

U DHD Papers of Charles and Mary Howard 1600-1943
of Melbourne and Sutton-on-Derwent
and their Family

Biographical background:

Charles Howard came from a family skilled in the mechanical arts who moved into being small-time merchants and landowners. His ancestor, Jonas Howard (1664-1713) of Thorne in Yorkshire, was a ship's carpenter whose son, Joseph Howard (1687-1733) was a 'keelman'. His son, Richard Howard (1714-1787), was Charles's grandfather, who became a wine merchant in Hull and lived in Sutton Hall. Richard married Ann, the daughter of John Garton, a Beverley maltster and their son, John Howard, was born in 1847. John Howard was given a liberal education which was completed at Leiden University (his father had business connections in Holland) and he was to have been a physician. However, he followed his father into business, spending some of his early years in Russia and dealing in tar and tiles.

John Howard married Jane (1750-1806) the daughter of Isaac Broadley, a wine merchant of considerable standing in the local community with a large house called Brantingham Thorpe. Charles Howard was their third child and he was born in 1778. The autobiographical notes of Charles Broadley mention that as a child his trips to the house of his maternal grandfather were considerably more fun than those to Sutton Hall, the house of his paternal grandfather! John Howard was not a healthy man and he died at the age of 46 in 1792 leaving his wife with a very large family to bring up in their house in North Street in Hull.

Charles Howard went to Hull Grammar School, but was expelled the year after his father's death, whereupon he was boarded out with a number of people in the countryside. This was to shape his future and he purchased a cottage and 86 acres of farmland in 1798. Two years later, instead of going into the army to serve in Canada, he married the niece of a woman residing in his mother's house and they started farming as tenants of Sir Henry Vavasour at Melbourne near Pocklington. In 1813 they moved to Sutton farm at Sutton on Derwent near York, still as tenants of the Vavasours, and there is correspondence in the collection from members of the Vavasour family as well as the Constable family who were at nearby Everingham Park. Charles Howard was fairly active at the local community level; in 1813 he was lieutenant of the Everingham troop of yeomanry and he became the first honorary secretary of the Yorkshire agricultural society.

Charles and Mary Howard had eight children. Their eldest son, Charles (b.1801) was drowned at sea while on an educational trip to France in 1813. Their second son, William (b.1802), became steward of the York Lunatic Assylum. Their third son, Richard (b.1805), died as an infant. Isaac (b.1806) also died as an infant. The fifth son, another Richard (b.1807), became a physician and died young in 1848. John Broadley Howard (b.1809), had a minor customs post in Australia and died there in 1858 leaving descendants. Their daughter, Mary (b.1810), was expected to stay home and look after them in their old age, but ran away and married an apothecary, Thomas Cole Peacock. Her diaries are the most extensive in the collection. Their daughter, Mary Howard Peacock, was born in 1837 and died unmarried in 1886.

In 1824 Charles and Mary Howard moved back to Melbourne, building a new house there. This created financial difficulties for them and in 1831 Charles had to raise the money to reduce his acreage. He died at Melbourne in 1854, just a few weeks after his wife.

Charles and Mary Howard's youngest child, Joseph (b.1812), became station master at Darfield and married Lavinia Skipwith. He died in 1861 and the records of the family passed to his daughter Harriet Jane Howard who died in 1923. When she died intestate they passed to Alyn Guest-Williams, a great grandson of Charles Howard's sister, Ann Elizabeth Gray. He was a keen genealogist and he worked on the papers and preserved them until his own death in 1974 when they were passed to a second cousin, Irvine E Gray.

[Biographical material from U DHD/4/27]

Custodial History:

Donated by I Gray Esq., on 29 May 1975

Description:

The papers of Charles and Mary Howard and their family were donated to the Brynmor Jones Library in 1975 by Irvine Gray. They mostly comprise correspondence, diaries and some genealogical material.

The early correspondence (U DHD/1-5) is that of the Broadley family and must have been in the possession of Mary Howard whose mother was a Broadley. However, the bulk of the correspondence is addressed to Charles Howard (1778-1854), to his wife Mary (d.1854) and to his daughter, Mary (1810-1887), and her daughter, also Mary (1837-1886). Amongst the miscellaneous letters is one from John Garton Howard (son of Charles Howard) to his sister about the impending marriage of his daughter, Mary Jane, to the Reverend F G Lugard, chaplain of Madras. Their son became Lord Lugard, a distinguished colonial administrator.

Only four diaries survive for Charles Howard (1820, 1822, 1824, 1831) and a fragment (1832) but they are of interest for their detailed descriptions of farming operations in the East Riding. His wife's diaries also cover an earlier period, but are, again, quite fragmentary; they have value as a record of the daily life of a farmer's wife with a large family. The most extensive diaries are those of their daughter (married Thomas Cole Peacock) and they survive from when she was eleven (1821) to 1885, a couple of years before she died. Quite a number are fragments only, and the full diaries record a few sentences for each day. They have value as a record of local social life and family affairs.

The genealogical material was assembled by Alyn Guest-Williams and includes material on local families such as that of Broadley and Bethell. There is correspondence to Harriet Jane Howard (through whom the papers descended) about the Lugard family. Miscellaneous material includes a postcard with miniatures of Richard Howard (1714-1787) and John Howard (1747-1793); a draft of the will of Elizabeth Hancock of Beverley (1782); the probate copy of the will of Ann Howard (1794); the opinion of P Johnson of York on the will of Christopher Bayles with regard to the upbringing of Elizabeth Leeke; a list of pupils at Ripon Grammar School (1818); some memorial cards including those of Charles and Mary Howard and pictures of Brantingham Thorpe, the home of the Broadley family.

Arrangement:

- U DHD/1 Correspondence, 1759 - 1910
- U DHD/2 Diaries, 1806 - 1885
- U DHD/3 Genealogical material, 17th-20th centuries
- U DHD/4 Miscellaneous, 1691 - 1975

Extent: 3 boxes (0.5 linear metres)

Related Material:

U DP/146 Journal and account book of Robert Carlisle Broadley

Access Conditions:

Access will be given to any accredited reader

U DHD/1	Correspondence	1759-1910
U DHD/1/1	Letters to William Waller, Hull and Cottingham From Francis Swift; Christopher Bayles (2); F. Bayles; Isaac Broadley (3); E. Egremont; and nephew William Waller Baron: delay in settling affairs of Mr. Inman; affairs of 'M.J.'; hiring a post- chaise to York; birth of daughter to Mrs. Broadley; business matters; complaints about his servants and a post-chaise from a Cottingham neighbour (E.E.); arrangements for an Assembly in Hull on opening of Queen's Dock 1 bundle	1759-1786
U DHD/1/2	Letters to Isaac Broadley From J. Acklam and John Dunn; also to Isaac and Charles Broadley from J.H. With draft, I.B. to Mrs. D. Osborne: congratulations (on a birth?); arrangements for bringing a horse from Barton to Hull; peace (of Paris, 1763) and new colonies; offer to exchange land at Howden; warning about gambling habits; invitation to visit 1 bundle	1763-1789

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U DHD/1/3	<p>Letters to Mrs. Isaac Broadley From Maria (7) and J. Acklom: family affairs and gossip; health; visits; dresses at a ball 1 bundle</p>	1764-1769
U DHD/1/4	<p>Letters to Richard Howard From parents John and Jane Howard: advice when at school; death of Mrs. Charles Broadley 1 bundle</p>	1789-1801
U DHD/1/5	<p>Letters to Charles Broadley From his aunt F. Bayles: thanks for kindnesses; sends Howden queen cakes; asks for shrimps or cockles; gravestone has arrived 1 bundle</p>	1794-1795
U DHD/1/6	<p>Letters to Mrs. Charles Howard (nee Mary Baron) at Manchester, Melbourne and Sutton on Derwent From her mother-in-law Jane Howard; Bessy Wood; Ann Yarburgh (4); Elizabeth Lloyd; Mrs. C. Stanley; Samuel Martin; H. Maslen (2); W. Walton; M. Etherington; A. E. Elliott; E.H. Lushington; C. Lloyd; Isaac Wilson; Lucy Bishop (3); husband (3); Octavia Waller; Marmaduke and Mary Constable; granddaughter Mary Howard Peacock; Ann Thompson: family and social news; Whitby (14 July 1806); virtues of sea-bathing (27 June 1807); Selby (2 December 1812); fire in York Minster (1840); robbery of Misses Travis at Cottingham (14 April 1841); Lincoln (7 November 1846): With draft to wife of General Maister at Beverley, asking for her influence to obtain promotion for Thomas Howard (husband's brother), an Ensign in East Yorkshire Regiment, to next Lieutenancy 1 bundle</p>	1800-1856
U DHD/1/7	<p>Letters to Charles Howard at Melbourne, Hull and Sutton on Derwent and York From mother Jane Howard (6); aunt A.E. Greame (9); Marmaduke Constable Maxwell (2); Isaac Broadley; J. Bell; brother John Garton Howard; sons John Broadley and William Waller Howard; granddaughter Mary Howard Peacock (2); brother John Garton Howard and wife Charlotte; Lord Feversham; Earl Spencer; Earl of Carlisle: family and social news; Dowthorpe Hall; volunteer forces (17 April 1805); Everingham Yeomanry (1 April and 6 August 1813); Yorkshire Agricultural Society (15 October, 16 October and 17 December 1837) 1 bundle</p>	1801-1837

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| U DHD/1/8 | <p>Letters to Charles and Mary Howard, Sutton on Derwent</p> <p>From dowager Lady Vavasour, Melbourne Hall, (27) and her son Sir Henry Vavasour (3). With letter from C.H. to Lady V.: business and household affairs; farming: relations between the Vavasours; Pocklington Canal; affairs in France (1815); Spaldington and Melbourne estates</p> <p>1 bundle</p> | 1813-1852 |
| U DHD/1/9 | <p>Letters to Mary Howard at Sutton on Derwent, Helperby, Melbourne and Manchester</p> <p>From her aunt M.E. Broadley (5); Eliza R. Broadley (8); E. Alison; Baron Howard; brothers Richard (4) and John; C. Wheler; cousin John Wood; E. O Broadley; Anna Houghton; father Charles (11); Mrs. Robinson; E. Turner; Fanny Milnes; Anne Waller; Susanna Lloyd; Maria Wemyss; M.A. Micklethwait; Jane H[arker?]; Eleanor Wemyss (2); aunt J. (Bomer?): family and social news; improvements in York (13 September 1828)</p> <p>1 bundle</p> | 1817-1832 |
| U DHD/1/10 | <p>Letters to Mrs. Thomas Peacock (nee Mary Howard) after her marriage</p> <p>From father Charles Howard (5); husband Thomas Cole Peacock (5) mother Mary Howard (2); Alice Cottam; brother Joseph; aunt M.C. Howard; aunt Jane Baron (6); Mary Wood; Eliza Howard; Elizabeth Howard; Lavinia Howard; Mary Campbell (2); brother John and wife Mary, Australia; Eliza Broadley; Jane A. Hudson; Jane A. Wilson; Mary Bateman, Australia; Christopher Rawlins; J. Gray; George D. Widdas; A. Bishop; Sir Henry Vavasour; Mary Wilson: her runaway marriage; family and social news</p> <p>1 bundle</p> | 1833-1886 |
| U DHD/1/11 | <p>Letter to Mary Howard Peacock</p> <p>From her mother Mary Peacock (2); grandparents Charles and Mary Howard (2); and Daniel Widdas: removal of grandparents from York to Melbourne; family news</p> <p>1 bundle</p> | 1852 |
| U DHD/1/12 | <p>R[osamund] Constable, Wassand, to Miss (Bessy) Broadley, Hull</p> <p>Gossip; Assemblies</p> <p>1 bundle</p> | 31 Oct 1763 |

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U DHD/1/13	To Thomas Earle (incomplete) From Manchester: settlement of an estate (Mrs. Hardman's); estate of writer's father and needs of his sister Jane 1 bundle	11 May 1799
U DHD/1/14	A.E. Greame, Sewerby to her niece Miss (Anne Elizabeth) Howard, Thorpe Brantingham Proposed visit of Miss H. to Matlock, and Will of her mother; family news 1 bundle	12 May 1806
U DHD/1/15	Charles Howard to his son Richard, Edinburgh Marriage of another son, 'poor William'; family news 1 bundle	11 Jun 1827
U DHD/1/16	William Prickett, Germany, to J[ohn] B[roadley] Howard Exchanging papers and books; accident to a friend; schools 1 bundle	11 Aug 1829
U DHD/1/17	John Broadley Howard, London, to Thomas Peacock, Melbourne Asks for family news; impoverished and leaving England but will return wealthy; repents his follies 1 bundle	28 Apr 1836
U DHD/1/18	John Broadley Howard, London to Dr. Wilson, Pocklington Is leaving England penniless, but is sure he will succeed and repay debts 1 bundle	31 May 1836
U DHD/1/19	Garton Howard, London, to his sister All getting old; in London to meet daughter home from India, who is to marry the chaplain of Madras 1 bundle	[5 Jul 1850]
U DHD/1/20	Cyclostyled letter from Christopher Sykes thanking electors 1 item	10 Dec 1868
U DHD/1/21	Postcard (views of Sleights): H.P.H to Miss Howard Arrived safely 1 item	6 Aug 1910

U DHD/2	Diaries	1806-1885
U DHD/2/1	Diary Mrs. Charles Howard 1 volume	1806
U DHD/2/2	Diary Mrs. Charles Howard 1 volume	Mar-Oct 1808
U DHD/2/3	Diary Mrs. Charles Howard 1 volume	1819
U DHD/2/4	Diary Mrs. Charles Howard Fragments only a) October 1826 (1p.) b) June 1827 - September 1828 (19pp.) c) April 1845 (2pp.) 3 items	Oct 1826-April 1845
U DHD/2/5	Diary Charles Howard 1 volume	1820
U DHD/2/6	Diary Charles Howard 1 volume	1822
U DHD/2/7	Diary Charles Howard 1 volume	1824
U DHD/2/8	Diary Charles Howard 1 volume	1831
U DHD/2/9	Diary Charles Howard. Fragments only (7pp.) 1 volume	Jan-Mar 1832
U DHD/2/10	Diary Mary Howard (with 1p. March 1821) 1 volume	1826
U DHD/2/11	Diary Mary Howard 1 volume	1827

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U DHD/2/12	Diary Mary Howard Fragments only: a) May - November 1828 (19pp.) b) April - May 1829 (3pp.) c) 1832 (No text. 17pp) d) January 1835 (1p.) e) January - December 1837 (32pp.) f) January - December 1839 (30pp.) g) January; April 1841 (5pp.) h) 1843 (No text. 2pp.) i) 1844 (No text. 1p.) j) February - April 1847 (8pp.) k) March - April; November 1848 (3pp.) l) February; September 1849 (2pp.) m) September - December 1854 (5pp.) n) August - September; December 1855 (2pp.) o) January - April 1859 (8pp.) p) January - April 1864 (9pp.) 16 items	1828-1864
U DHD/2/13	Diary Mrs. Thomas Peacock (nee Mary Howard) 1 volume	1870
U DHD/2/14	Diary Mrs. Thomas Peacock (nee Mary Howard) 1 volume	Apr-Dec 1872
U DHD/2/15	Diary Mrs. Thomas Peacock (nee Mary Howard) 1 volume	1875
U DHD/2/16	Diary Mrs. Thomas Peacock (nee Mary Howard) 1 volume	1878
U DHD/2/17	Diary Mrs. Thomas Peacock (nee Mary Howard) 1 volume	1879
U DHD/2/18	Diary Mrs. Thomas Peacock (nee Mary Howard) 1 volume	1880
U DHD/2/19	Diary Mrs. Thomas Peacock (nee Mary Howard) 1 volume	1881
U DHD/2/20	Diary Mrs. Thomas Peacock (nee Mary Howard) 1 volume	1882

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U DHD/2/21	Diary. Mrs. Thomas Peacock (nee Mary Howard) 1 volume	1883
U DHD/2/22	Diary Mrs. Thomas Peacock (nee Mary Howard) 1 volume	1884
U DHD/2/23	Diary. Mrs. Thomas Peacock (nee Mary Howard) 1 volume	1885
U DHD/3	Genealogical material relating to the Howard family Assembled by the Rev. Alyn Guest - Williams	1600-1943
U DHD/3/1	Miscellaneous pedigrees, certificates, extracts, notes, etc. Relating to: a) Howard family and connections (13), 17th - 19th centuries b) Yarburgh/Lloyd/Greame family, 17th - 20th centuries c) Charles Escrick Broadley and wives Elizabeth Bayle and Rebecca Willock, 1793 - 1805 d) John Kay of Manchester, d. 1801 1 bundle	1600-1940
U DHD/3/2	Notebook. Pedigrees and genealogical material relating to Escricke and related families Salvayn, Bethell, Broadley, Howard, Hyndsley, Prickett, Acklam, Elcock, Rither, Bigod, Pilkington, Fenwick, Gorham, Batty, Mountain Mountnay, Bullus, Shiercliff, etc. and various European royal houses 1 volume	20th cent.
U DHD/3/3	Letters to Harriet Jane Howard from Rev. G.B. Howard, Bromley and Bengoe Howard and Lugard families 4 items	14 Jun 1895- 20 Nov 1907
U DHD/3/4	Letters to Rev. Alyn Guest Williams from Garton Howard and E.J. Lugard Howard, Lugard and Gorham families. With note by A.G.W. on Howard family, no date 7 items	20 Jan 1915- 29 Jan 1943

U DHD/4	Miscellaneous	1691-1975
U DHD/4/1	'Inscription on Mr. Chambers' Gold Medal' 1 item	1691
U DHD/4/2	Picture postcard Miniatures of Richard Howard (1714 - 1787) and John Howard (1747 - 1793) 1 item	1714-1793
U DHD/4/3	Order of Wallingfen Court to Leuyns Boldero, whose servants have removed 200 sq. yds. of sods from Wallingfen to line his fish pond 1 item	19 May 1763
U DHD/4/4	Notes of date of Master Acklom's birthday 1 bundle	28 Apr 1765
U DHD/4/5	Riddle 1 item	18th cent.
U DHD/4/6	Invitation to Mr. and Mrs. T. Williamson to dine with Mr. and Mrs. Broadley 1 item	18th cent.
U DHD/4/7	Draft. Will of Elizabeth Hancock of Beverley Bequests to brother Escricke H.; sisters Bidy H. and Mary Phillipson. Reference to mother Elizabeth H. 1 item	1782
U DHD/4/8	Opinion of P. Johnson, York on Will of Christopher Bayles Mrs. Frances Bayles may undertake care of Elizabeth Leeke without control of Mary Leeke 'her natural mother' 1 item	19 Apr 1786
U DHD/4/9	Undertaking by Joseph Denison & Co. to indemnify Charles E. Broadley in respect of a lost promissory note for £100 1 item	17 Dec 1796
U DHD/4/10	Receipt from Sarah Baron to John Leigh and Thomas Earle, exors. of Jane Hardman of Allerton, county Lancashire, widow For £437.10.0 to which she was entitled as a child of Joseph Baron of Bury 1 item	7 May 1799

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U DHD/4/11	<p>Probate copy of Will of Ann Howard of George Street, parish of Sculcoates, widow</p> <p>Bequests to grandchildren; Ann Anders of Beverley widow; grandson John Garton Howard; Elizabeth widow of John Garton of Beverley and her daughter Jane; Elizabeth Wasney; Jane wife of Andrew Haire of Hull; daughter Ann Howard.</p> <p>Probate 8 July 1800</p> <p>1 item</p>	5 Jul 1794
U DHD/4/12	<p>Cost of journey (of Mrs. Charles Howard?) by stagecoach, York [?] to Manchester, 29 August 1811</p> <p>With rough diary, 30 August - 2 September 1811</p> <p>1 item</p>	29 Aug-2 Sep 1811
U DHD/4/13	<p>List of pupils at Ripon Grammar School, and their parents</p> <p>1 item</p>	1818
U DHD/4/14	<p>Documents</p> <p>a) Newspaper cutting. Trial of Queen Caroline, August 1820</p> <p>b) Report (part only) of a public meeting in Hull condemning proceedings against Queen Caroline, [1820]</p> <p>1 bundle</p>	Aug 1820
U DHD/4/15	<p>Pen and ink drawings of houses</p> <p>2 items</p>	19th cent.
U DHD/4/16	<p>Visiting card of Garton Howard</p> <p>1 item</p>	19th cent.
U DHD/4/17	<p>Note accompanying a gift from Mrs. W.F. Clark to Miss Howard</p> <p>1 item</p>	19th cent.
U DHD/4/18	<p>Press cutting</p> <p>Report of Council Dinner of Yorkshire Agricultural Society and presentation to Charles Howard</p> <p>1 item</p>	19th cent.
U DHD/4/19	<p>Ticket for admission to museum and gardens of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society</p> <p>1 item</p>	19th cent.
U DHD/4/20	<p>Memorandum of a house 'where Mother's Father lived' and of birds and animals kept there ('Redivals'?)</p> <p>1 item</p>	19th cent.

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U DHD/4/21	Poems a) 'Soliloquy in a Country Village' (Brantingham) b) 'On Landscape Gardeners'; 'Love' and 'The Mother to her Child', 1806 - 1808 c) 'Lines upon General Wharton', 1822 d) Untitled (2), no date 1 bundle	1806 - 1822
U DHD/4/22	Notes of contents of the 'Herald' 1 bundle	6 Dec 1828- 21 Feb 1829
U DHD/4/23	Memorandum of Charles Howard An encomium on his wife 1 item	10 Nov 1846
U DHD/4/24	Memorial cards Mary Howard; Charles Howard; Thomas Cole Peacock; Cora Widdas; James Christie; Daniel Widdas; Ann Elizabeth Spence; Arabella Agnes Clark; Mary Peacock; Mary Wilson 1 bundle	1854-1888
U DHD/4/25	Picture postcard Brantingham Thorpe 1 item	[1930s]
U DHD/4/26	Press cuttings Brantingham Thorpe 2 items	1930
U DHD/4/27	Notes by the donor (Mr. I. Gray) a) Note on the Howard family papers b) Howard pedigree c) Copy of an autobiographical note by Charles Howard (8 July 1820) 1 bundle	c.1975