

**U DX9**

**Letters from Edward Augustus Freeman  
to Edith Thompson**

**1868-1892**

**Biographical Background:**

Edward Augustus Freeman was born at Harborne, Staffordshire in 1823, the only son of John Freeman and Mary Anne Carless. His parents died while he was still an infant and he was schooled by the Reverend Browne at Cheam in Surrey and then privately-tutored by the Reverend R Gutch at Segrave in Leicestershire, whose daughter, Eleanor, he ultimately married. His tertiary education was not totally smooth; he was turned down at Balliol College, Oxford, before being accepted at Trinity College, Oxford, where he obtained a second class in the schools in 1845. He married in 1847 and in 1849 published his first book, *A history of architecture*. Architecture was to remain an abiding interest, particularly ecclesiastical architecture. In 1855 he moved to Lanrumney Hall near Cardiff, the year of the foundation of the *Saturday Review*, a journal to which he contributed for 22 years. In 1856 he went on a continental tour for the first time and from then on he travelled as an extension of his eclectic historical interest, writing articles on places he visited and adding to his knowledge of Greek and Roman political and architectural history (*Dictionary of National Biography*).

In 1860 the Freeman family moved to a house and park called Somerleaze near Wells and most of the letters in the collection were posted from Somerleaze or abroad. During the 1860s Edward Freeman made two unsuccessful bids for chairs at Oxford and published on constitutional history and the history of the Norman Conquest. He also published a history of Wells cathedral and *Old English history for children*. The latter was done in collaboration with Edith Thompson and together they produced a *History of England in Macmillan's Historical course for schools series*. Their correspondence dates from this time. Edith Thompson's friendship with Edward Freeman continued throughout his life and their letters are informal on the one hand and considerable in their intellectual content on the other. She contributed a number of anonymous reviews to the *Saturday Review*. Edward Freeman's collaboration with women extended also to one of his daughters - Margaret - who compiled indexes for him. She married the archaeologist, Arthur Evans, keeper of the Ashmolean Museum. Born in 1848 she died only a year after her father (*Dictionary of National Biography*).

In 1874 and 1875 Freeman was awarded honorary doctorates from both Oxford and Cambridge, but he was often an outspoken critic of Oxbridge collegiate structures and this combined with his very eclectic research and publication made his career a bit bumpy. However, he was finally awarded the highest honours by being appointed to the regius chair of modern history at Oxford in 1884. A sufferer from gout, his health was already declining by this time, but he began working on a large history of Sicily. His Oxford lectures for 1886 and 1887 appeared as *Methods of historical study and Chief periods of European history*. He produced work prolifically in the last years of his life and his volumes on Sicily, as well as *Studies of travel* appeared posthumously, edited by Florence Freeman. Edward Freeman died from smallpox while travelling in Spain in 1892. Macmillan immediately gave the task of writing his biography to his close friend, William Richard Wood Stephens, dean of Winchester (*Dictionary of National Biography*).

Edith Thompson was the daughter of the lawyer Thomas Perronet Edward Thompson, the son of Thomas Perronet Thompson, the Hull anti-slave-trader and radical politician. It is clear from the correspondence that Edward Freeman often stayed with the family and the friendship might be explained by his own dabbling in politics towards the end of his life (his letters to W E Gladstone about Irish Home Rule are in the British Library). An early letter sympathises with her on the death of her elderly grandfather.

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The correspondence in U DX9 is intellectually lively and socially playful. 'So you recommend me as light reading', he teased her, on 28 September 1868. 'Did I ever tell you how Sir George Lewis...asked Dr Paley, in whose house he was staying, for a "light book" [and]...Dr Paley showed him such books as he had, and Lewis chose, neither a sermon nor a novel, but Alison's History of Europe'. He wrote to her frequently on matters of history, some of it in Greek and Latin, and asked for her opinion on his work. When he died she passed their correspondence to his biographer and the instructions about his use are in the collection. 'It is a melancholy business reading over letters in the past' she told Margaret Freeman, '[but] one thing I feel strongly, and that is, what a privilege it is to have had such a friendship'. Many of the letters were reprinted in Stephens's Life and letters of Edward A Freeman which came out in two volumes in 1895.

Edith Thompson's own papers are embedded within the papers of her grandfather at U DTH in the archives. She wrote an unpublished biography of her grandfather and published in her lifetime a number of edited works and a history of the War of the Roses. She was also a friend of Eleanor Freeman, with whom she worked on the Oxford English Dictionary (there is one letter from Eleanor Freeman to Edith Thompson dated 6 December 1887 in Edith Thompson's papers at U DTH/5/33).

### **Custodial history:**

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### **Description:**

Letters from Edward Augustus Freeman to Edith Thompson (between 1868-1892) with whom he collaborated to produce a number of history texts for school children including *A History of England* in Macmillan's historical course for schools series. Their friendship continued throughout his life and their letters are both informal and considered.

### **Arrangement:**

The letters are arranged in a simple chronological sequence.

**Extent:** 199 items

### **Related material:**

Papers of Edith Thompson [U DTH/5]

Papers of Thomas Perronet Thompson, 1757-1933 [U DTH]

Other repositories:

Correspondence of E A Freeman in British Library [Add.MSS.]

### **Access conditions:**

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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U DX9/1	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Dinan News of travel in France with John Richard Green; sending copy of second volume of 'Norman Conquest' 1 item	19 May 1868
U DX9/2	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Fifehead, Berkshire. Baptism of child of James Parker; gossip about reviews 1 item	20 Sep 1868
U DX9/3	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze . News of trip to Battle and election gossip 1 item	21 Dec 1868
U DX9/4	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Bishophorpe. About battle of Brunanburh; come and stay 1 item	5 Jan 1869
U DX9/5	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Asking about Thomas Hancock, assistant curate, Lewisham; gossip 1 item	28 Mar 1869
U DX9/6	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Birch Villa. Greetings; about Edith Thompson's work 1 item	10 Jun 1869
U DX9/7	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Urging Edith Thompson to come and stay 1 item	8 Jul 1869
U DX9/8	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Playful teasing about Edith Thompson not coming to stay; reform to law courts at Manchester; gossip about people especially in Bath 1 item	14 Jul 1869
U DX9/9	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Request to have a letter transcribed; come and stay; 'I thought Christopher Sykes was a fool' 1 item	23 Jul 1869
U DX9/10	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Come and stay; gossip about John Richard Green, William Dawkins and Macmillan (publishers/ printers); talk of Salisbury Cathedral and a church service 1 item	8 Aug 1869
U DX9/11	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Re. Edith Thompson's book review of the 'Lady of Latham'; Edith Thompson going to Brittany 1 item	5 Sep 1869

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U DX9/12	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Letter of condolence on the death of Thomas Perronet Thompson 1 item	7 Sep 1869
U DX9/13	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Acceptance of Edith Thompson's review of 'The Lady Latham' and instructions about commissioning more work. Freeman working on the index of 'Norman Conquest' 1 item	12 Sep 1869
U DX9/14	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from La'n Freeman going to Rouen and Amiens; political news; general gossip including about a 'mad woman' at dinner 1 item	25 Sep 1869
U DX9/15	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Paris News of La'n and Rheims 1 item	6 Oct 1869
U DX9/16	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Scholarship; Margaret Freeman helping with index 1 item	7 Nov 1869
U DX9/17	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from London. Note written on the back of letter, Philip Harwood to Edward Freeman, 16 November 1869, from Piccadilly; Edith Thompson to do the Collins edition of Francis I 1 item	16 Nov 1869
U DX9/18	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from [unknown]. Extracts from J S Mill about Freeman's attack on field sports (Fragment) 1 item	20 Dec 1869
U DX9/19	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Requesting Edith Thompson come and stay; about Edith Thompson doing 'History of England' for the Macmillan 'Historical Course for Schools' 1 item	8 Jul 1870
U DX9/20	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Dunoon. Franco-Prussian war; Freeman's travels in north of England; gossip about the Bishop of York 1 item	18 Aug 1870

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U DX9/21	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Edinburgh. Edith Thompson in France and remarks on French republic; Edith Thompson's review of Alexander Mackay's 'Facts and Dates'; Freeman's tour around Scotland 1 item	4 Sep 1870
U DX9/22	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Requesting Edith Thompson come and stay; about her travels in France 1 item	25 Sep 1870
U DX9/23	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Wells Requesting Edith Thompson come and stay and meet Alexander Macmillan 1 item	13 Oct 1870
U DX9/24	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Medieval scholarship (Postcard) 1 item	1871
U DX9/25	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Farnborough. Family news; scholarship 1 item	10 Jan 1871
U DX9/26	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. About Edith Thompson's poor health; gossip and work matters 1 item	19 Feb 1871
U DX9/27	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. General gossip 1 item	2 Apr 1871
DX9/28	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Gossip about work and Franco-Prussian war; Freeman climbed the west front of Wells cathedral with the Bishop 1 item	16 Apr 1871
U DX9/29	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Travel advice about Rheims and gossip 1 item	13 Aug 1871
U DX9/30	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Requesting Edith Thompson come and stay; work gossip. Enclosure: note from Eleanor Freeman requesting Edith Thompson come and stay 1 item	04 Sep 1871

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U DX9/31	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Mainz Trip to Ravenna with John Richard Green. 1 item	6 Oct 1871
U DX9/32	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Ravenna. Tour of Italy, Germany, Switzerland 1 item	24 Oct 1871
U DX9/33	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Strassburg. 'Johnny [John Richard Green] left me at Pisa'; remains of St Ambrose in Milan 1 item	11 Nov 1871
U DX9/34	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Travel news; scholarship; congratulations to Thomas Perronet Edward Thompson on job as Judge in Liverpool 1 item	10 Mar 1872
U DX9/35	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Edith Thompson's 'History of England' 1 item	21 Apr 1872
U DX9/36	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Scholarship and publications; Edith Thompson travelling 1 item	13 Oct 1872
U DX9/37	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Scholarship and writing 1 item	15 Dec 1872
U DX9/38	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Ringwood. Scholarship news; Edward Augustus Freeman's trip to Stonehenge 1 item	13 Feb 1873
U DX9/39	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Gossip and talk of Edith Thompson's 'History of England' 1 item	17 Aug 1873
U DX9/40	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Rimini European travel news and news about Macmillan's 'Historical Course for Schools' 1 item	24 Oct 1873
U DX9/41	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Tooting. Review of Thompson's 'History of England' by John Richard Green; Edward Augustus Freeman's travel news 1 item	21 Dec 1873

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U DX9/42	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from [Somerleaze]. About Alexander Macmillan and 'Historical Course for Schools' 1 item	18 Jan 1874
U DX9/43	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Scholarship and general news 1 item	15 Feb 1874
U DX9/44	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Short letter about proofs of her book 1 item	21 Mar 1874
U DX9/45	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. (Empty cover) 1 item	26 Mar 1874
U DX9/46	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. First mention of Edward Augustus Freeman's gout; gossip; taxidermy anecdote 1 item	29 Mar 1874
U DX9/47	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Edward Augustus Freeman's honorary doctorate at Edinburgh 1 item	10 May 1874
U DX9/48	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from London. Sales of their respective books in 'Historical Course for Schools'; Edward Augustus Freeman's article on 'disestablishment' of the Irish Church 1 item	06 Jun 1874
U DX9/49	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Liverpool. General news; house guests 1 item	5 Jul 1874
U DX9/50	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Rome. Travel news from Italy, stayed with Pauli; comment on work of Samuel Rawson Gardiner 1 item	23 Oct 1874
U DX9/51	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Upper Tooting. Family news; sales of their books in 'Historical Course for Schools' 1 item	4 Dec 1874
U DX9/52	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. About [Henry?] Spelman; family news 1 item	23 Dec 1874

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U DX9/53	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. About scholarship; question about female swans 1 item	21 Feb 1875
U DX9/54	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from London. General and family news; John Richard Green in Italy 1 item	8 Apr 1875
U DX9/55	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Book reviews; general news. Enclosure: note from Eleanor Freeman 1 item	29 May 1875
U DX9/56	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Durham. News of travel in England; scholarship and book reviews 1 item	30 Jun 1875
U DX9/57	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze 1 item	5 Sep 1875
U DX9/58	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. News of scholarly work 1 item	14 Apr 1876
U DX9/59	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Coutances. Travel news; work news; letters about refugees 1 item	19 May 1876
U DX9/60	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Calvados. Attack of gout; gossip about people in Cambridge; news of daughter, Margaret Freeman 1 item	10 Jun 1876
U DX9/61	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from London. Election news 1 item	26 Sep 1876
U DX9/62	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. University elections; work news and gossip 1 item	1 Oct 1876
U DX9/63	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Cambridge, Mass. The Eastern Question and Turkish rule (Postcard) 1 item	21 Dec 1876



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U DX9/64	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Involvement in debate about the Eastern Question - getting abusive mail; general political news; thinking of going to Dalmatia with daughter, Margaret Freeman 1 item	29 Dec 1876
U DX9/65	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. News of work and travel plans with Margaret and Helen Freeman; situation in the Balkans; engagement of John Richard Green 1 item	11 Mar 1877
U DX9/66	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Travel plans and political news; a new granddaughter 1 item	23 Apr 1877
U DX9/67	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Travel news; Greek politics; scholarship and sending books 1 item	29 Jul 1877
U DX9/68	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. General news and house guests 1 item	23 Sep 1877
U DX9/69	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Aix-les-Bains. Travel news; general gossip 1 item	13 Dec 1877
U DX9/70	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Palermo. Margaret to marry Arthur Evans; Eastern Question; travel news 1 item	17 Feb 1878
U DX9/71	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Seeing doctor about throat; family news 1 item	20 Aug 1878
U DX9/72	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. French history and Edith Thompson's travels in France; family news - third grandchild 1 item	08 Sep 1878
U DX9/73	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Family news and urging her to come and stay 1 item	7 Oct 1878
U DX9/74	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Gossip; travel and work news 1 item	7 Dec 1878

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U DX9/75	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Health news; family and work news; political gossip 1 item	29 Jan 1879
U DX9/76	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. News of Margaret Evans ne Freeman; illness; John Richard Green's third volume of 'Short History of the English People' 1 item	20 Apr 1879
U DX9/77	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Edith Thompson's visiting plans; work news; gossip about the work of James Anthony Froude 1 item	18 May 1879
U DX9/78	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Come and stay 1 item	27 May 1879
U DX9/79	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Lisieux. Travel news; news of mutual friends and W E Gladstone 1 item	24 Jun 1879
U DX9/80	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from La Fliche. Travel news; news of Margaret Evans ne Freeman 1 item	07 Jul 1879
U DX9/81	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Gossip about Edith Thompson's 'History of England' and family news 1 item	12 Aug 1879
U DX9/82	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Family news 1 item	31 Aug 1879
U DX9/83	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Edith Thompson's travel news; daughter Kate's projected marriage 1 item	21 Sep 1879
U DX9/84	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Manchester. Enclosure: letter L Sephton, Liverpool Institute, to E A Freeman, 22 Nov about school textbooks 1 item	26 Nov 1879
U DX9/85	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Travel and work news; news of grandchildren 1 item	11 Dec 1879

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U DX9/86	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Work and family news 1 item	8 Feb 1880
U DX9/87	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Family news - Margaret Evans ne Freeman staying; Pauli coming to stay; gossip about W E Gladstone 1 item	21-26 Mar 1880
U DX9/88	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Eastbourne. Travel in search of historical sites; family news; political gossip 1 item	23 Apr 1880
U DX9/89	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Church gossip; family news; health; mention of Edith Thompson's work for James Murray on the 'Oxford English Dictionary' 1 item	20 May 1880
U DX9/90	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Family news; travel news 1 item	13 Oct 1880
U DX9/91	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Sens Family news; travel news 1 item	7 Jan 1881
U DX9/92	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Rome Travel plans - going to America to see son Edgar Freeman and his family; gossip about people met while travelling in Europe 1 item	20 Mar 1881
U DX9/93	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Frosinone. Travel news from Rome and Brindisi; political comment; mention of Anthony Trollope 1 item	17 May 1881
U DX9/94	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Edith Thompson's travel news; Edward Augustus Freeman's travel plans; work and family news 1 item	11 Sep 1881
U DX9/95	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from New Haven, Connecticut. News of travel and lecture tour in America 1 item	4 Dec 1881

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U DX9/96	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Vassar College, New York. Vassar College for women; House of Congress; family news; mention of her work on biography of Thomas Perronet Thompson 1 item	29 Jan 1882
U DX9/97	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from The 'Germanic'. Travel and family news; work and political gossip 1 item	15 Apr 1882
U DX9/98	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from York Gossip about J C Roberston; travel in England with family and Delia Lyman 1 item	15 Aug 1882
U DX9/99	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Delia Lyman gone back to America; gossip and news of reviewing 1 item	12 Sept 1882
U DX9/100	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Mention of Edith Thompson's article 'Carcassonne' in 'Macmillan's Magazine'; Delia Lyman safely home 1 item	1 Oct 1882
U DX9/101	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Gossip about William Stubbs, Alexander Macmillan and Anthony Trollope; illness; publication news; political news about war in Egypt 1 item	19 Nov 1882
U DX9/102	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Guests and family news; 'I fear that poor dear Johnny Green is in a very bad way indeed'; scholarship, comment on work of Samuel Rawson Gardiner 1 item	17 Dec 1882
U DX9/103	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Sending a portrait (Fragment) 1 item	14 Jan 1883
U DX9/104	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Reviewing of work of James Anthony Froude 1 item	16 Jan 1883
U DX9/105	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from London. Reviewing of work of James Anthony Froude; 'Poor dear Johnny...can hardly last much longer' 1 item	22 Feb 1883

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U DX9/106	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Linguistic scholarship; death of John Richard Green (Fragment) 1 item	12 Mar 1883
U DX9/107	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from London. General news; reviewing; news of Mrs Humphrey [Mary Augusta] Ward; writing and examining 1 item	8 Apr 1883
U DX9/108	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Norwich. Edith Thompson's visit to Venice; good and bad obituaries of John Richard Green 1 item	15 May 1883
U DX9/109	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Use of 'History of England' in schools; Margaret and Arthur Evans in Thessalonika 1 item	17 Jun 1883
U DX9/110	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Work on Commission of Enquiry into Ecclesiastical Courts; family news; European architecture; advice about biography of Thomas Perronet Thompson 1 item	20 Jul 1883
U DX9/111	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Mention of William R W Stephens; lecture given at Lewes 1 item	10 Aug 1883
U DX9/112	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Poor health 1 item	26 Aug 1883
U DX9/113	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Edith Thompson's trip to Gloucester. Enclosure: cutting on local church history 1 item	28 Sep 1883
U DX9/114	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Le Puy. Travels in France; English church history e.g. Shrewsbury Cathedral 1 item	25 Oct 1883
U DX9/115	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Trips to Gloucester and Oxford; reviewing; house guests; family news 1 item	23 Dec 1883

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U DX9/116	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Scholarship and general news 1 item	2 Feb 1884
U DX9/117	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Receipt of section of 'Oxford English Dictionary' 1 item	17 Feb 1884
U DX9/118	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Appointment as Regius Professor of Modern History, Oxford 1 item	16 Mar 1884
U DX9/119	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Duties of Regius Professorship; plans about moving; illness; family news; gossip and scholarship 1 item	11 Apr 1884
U DX9/120	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from York Receipt of honorary degree in Edinburgh; family news 1 item	24 Apr 1884
U DX9/121	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Scrayingham. Comment on admission of women to Oxford 1 item	29 Apr 1884
U DX9/122	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. General news and political gossip 1 item	01 Aug 1884
U DX9/123	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Death of grand-daughter, 'little Nelly' 1 item	11 Aug 1884
U DX9/124	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze & Oxford. News of arrival in Oxford (Trinity College); Bessie ill; Delia Lyman's brother dead 1 item	4 Oct 1884
U DX9/125	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. Linguistic scholarship 1 item	16 Nov 1884
U DX9/126	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Peterborough. Visiting arrangements; family news 1 item	8 Dec 1884
U DX9/127	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. Has moved to St Giles; Oxford gossip 1 item	9 Mar 1885

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U DX9/128	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Cahors. Travel news; Oxford gossip 1 item	25 Mar 1885
U DX9/129	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford 1 item	19 May 1885
U DX9/130	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. Oxford gossip; political comment about Lord Salisbury 1 item	31 May 1885
U DX9/131	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. (Empty cover) 1 item	8 Jun 1885
U DX9/132	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Family news 1 item	5 Jul 1885
U DX9/133	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Sixty-second birthday; about establishment of 'English Historical Review' 1 item	29 Jul 1885
U DX9/134	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Debate about naming of Battle of Senlac / Hastings; Oxford gossip 1 item	16 Aug 1885
U DX9/135	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. News of family at seaside; grandson, Basil; poor health; Chief Justice of the United States has visited 1 item	30 Aug 1885
U DX9/136	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Edith Thompson's travels; Bulgarian situation 1 item	20 Sep 1885
U DX9/137	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. Arrangements for Edith Thompson's visit to Oxford; description of Samuel Rawson Gardiner 1 item	1 Nov 1885
U DX9/138	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. Travel news; news of mutual friends; W E Gladstone and Home Rule 1 item	3 Jan 1886
U DX9/139	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. 'Methods of Historical Study' publication 1 item	21 Feb 1886

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U DX9/140	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. Scholarship and plan to travel to Perigeaux. Enclosure: transcribed copy of a letter from Samuel Rawson Gardiner to Freeman 1 item	18 Mar 1886
U DX9/141	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. General news; publication news; gossip about Lord Acton 1 item	30 May 1886
U DX9/142	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. (Empty cover) 1 item	7 Jun 1886
U DX9/143	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. Family news 1 item	11 Jun 1886
U DX9/144	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Gossip; election news; went to park with family and John Bright 1 item	1 Jul 1886
U DX9/145	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Gout and night-time coughing; house guests - Mandell Creighton and J T Fowler; 'Methods of Historical Study'; meeting visitor from India with Mayor of Chester 1 item	25 Jul 1886
U DX9/146	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Chester. Gossip about Bishop of Chester 1 item	13 Aug 1886
U DX9/147	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Family news; in Exmouth for health reasons; publication news; general gossip about William Stubbs and others 1 item	13 Sep 1886
U DX9/148	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. (Empty cover) 1 item	3 Oct 1886
U DX9/149	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Upper Tooting. Gossip about William Hunt and others 1 item	29 Oct 1886
U DX9/150	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Palermo. Travel news, going to Paris and Italy 1 item	14 Dec 1886



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U DX9/151	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Syracuse. Travel and family news; Ellen Macarthur; political gossip about Parliament 1 item	26 Feb 1887
U DX9/152	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Palermo and other places. Travel and family news especially of daughter, Florence Freeman 1 item	12 Apr 1887
U DX9/153	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. General and family news; publication 1 item	22 May 1887
U DX9/154	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Edith Thompson's trip to the Netherlands; work on Sicily; house guests - William Dawkins and Samuel Rawson Gardiner; political gossip especially about W E Gladstone and Home Rule 1 item	24 Jul 1887
U DX9/155	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Wales and gossip about Bishop of St Davids; news of family and friends 1 item	4 Sep 1887
U DX9/156	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Great Malvern. Stayed with James Allen; political gossip 1 item	16 Oct 1887
U DX9/157	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. Edith Thompson's pending visit; W H Stevenson; gossip about Lord Acton; recent criticism of Edward Augustus Freeman's work 1 item	13 Nov 1887
U DX9/158	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. Family and general news; Home Rule; Oxford elections 1 item	29 Jan 1888
U DX9/159	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Trier. Travel; gossip about work and colleagues; Home Rule 1 item	6 Apr 1888
U DX9/160	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. Arrangements for Edith Thompson's visit; gossip about Oxford colleagues; her biography of Thomas Perronet Thompson; family and health news 1 item	20 May 1888

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U DX9/161	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Uvula removed; criticism of his work; gossip especially about John Horace Round 1 item	24 Jun 1888
U DX9/162	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Work news (Postcard) 1 item	5 Jul 1888
U DX9/163	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. General news (Fragment) 1 item	5 Jul 1888
U DX9/164	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Work news 1 item	8 Jul 1888
U DX9/165	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. General news; health; visitors e.g. Charlotte Younge; gossip about William Stubbs; allusive political comment 1 item	19 Aug 1888
U DX9/166	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. Family news; Edith Thompson's travel news; work news; Martello towers 1 item	14 Oct 1888
U DX9/167	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Palermo. Travel news; work on Sicily book; article on progress of women 1 item	25 Dec 1888
U DX9/168	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Palermo to Syracuse. Family travel plans; book of James Bryce; gossip about F Harrison and others 1 item	6 Jan 1889
U DX9/169	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Noto Travel news and gossip 1 item	15 Mar 1889
U DX9/170	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Basil and Oxford. Travel news; comparison of Germany and Sicily; news of James Bryce - 'he has been to India and...is going to take a wife from Manchester'; Thomas Perronet Edward Thompson resigning 1 item	1 May 1889

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U DX9/171	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Frome. In transit with William R W Stephens; gossip about Sir George Bowen; family news; Trinity College to have his portrait painted 1 item	22 Jun 1889
U DX9/172	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Edith Thompson house- hunting; house guests 1 item	29 Sep 1889
U DX9/173	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. Ill health; has asked for leave of absence from Oxford; gossip 1 item	12 Nov 1889
U DX9/174	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. Work; going to Sicily; Edith Thompson coming to stay. Enclosure: privately-printed card about debt of Reverend George Cox, rector of Scrayingham 1 item	25 Dec 1889
U DX9/175	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Bordighera. Travel news; gossip about Sir George Bowen 1 item	26 Jan 1890
U DX9/176	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. Family and travel news; gossip about James Bryce and Mrs Humphrey [Mary Augusta] Ward; 'I have been talking to [Samuel Rawson] Gardiner and [Charles Harding] Firth about Charles I's beheading' 1 item	8 Jun 1890
U DX9/177	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. General and health news; painting of portrait; James Murray 1 item	6 Jul 1890
U DX9/178	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. Edith Thompson's illness; work news 1 item	26 Oct 1890
U DX9/179	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. General and work news; come and stay 1 item	23 Nov 1890
U DX9/180	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. Family news; gossip including about Lord Salisbury and internationa political situation 1 item	7 Dec 1890

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U DX9/181	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. (Empty cover) 1 item	22 Dec 1890
U DX9/182	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Eastbourne. Health news; books read; article on 'Soul and Socialism' by Oscar Wilde 1 item	8 Feb 1891
U DX9/183	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. General news; illness of Alexander Macmillan; Eleanor Freeman ill 1 item	15 Feb 1891
U DX9/184	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. (Empty cover) 1 item	2 Mar 1891
U DX9/185	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford . Margaret Evans n e Freeman very ill; gossip about William Hunt; Samuel Rawson Gardiner has taken over editorship of 'English Historical Review' from Mandell Creighton 1 item	19 Apr 1891
U DX9/186	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. (Empty cover) 1 item	4 May 1891
U DX9/187	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Sommerleaze. Family news; news of William Hunt; reviews of 'History of Sicily'; political gossip 1 item	7 Jun 1891
U DX9/188	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Sommerleaze. Work news; travel plans; planned publication of his essays; gossip about Isaac Taylor; Florence Freeman ill 1 item	29 Jun 1891
U DX9/189	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Sommerleaze. Travel plans; health and family news; Kate Norgate 1 item	20 Jul 1891
U DX9/190	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Sommerleaze. Sixty-eighth birthday; travel plans 1 item	2 Aug 1891
U DX9/191	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Sommerleaze. Medieval scholarship 1 item	13 Sep 1891

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U DX9/192	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Medieval scholarship; family news 1 item	11 Oct 1891
U DX9/193	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Somerleaze. Oxford gossip 1 item	15 Oct 1891
U DX9/194	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford . General news 1 item	28 Nov 1891
U DX9/195	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Oxford. Illness; work news 1 item	10 Jan 1892
U DX9/196	Letter. Edward Freeman to Edith Thompson, from Perpignan. Travel and work news 1 item	24 Feb 1892
U DX9/197	Letter. Edith Thompson to Margaret Freeman Instructions about use of Edith Thompson's correspondence from Edward Augustus Freeman by the biographer, William R W Stephens, with enclosure about numbers of letters and cards sent (does not quite correlate with collection as deposited in 1934) 1 item	5 Sep 1892
U DX9/198	Draft of defence by Edith Thompson of Edward Augustus Freeman's naming of the Battle of Senlac/Hastings - sent to 'Land and Water' 1 item	22 Nov 1919
U DX9/199	Cutting 'The Art of Panegyric' 1 item	late 19th cent.