridge, enquires of Eliza when she will be in London as she is now going to Howick. 1 item	24 Jan 1858
U DX123/1/26	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Langport. Bagehot refers to current situation in 'the Bank' making him busy, informs Eliza that she will hear from him when he is at Claverton, refers to the forthcoming visit of his father to Claverton. 1 item	29 Jan 1858
U DX123/1/27	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Claverton. Bagehot mentions a cold he has, informs Eliza that he and his father have escaped Mr Moffat at Claverton, refers to his own nature, tries to comfort her nervousness over the wedding, describes his activities whilst at Claverton. 1 item	30 Jan 1858
U DX123/1/28	Letter: Walter Bagehot to Eliza Wilson Sent from Bagehot at Claverton. Bagehot informs Eliza of his father's departure from Claverton this morning, that he will be leaving tomorrow, refers to his interactions with her sisters, notes that his father took a fancy to her sister Julia, notes that thoughts of Eliza occupy much of his time, refers to his literary efforts and to his desire to see her again. 1 item	1 Feb 1858

U DX123/2	<p>Letters from Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot</p> <p>Letters written by Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot prior to their marriage in April 1858. In these letters she refers to him as 'Dearest Walter'. Subjects discussed include Bagehot's literary work, Bagehot's business concerns, Eliza's health and treatment under a Mr Beveridge of Edinburgh, visits to see Eliza, the couples feelings for each other, arrangements for the wedding, search for a house for the newly wedded couple to live in.</p> <p>Dates of letters present: 11 Nov 1857; 20 Nov 1857; 23 Nov 1857; 26 Nov 1857; 27 Nov 1857; 1 Dec 1857; 4 Dec 1857; 7 Dec 1857; 8 Dec 1857; 1 Jan 1858; 3 Jan 1858; 7 Jan 1858; 10 Jan 1858; 12 Jan 1858; 14 Jan 1858; 15 Jan 1858; 17 Jan 1858; 20 Jan 1858; 22 Jan 1858; 25 Jan 1858; 27 Jan 1858; 29 Jan; 1 Feb 1858; 3 Feb 1858; 5 Feb 1858; 9 Feb 1858; 10 Feb 1858; 12 Feb 1858; 13 Feb 1858; 15 Feb 1858; 17 Feb 1858; 16 Mar 1858; 23 Mar 1858; 24 Mar 1858; 7 Apr 1858; 13 Apr 1858; 16 Apr 1858.</p> <p>38 items</p>	1857-1858
U DX123/2/1	<p>Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot Sent from Eliza at 15 Hertford Street, Mayfair, to Bagehot at Queens Hotel, Cork Street. Eliza informs Bagehot she has a cold, that she is not going to Wimbledon as she feels wretched, invites him to dinner should he arrive before 8pm, tells him that her father is expecting him, notes that she 'shall not mind' calling him Walter now</p> <p>1 item</p>	11 Nov 1857
U DX123/2/2	<p>Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, Edinburgh, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza refers to 'those pleasant days last week', describes her journey up to Edinburgh with stops at York, Newcastle, refers to telling her Aunt Julia about Bagehot and her aunt's references to other suitors of Campbell and Lord D, tells him of the 'rubbing doctor's' opinion of her sister Sophy's spine, informs him that they are now lodged in a back street in Edinburgh behind a school</p>	20 Nov 1857

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U DX123/2/3	1 item Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza expresses her understanding of his being busy and tells him he should feel he can write of business matters in his letters for hers is a 'soothing mission'. 1 item	21 Nov 1857
U DX123/2/4	Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza mentions problems with her eyes as the reason for not writing yesterday, discusses Mr Beveridges' treatment of her health condition, informs him of Susan going home and family members going to Weymouth. 1 item	23 Nov 1857
U DX123/2/5	Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza mentions improvements in her eyes and head, refers to her difficulty in writing. 1 item	26 Nov 1857
U DX123/2/6	Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, Edinburgh to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza asks him not to think of coming to Edinburgh now but that if she is still there at Christmas she would see him visit her, refers to the progress of her treatment under Mr Beveridge, asks him not to talk about her health at home and states she wants to be well before she meets his mother, refers to dinner at Mr Wylie's house and Bagehot's 'triumph over 'Money' in the Economist', refers to the benefits of listening to piano, refers to having Mansfield Park read aloud. 1 item	1 Dec 1857
U DX123/2/7	Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, Edinburgh, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza expresses her longing to see Bagehot, mentions that she intends to give up writing to all but him, refers to tendencies of her character, mentions her treatment in Edinburgh. 1 item	4 Dec 1857

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U DX123/2/8	Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, Edinburgh. Eliza mentions having seen sophy and a cousin to the station, expresses her joy at his proposed scheme to visit Edinburgh. 1 item	7 Dec 1857
U DX123/2/9	Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza refers to Bagehot's intended visit to Edinburgh and asks if she should arrange for a hotel booking for him in St Andrews Square near to her own lodgings, refers to possibility that her Aunt Julia might be there when he visits, notes that she has written to Claverton 1 item	8 Dec 1857
U DX123/2/10	Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza expresses her feelings of happiness that their souls have joined. 1 item	1 Jan 1858
U DX123/2/11	Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza comments on Bagehot's comments concerning his friends in Liverpool and his enjoyment in talking theology sometimes, refers to a mention Bagehot has received in the Statesman. 1 item	3 Jan 1858
U DX123/2/12	Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, Edinburgh to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza mentions improvements to her health, mentions that her father, mother and sophy dined out last night where they met a man who was blind for 50 years before Mr Beveridge cured him, notes that she will be spending the weekend with the Kinnairds at Rossie Priory, discusses plans for their future home. 1 item	7 Jan 1858

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| U DX123/2/13 | Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot
Sent from Eliza at Rossie Priory nr Inchtute, to Bagehot at Queens Hotel, Cork Street, London. Eliza refers to her journey to Rossie Priory, to the Kinnaird Hills, and to the landscape of Scotland, notes her belief in the goodness of Lady Kinnaird, refers to conversation about Mr Beveridge and Lady Kinnaird being a former patient, discusses plans for their home once married.
1 item | 10 Jan 1858 |
| U DX123/2/14 | Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot
Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, Edinburgh to Bagehot at Queens Hotel, Cork Street, London. Eliza informs him that she will be leaving Edinburgh in a few weeks and will let him know the exact date soon, mentions the weather, notes that she took the train back to Edinburgh from Rossie Priory, tells him she is getting impatient to see him too, asks him a number of questions re wedding arrangements.
1 item | 12 Jan 1858 |
| U DX123/2/15 | Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot
Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, Edinburgh. Eliza mentions the progress of her treatment under Mr Beveridge, recalls their first meeting and reflects on it being the anniversary of this meeting, informs him that they leave Edinburgh this Saturday to go to London and then Claverton, refers to wedding preparations and tells him to ask his cousin to be a bridesmaid, mentions that she has 5 sisters.
1 item | 14 Jan 1858 |
| U DX123/2/16 | Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot
Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, Edinburgh, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza refers to a ring given to her by Bagehot, tells him of her pleasure in knowing that she will soon leave Edinburgh, refers to talking of practical matters with her father, enquires about his literary work, mentions that Mr Hutton asked Julia to write for him next November, comments on female writers.
1 item | 17 Jan 1858 |

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| U DX123/2/17 | Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot
Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, Edinburgh, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset.
Eliza refers to Bagehot's trip to Wimbledon, to houses in Somerset, refers to his being hypercritical of Mr Greg's friend.
1 item | 16 Jan 1858 |
| U DX123/2/18 | Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot
Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, Edinburgh, to Bagehot at Stuckey's Banking Company. Eliza mentions that they went to Holyrood, discusses their feelings for one another and their future lives together, refers to wedding clothes and arrangements and asks who will be his best man.
1 item | 20 Jan 1858 |
| U DX123/2/19 | Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot
Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, Edinburgh.
Eliza refers to her treatment at the hands of 'the tyrant' [Mr Beveridge], mentions the anniversary of their first meeting at Claverton and when precisely it occurred, refers to his trouble in finding a house for them once they are married, expresses her happiness that his cold is better but refuses to take responsibility for it.
1 item | 22 Jan 1858 |
| U DX123/2/20 | Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot
Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, Edinburgh, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset.
Eliza notes that her headaches have almost entirely stopped, refers to the 'royal wedding' and a public ball, mentions that she visited 'Jullien's concert' and dined with 'Annie's Papa', refers to visiting her eldest uncle and seeing Dr Chalmer's first parish church, comments that the Scottish service is similar to the German, discusses choice of houses and renting furniture, draws similarities between him and her father.
1 item | 25 Jan 1858 |
| U DX123/2/21 | Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot
Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, Edinburgh, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset.
Eliza thanks Bagehot for his 'dear anniversary letter', recalls their first meeting, comments on their future life together and the suitability of their minds to make it a peaceful one.
1 item | 27 Jan 1858 |

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- U DX123/2/22 Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot 29 Jan 1858
Sent from Eliza at 52 Albany Street, Edinburgh, to Bagehot at Claverton nr Bath. Eliza informs Bagehot that she has had her last visit to the doctor and details her plans to leave Edinburgh, mentions a note of Mr Hutton's that she has forwarded to Bagehot through her sister Julia, mentions that she enjoyed a visit to Howick.
1 item
- U DX123/2/23 Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot 1 Feb 1858
Sent from Eliza at Barries Bridge, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza notes that she was delighted to bid adieu to Edinburgh, refers to their staying at her Aunt Julia's in Newcastle and to the prompt visit of 'the Irish Peer' as soon as he heard she was come to Newcastle, gives her opinion of 'the Irish Peer', notes her Aunt Julia's happiness in being invited to their wedding, refers to his essays which she is going to give her aunt to read, notes that she has read Mr Hutton's article on Bagehot in the Economist, refers to meeting his mother, wishes him happy birthday.
1 item
- U DX123/2/24 Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot 3 Feb 1858
Sent from Eliza at Newcastle-upon-Tyne to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza tells him of her forthcoming departure for London, describes a visit to a newly married cousin's house, notes that her sister Julia is full of kind words for Bagehot's father.
1 item
- U DX123/2/25 Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot 5 Feb 1858
Sent from Eliza at Misson Vicarage nr Bawtry, Yorkshire, to Bagehot at Queens Hotel, Cork Street, London. Eliza mentions arriving at Bawtry yesterday having made the journey by train, comments on their meeting tomorrow and her father being in town, invites him to come tomorrow at 5 before dinner, comments on his visit to see her sisters [at Claverton].
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- U DX123/2/26 Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot 9 Feb 1858
Sent from Eliza at 12 Upper Belgrave Street, to Bagehot at Stuckey's Banking Company, Bristol. Eliza hopes Bagehot got back to Bristol okay and tells him her father has gone back home, informs him that she is to see Mrs Greg, and tells him she was sorry not to be able to say goodbye to him alone.
1 item
- U DX123/2/27 Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot 10 Feb 1858
Sent from Eliza at Wimbledon, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza tells Bagehot she wishes she could see him on Sunday but that she is to go to Lady Palmerston's party as her 'formal parting with the great world', notes a meeting of her father with Mr Lowe who enquired of Mr Bagehot as the author of some essays, mentions Mr and Mrs Greg.
1 item
- U DX123/2/28 Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot 12 Feb 1858
Sent from Eliza at 12 Upper Belgrave Street, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza tells Bagehot to take Bella Vista without her seeing it, tells him of her progress in wedding arrangements and of an engagement with Mrs Carr to discuss servants for their household, notes that she saw Mr Conway this morning and assures Bagehot that she never had more than 'a pleasant kind of chatting friendship for him'.
1 item
- U DX123/2/29 Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot 13 Feb 1858
Sent from Eliza at 12 Upper Belgrave Street, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza tells Bagehot that she has been at Richmond, notes that she is to go to Lady Palmerston's, tells him of comments made to her by Mrs Carr who wished her to get married very much, informs him that her mother is ill and they shall be delayed in leaving.
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- U DX123/2/30 Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot 15 Feb 1858
Sent from Eliza at 12 Upper Belgrave Street, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza informs Bagehot that he will not see her tomorrow and details proposed plans for departure, notes that she has finished her shopping [for the wedding?], tells him that she has written to his cousin who is to be a bridesmaid, comments on the beneficial affects of her treatment under Mr Beveridge.
1 item
- U DX123/2/31 Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot 17 Feb 1858
Sent from Eliza at 12 Upper Belgrave Street, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza comments on their plans to be back at Claverton by 5 tomorrow, comments on the prospect of meeting his parents very soon, notes that Mr Hutton will dine with them today.
1 item
- U DX123/2/32 Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot 16 Mar 1858
Sent from Eliza at Claverton, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza notes that she has forwarded a letter to him from his mother that she did not see till he had left, tells him she has been looking at old remembrances, tells him she is going to Bath, comments that she enjoyed his visit, sends her regards to his mother.
1 item
- U DX123/2/33 Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot 23 Mar 1858
Sent from Eliza at Clevedon, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza refers to Bagehot's visit tomorrow, tells him that Matilda has broken her arm and recounts the incident, comments on wedding preparations.
1 item
- U DX123/2/34 Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot 24 Mar 1858
Sent from Eliza at Clevedon, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza comments that their wedding day will be ten years after the date that she started for Cologne on 21 Apr 1848, mentions a comment made by Mr Hutton, tells him of her nervousness over the wedding but not over her love for him.
1 item

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U DX123/2/35	Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot Sent from Eliza at Claverton Manor, to Bagehot at Queens Hotel, Cork Street, London. Eliza discusses furniture for their new house, notes that she has engaged a cook. 1 item	31 Mar 1858
U DX123/2/36	Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot Sent from Eliza at Claverton Manor, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza expresses her sorrow on behalf of Mr and Mrs Hutton, comments on their forthcoming wedding. 1 item	7 Apr 1858
U DX123/2/37	Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot Sent from Eliza at Claverton Manor. Eliza forwards a note that came for Bagehot and another that came for his mother, comments on her day in Bath after he departed yesterday, notes that Julia had a dinner party and ball in the evening, notes that she has forgotten their housemaid, tells him they have been rehearsing the marriage ceremony at the church with Mrs and the Miss Hales, talks of her nerves about the wedding. 1 item	13 Apr 1858
U DX123/2/38	Letter: Eliza Wilson to Walter Bagehot Sent from Eliza at Claverton Manor, to Bagehot at Herds Hill nr Langport, Somerset. Eliza reminds Bagehot that they take possession of 'the Archers' on Tuesday and discusses arrangements for this, asks him to call on his cousins tomorrow to remind them that the wedding breakfast will be at 12, comments that if he does not write today 'Miss Wilson' has had her last letter from him. 1 item	16 Apr 1858

U DX123/3	Letters from James Wilson to Walter Bagehot Letters written by James Wilson to Walter Bagehot prior to the marriage of Bagehot to James Wilson's daughter Eliza in April 1858 2 items	1857
U DX123/3/1	Letter: James Wilson to Walter Bagehot Sent from Wilson at 15 Hertford Street, Mayfair. Wilson apologises to Bagehot for Mrs Wilson not inviting him to remain at Claverton whilst Wilson was out of town, and invites him to visit and stay over at Claverton tomorrow. Sent from 15 Hertford Street, Mayfair. 1 item	26 Sep 1857
U DX123/3/2	Letter: James Wilson to Walter Bagehot Wilson informs Bagehot of a visit to Claverton by Mr Byng and Mr Hutton on Saturday and invites him to join them. Wilson also mentions 'bad' news from India. 1 item	1 Oct 1857
U DX123/4	Letters from F.B. Batten to Walter Bagehot Letters written by F.B. Batten to Walter Bagehot. Batten was a partner in Stuckey's Banking Company alongside Bagehot. 1 item	1858
U DX123/4/1	Letter: F.B. Batten to Walter Bagehot Sent from Batten at Yeovil Road. Includes references to the following: A loan ('I don't care if we only get £25,000 of the loan, for I do not understand the money market just now, still £50,000 could not harm') 1 item	1 Apr 1858