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The collection comprises the personal papers of William Sands Cox; papers related to members of his extended family (the Sands, Cox and Kendrick families); and papers related to other associated families including those related to his wife, Isabella Lichfield. The collection also includes legal items and associated material belonging to William Matthews and Francis Matthews, executors of William Sands Cox's estate [William Matthews' mother, Frances (Fanny), being a sister of Isabella Lichfield]. The vast bulk of the papers of William Sands Cox comprise letters, largely sent to him, concerning the Birmingham School of Medicine, subsequently Queen's College. The correspondence includes letters relating to subscriptions and gifts to, appeals for, and patronage of, the institution. Numerous letters are written from members of the landed gentry, the nobility as well as other institutions such as King's College in London.

The correspondence also includes a number of letters of testimony for Sands Cox, mostly written in 1839, which appear to relate to his application to become a surgeon at the Birmingham Infirmary. These testimonials include recommendations from Astley Cooper, James Quain (from Paris) and Joseph Henry Green. The collection also includes Sands Cox's indenture which apprenticed him to his father. Later correspondence from the early 1870s includes letters of thanks for gifts of annals of the College which Sands Cox appears to have distributed before his death. Printed items relating to the College include an item titled 'exhibits by the faculty of medicine', a printed descriptive 'general design of the college' and an open appeal letter of 1870 for the preservation of its buildings. There are also a number of newscuttings

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concerning the College including items relating to the centenary of its foundation.

Personal items relating to William Sands Cox and his wife, Isabella (nee Lichfield), include a single love letter from him dated 1830; a copy of their marriage certificate of 1866; photographs of Sands Cox; a diary of 1866 which largely records business and other appointments; a letter from the Earl of Warwick regarding his appointment as a Justice of the Peace in 1853; and a printed sale catalogue of the estate of Isabella Sands Cox at Kenilworth following her death in 1885. There is also an engraved trowel presented to Isabella Sands Cox on the laying of the corner stone of the church of St Thomas in the Moor in Birmingham, which was erected in memory of Sands Cox's parents; and an engraved presentation silver case to Sands Cox from the Committee of Queen's Hospital upon the completion of the building of supplementary wings to the hospital. Ephemeral items include engravings of King Charles I and cuttings relating to a chair belonging to King Charles I which Sands Cox appears to have inherited. He subsequently bequeathed the chair to Moreton in the Marsh Cottage Hospital.

Extended family items include plans of a freehold estate in Highgate in the parish of Kings Norton and which belonged to Sands Cox's father, Edward Townsend Cox; letters of administration of Edward Payne Cox and Robert Cox; a copy will of Edward Cox, Sands Cox's paternal grandfather; the will of his father and some Payne family members who he was related to through his mother; and letters and papers relating to the Sands Cox cup. Seemingly unrelated miscellaneous items include a proclamation issued upon the death of Queen Victoria and consequent accession of King Edward VII in 1901; pew certificates for the Slater family which were issued from St Martin's church in Birmingham during the 1780s;

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and a copy of a coded letter relating to the escape of Charles Stuart (the future King Charles II) to France during the English Civil War in the seventeenth century.

Administrative history: William Sands Cox (1802-1875) was the eldest son of Edward Townsend Cox (1769-1863), a well-known Birmingham surgeon. After being educated locally at the King Edward VI Grammar School, he was articled to his father and later studied medicine at Birmingham General Hospital. He later studied at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals, London, from 1821 to 1823, and after being admitted as a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons (MRCS) in 1824 he spent twelve months at the École de Médecine, Paris. In 1825 he settled in Birmingham and was appointed surgeon to the General Dispensary, and he gave his first lecture on anatomy, with physiological and surgical observations, on 1 December, at Temple Row. He became surgeon to the town infirmary, jointly with his father, in 1827. In 1828, after a good deal of opposition, he, in conjunction with doctors Johnstone, Booth, and others, founded the Birmingham School of Medicine, later called Queen's College; Cox himself lectured on anatomy at first, and afterwards lectured on surgery. In 1834 he took an active part in the formation of the Provincial Medical and Surgical (later the British Medical) Association, becoming a member of its council. In 1836 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS).

In 1840 Cox founded the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, to serve as a clinical school for the existing Birmingham Royal School of Medicine, and through his work alone it was opened free of debt in 1841. He was appointed senior surgeon, and later became consulting surgeon. Having secured considerable funds from the Revd Dr Samuel

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Warneford, he was able to enlarge the scope of the medical school to that of a college, with instruction instituted in arts (1847) and theology (1851), and he secured for it in 1843 a royal charter by the title of Queen's College. In 1857 a sum of £1050 was subscribed by the public as a testimonial to Cox, which he devoted to founding scholarships and to completing the museums of Queen's College. In 1858–9 he was elected principal of the college.

An inquiry by the charity commissioners in 1860 led to the separation of Queen's College and Queen's Hospital, after which Cox was obliged to cease taking part in the work of either. He left Birmingham in 1863, on his father's death, and lived successively at Bole Hall, near Tamworth, and at Leamington Spa. Cox married Isabella (nee Lichfield) on 30 August 1866 whose father, Joseph Lichfield, is listed as a farmer on their marriage certificate. Sands Cox was also a magistrate and deputy lieutenant for Warwickshire. He died at Glass House, Kenilworth, on 23 December 1875 and was buried at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham.

Source: Oxford Dictionary of National Biography.

4 boxes, comprising 18 folders containing 686 items

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Language: English

Custodial history: This material appears to have been in the custody of Sands Cox's executor, William H. Matthews and his relation, Francis Matthews.

Acquisition: Acquired at auction in 2006.

Archival notes: Papers arranged and described by Mark Eccleston, January-February 2010.

Related material: University of Birmingham Information Services, Special Collections Department holds a number of letters written to William Sands Cox in the LAdd sequence (Finding number: LAdd/6071-6074); while letters written by Sands Cox can be found in the Vaughan Thomas Collection (Finding number: VT).

MS220/A	Papers of William Sands Cox	1817-1957
	<p>Comprises a large amount of correspondence from 1822 until Sands Cox's death in 1875. Some correspondence is dated post-1875 in relation to the running of Queen's College as well as discussing issues concerning the erection of proposed memorials in honour of Sands Cox and his contribution to medicine in Birmingham. Also includes other papers relating to William Sands Cox's professional career including his apprenticeship indenture; personal papers including his marriage certificate, invitations to events and photographs; and papers relating to William Sands Cox's estate and bequests.</p> <p>13 folders, containing 499 items and 2 volumes</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	
MS220/A/1	Correspondence	1822-1886

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The majority of the letters are addressed to William Sands Cox. A number are impersonally addressed, but it has been assumed, unless evidence to the contrary, that these were also sent to Sands Cox. There are occasional letters which are addressed to other people. These include a letter to Dr John Kaye Booth from Henry Somerville dated 26 April 1828; and a letter to Alfred Fuller from Charles F. Favell dated 18 May 1828.

Most letters relate to the foundation and development of the Birmingham School of Medicine and Surgery, re-named Queen's College in 1843, and of Queen's Hospital. Common subjects discussed within the correspondence include patrons and subscribers; the formation and development of the museum and library in the 1830s; petitions sent to both King William IV and Queen Victoria; obtaining patronage from King William IV, Queen Adelaide, Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and Prince Albert Edward, the Prince of Wales; attendance at committee meetings; testimonials and correspondence with similar institutions, especially King's College, London, during the 1820s-1840s; acknowledgement of receipt of books, publications and annual reports; the issue of collegiate discipline in 1843; attendance at an annual ball in both 1843 and 1844; and issues surrounding the financial support given to Queen's College by Samuel Warneford during the 1850s.

Some letters relate to the management and teaching within the College and include letters concerning the award of royal patronage for the School of Medicine in 1835, and once more upon the accession of Queen Victoria in 1837. Other letters of note include a letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth accepting Presidency of the Natural History Department in 1838; and a letter, dated 1868, from the Earl of Warwick

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referring to a dispute in the Council of the College. There are other items from the later 1860s relating to the separation of Queen's College and Queen's Hospital which include a letter from Robert Peel dated 1868. There are very few personal letters although there is a letter to Isabella Lichfield from Sands Cox dated December 1830; and an undated affectionate letter assumed to be written from Sands Cox to Isabella (see MS220/A/1/8/2).

The correspondence is incomplete as evidenced by envelopes that cannot be matched up with letters; some letters have been cut up and parts lost. Not all letters can be dated with any degree of certainty. When possible, the year has been assumed and inserted into the chronological sequence. When this has not been possible, the undated letters have been arranged in a separate file. Fragments of letters and signatures have also been arranged in a separate unless they can be dated in which case they have been inserted in the appropriate file sequence.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically and divided into separate files according to specific year periods.

10 folders, containing 461 items

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Correspondence 1822-1829

1822-1829

The bulk of William Sands Cox's correspondence for this period relates to his involvement in, and his contribution towards, the formation and early beginnings of the Birmingham School of Medicine and Surgery, founded in 1828.

Most, but not all, of the correspondence is addressed to Sands Cox. For example, three important letters, relating to the establishment of the school, written late April and early May 1828, are from Sands

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Cox to Dr John Kaye Booth, a senior member of the medical profession in Birmingham and an active supporter of the creation of the institution. These letters are written from London where Sands Cox was then lobbying both the Royal College of Surgeons and the College of Apothecaries seeking support for, and recognition of, the school and approval for appointment of lecturers and the delivery of courses. A reply to Sands Cox's request to the Royal College of Surgeons in London for recognition of the school as a School of Anatomy was received in June 1829.

Sands Cox was also in contact during this period with other developing medical schools for advice. His correspondence includes replies to his enquiries with the schools at Liverpool and Manchester and another letter, from Sheffield, is addressed to Alfred Fuller. These letters include information in some detail about the formation and structure of the respective institutions. Many of the letters received from Sands Cox from late May 1828 are from prominent individuals to whom he had sent invitations to be patrons of the new institution and appealed for financial support. Some letters also make reference to having received a prospectus for the school. Correspondents include Sir John Eardley Eardley-Wilmot, Earl Spencer, Earl of Dudley, Lord Calthorpe, Sir Robert Peel and others.

Earlier correspondence includes a personal letter sent to Sands Cox to Paris in 1825 where he was studying and a letter of testimonial from Astley Cooper later the same year, possibly written for the position of Honorary Surgeon at the General Dispensary in Birmingham which Sands Cox took up on his return from Paris. Two other letters make reference to his delivery of medical lectures in 1826-27 in Birmingham.

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Arrangement: Arranged in chronological order.

27 items

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| MS220/A/1/1/1 | Letter from the Governors of Free Grammar School of King Edward VI Birmingham | 27 June 1822 |
| | Letter from J. Welchman Whateley, as secretary to the Governors notifying Sands Cox that had been elected as Exhibitioner of the school with the annual sum of £35 for 7 years. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS220/A/1/1/2 | Incomplete letter from Lord Calthorpe | 2 October 1824 |
| | Informs Sands Cox that he 'fully approves of the proposed regulations of the Birmingham School of Medicine'. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS220/A/1/1/3 | Letter from John Palmer | 30 June 1825 |
| | Letter written from Birmingham and addressed to Sands Cox at 56 Rue Neuve de Seine, Faubourg St German. Palmer had learnt from Sands Cox's father of his imminent return to England from Paris and made a request of him to check if a letter had arrived in Paris after his own departure. The remainder of the letter largely concerns the issue of bringing contraband articles back to England and Palmer offered advice on how not to raise suspicion. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS220/A/1/1/4 | Letter from Astley Cooper | 10 October |

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| | <p>Letter of testimonial relating to Sands Cox's studies at St. Thomas' and Guys Hospitals, together with his good wishes for his future success. The date on the letter appears to have been added in a different hand and possibly subsequent to the writing of the letter. The watermark on the paper is 1820.</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | 1825 |
| MS220/A/1/1/5 | <p>Letter from J. Darwall</p> <p>Letter written from the 'Free School' in which he declines, with regret, an invitation to attend Sands Cox's introductory lecture. From the sense of the letter it appears that Darwall had been a teacher of Sands Cox and he expresses pleasure at his former pupil's success and reputation.</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | 10
October
1826 |
| MS220/A/1/1/6 | <p>Letter from the Birmingham Society of Artists</p> <p>Letter from Thomas Wyatt, as Secretary, thanking him both for [members of] the Society's admission to a previous course of lectures and for the offer to give a course of lectures on anatomy 'peculiarly adapted to the Fine Arts' which was declined.</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | 7 May
1827 |
| MS220/A/1/1/7 | <p>Letter from George Gough-Calthorpe, 3rd Baron Calthorpe</p> <p>Letter, signed Calthorpe, concerning a petition sent to him by members of the medical profession in Birmingham which apparently could not be received in the House of Lords because the word</p> | 7 April
1828 |

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'Humble' had been omitted. However, if another version was presented, he will 'have much satisfaction in taking charge of it' on his return to town.

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Access: Open

MS220/A/1/1/8

Letter from John P. Hatton

17 April
1828

Letter written in response to a request for information about a school being established at the Infirmary of the Liverpool Medical School. Hatton refers to an enclosed prospectus and provides some information regarding the structure of their lecture programme and the arrangements for establishing the school. Hatton also makes reference to earlier courses of lectures in Liverpool and gives praise for Birmingham's efforts to establish a medical and surgical school. The letter ended with a request that Sands Cox send an account of the arrangements at Birmingham when the medical school was established.

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Access: Open

MS220/A/1/1/9

Letter from Sands Cox to Dr John Kaye Booth

24 April
1828

Sands Cox, writing from London, reports that he had obtained an interview with Sir Astley Cooper, the person with 'the greatest influence with the Council of the College', who agreed to bring 'the subject' before the Council the next evening. Sands Cox is confident that the Birmingham School would be granted the same privileges as the Manchester School. Sands Cox also refers to waiting on the President of the College of Apothecaries, in advance of a meeting of its Court of Examiners, who 'stated the certificates would be received' for Dr Pearson and Dr Booth. The need for testimonials and other paperwork for

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others, including Mr Woolwich, Mr Jukes and Mr Ingleby is also mentioned. He ends by proposing to send a prospectus to each of the Examiners of the College of Surgeons in preparation for the next day.

Booth wrote notes at the end of this letter about the possible need for Dr Eccles to submit his certificate to the 'Company of Apothecaries' as well. The letter is only dated Thursday but is postmarked 24 April 1828.

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Access: Open

MS220/A/1/1/10

Letter from Sands Cox to Dr John Kaye Booth

26 April
1828

Sands Cox is confident that 'all the certificates will be acknowledged except the anatomical'. The letter is written before the meeting of the College of Surgeons but the secretary has agreed to inform Sands Cox of the outcome afterwards. If successful, he will forgo a breakfast engagement with Sir Astley Cooper and will return on the first coach next day to bring the news back to Birmingham 'to the Council assembled in Temple Row which will give much weight to our plans'.

The letter is dated merely Friday evening [25 April] but the postmark is 26 April 1828. Written from the house of J. Wilmott, No. 3 Kings Bench Walk, Temple. Part of the text at the bottom of the letter has been lost.

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Access: Open

MS220/A/1/1/11

Letter to Dr John Kaye Booth from Henry Somerville

26 April
1828

Letter of support in response to a circular, with prospectus, of the proposed establishment of a School of Medicine

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and Surgery at Birmingham. Somerville comments that the creation of a medical school would be advantageous to medical students and that London schools would no longer have a monopoly of such teaching. Addressed from Stafford.

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MS220/A/1/1/12

Letter from Sands Cox to Dr John Kaye Booth

6 May
1828

Letter written from the 'Grecian Coffee House, Temple' in which Sands Cox reports on a very recent interview with Astley Cooper. Cooper, while objecting to a paragraph, agreed to present the Birmingham school's prospectus to a meeting of the college that afternoon at which he will support 'a provisional recognition'. Cooper used the interview to make a number of enquiries of Sands Cox about other members of the medical profession in Birmingham potentially involved in the delivery of lectures including Booth himself, Dr Pearson, Mr Wood Hodgson and De Lys. He also particularly asked about any opposition to the proposal to which Sands Cox commented to Booth: 'I believe the Phillistines are abroad, but that my visit will out general them'.

Following the interview, Sands Cox decided to officially document his meeting with Cooper in the form of a letter and he provides a copy of this letter for Booth and hopes that the latter will approve of this line of approach. The copy letter to Cooper is one in which Sands Cox outlines in some detail the course of action taken in recruiting lecturers for the various lecture programmes to be offered. He makes reference to the individuals to whom lectureships were offered and, if declined, their reasons. He also used the letter to write in support of the qualifications and experience of Dr

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Pearson, Dr Booth and himself. He reminds Cooper that the testimonials of Dr Eccles, Mr Jukes and Mr Ingleby have been submitted to the College.

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MS220/A/1/1/13 Letter from unidentified correspondent 17 May
1828

Letter written in acknowledgement of thanks from Sands Cox for the information he had previously provided on the running of the Pine Street School of Medicine. He also answers Sands Cox request for information about the provision of a museum. At Pine Street, each lecturer had his own private collection which colleagues share and while he admits that students are in some way disadvantaged by not being able to handle specimens at their leisure, in his opinion, there is considerable advantage in their production during lectures: 'they excite more interest, make a greater impression upon the minds of the class & afford relief to an hour's detail of facts'. He also makes reference to practical difficulties of having a museum on the premises and the need for security and a quiet location as he warns that they have been 'robbed of their subjects & skeletons'. He ends by offering a wish that the anatomical lectures which the school is hoping to offer will soon be approved.

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MS220/A/1/1/14 Letter to Alfred Fuller from Charles F. Favell 18 May
1828

Letter written to Fuller in New Hall Street, Birmingham from Flavell, as secretary to the 'institution for the promotion of Medical Science now being established in Sheffield' which had been passed on to him by his father. Flavell provided details

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of the funding received and how it was raised and how approaches for subscriptions were made. He lists the names of the major donors and amounts of their donations made.

Flavell then reports on their progress to date. Building work is about to begin and the first courses will be delivered in November. The premises will include a lecture room, a room for dissections, a library and a museum. A range of courses will be delivered on anatomy, physiology, practice of physic, surgery, materia medica, chemistry, botany and midwifery.

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MS220/A/1/1/15 Letter sent on behalf of the Duke of St. Albans 30 May 1828

Informs Sands Cox that the Duke of St. Albans must decline Sands Cox's invitation [to support the new School of Medicine and Surgery] as he already belongs to several institutions and does not wish 'to extend the number'.

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MS220/A/1/1/16 Letter from George John Spencer, 2nd Earl Spencer 30 May 1828

Letter, signed Spencer and written in response to a letter about the establishment of School of Medicine and Surgery in which he requests further details about the patrons and subscriptions made to the institution.

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MS220/A/1/1/17 Letter from Sir John Mordaunt, 9th Baronet MP, Earl of Stamford of 3 June 1828

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Warrington

Letter, signed Stamford & Warrington, in which he declines a request from Sands Cox [to support the School of Medicine and Surgery].

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MS220/A/1/1/18 Letter from William Henry Lyttelton, 3rd Baron Lyttelton 19 June 1828

Letter, signed W. H. Lyttelton and written from Hagley in which he agrees to become a patron of the School of Medicine and Surgery. He declined to contribute a subscription towards the building as his means would not allow him to offer an adequate sum.

William Henry Lyttelton, 3rd Baron Lyttelton, married Lady Sarah Spencer, daughter of George John, 2nd Earl Spencer.

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MS220/A/1/1/19 Letter from Lord Hume 28 June [1828]

Letter written in the third person in which he accepts Sands Cox's invitation to become an honorary member of the proposed school of medicine and surgery. This letter has no year date but from the context it would appear to be 1828. The paper has a watermark date of 1826.

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MS220/A/1/1/20 Letter from Robert Peel 15 July 1828

Letter of support for and acceptance of an invitation to become a patron of the School of Medicine and Surgery.

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- MS220/A/1/1/21 Letter from Wentworth Fitzwilliam, 4th Earl Fitzwilliam 16 July 1828
- Letter of acceptance of an invitation to become a member of the Birmingham Medical and Surgical Institute.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/1/22 Letter from Sir John Eardley Eardley-Wilmot 18 July 1828
- Letter of acceptance, signed E. Eardley Wilmot, of the invitation to become a patron of the Birmingham School of Medicine and Surgery.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/1/23 Letter from Sir Gray Skipwith 19 July 1828
- Letter, signed G. Skipwith and written from Alveston near Stratford on Avon, in which he accepted an invitation to become a patron but declined to make a financial contribution: 'the expenses of a large family prevent indulging a disposition to join in acts of liberality'.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/1/24 Letter from George John Spencer, 2nd Earl Spencer 24 July 1828
- Letter, signed Spencer, in which he consents to becoming a patron of the Birmingham School of Medicine and Surgery.
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MS220/A/1/1/25	Letter from John William Ward, Earl of Dudley	16 April 1829
	Letter signed Dudley in which he consents to becoming a patron of the Birmingham School of Medicine and Surgery and notes that the patronage already received is 'highly respectable'.	
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	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/1/26	Letter from Sir John Mordaunt, 9th Baronet MP, Earl of Stamford of Warrington	3 June [1829]
	Letter, signed J. Mordaunt, in which he consents to becoming a patron of the Birmingham and encloses a draft for ten guineas as a donation. This letter does not have a year date but has a watermark of 1829.	
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	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/1/27	Letter from the Royal College of Surgeons in London	4 June 1829
	Letter signed by the secretary and written in response to a letter requesting recognition of the school as a School of Anatomy and Physiology. A decision would be made on the system of surgical education once the legislature had come to a conclusion on the regulation of the study of anatomy.	
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MS220/A/1/2	Correspondence 1830-1833	1830-1833
	Most of William Sands Cox's correspondence for this period relates to the early beginnings of the Birmingham School of Medicine and Surgery which	

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was founded in 1828. A large number of letters mention donations made towards the school and a number of letters also relate to the committee of the school with various people accepting becoming committee members including Sir Robert Peel, Lord Bradford and Lord Lorton. One letter is addressed to Dr E. Johnstone and one letter is addressed to Isabella Lichfield from Sands Cox. The remainder of the correspondence is addressed to Sands Cox. A letter from Mr Edwards relates to Sands Cox's personal life, the remainder of the correspondence relates to the finances and the functioning of the Birmingham School of Medicine. On 18 October 1829 the school moved premises to a site in Snow Hill, at the corner of Brittle Street at a cost of £1,100. These premises remained the headquarters of the school until 1834 when the institution was removed to a larger area in Paradise Street, opposite the Town Hall. The site at Snow Hill was swept away with the construction of the Great Western train station in 1852.

Correspondence from this period was written at a time of development and consolidation of the Birmingham School of Medicine and Surgery. A council and various committees were set up under the headship of Dr E. Johnstone as President and his younger brother, Dr John Johnstone. In 1830 Sands Cox succeeded Mr A. Jukes as lecturer in surgery. During this period much labour was bestowed on the museum and library which, as attested by some of this correspondence, acquired many items by gift and purchase. To ascertain the best arrangements for the museum, Cox undertook a journey to examine various collections in Europe. On his return a public appeal was launched to 'patrons and friends of science and the medical profession'. This realised £900.

Some of the letters refer to a catalogue of the museum and library. This catalogue

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was published in 1832. Other correspondence relates to monetary contributions or the donation of articles to be displayed. In 1832 Sands Cox wrote a book on surgery which he distributed to a number of his peers. A number of letters are from the English aristocracy including one dated 5 October 1831 by Chandos Leigh. Leigh was created 1st Baron Leigh in 1839, was a cousin of Jane Austen and contemporary of Lord Byron at Harrow School. He was descended from Thomas Leigh, Lord Mayor of London in 1558.

Arrangement: Arranged in chronological order.

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Letter from J.P. Wilmot

14 May
1830

Vitriolic letter in which Wilmot expresses anger towards and criticism of Sands Cox and his actions in respect of a number of issues. Wilmot also implies that he is not alone in his opinions: 'your character is for the present in such bad odour in our neighbourhood that I must wait till time & prudent management has sweetened it a little'. His principal ground of complaint against Sands Cox appears to be the nature in which he has procured bodies for the study of anatomy, suggesting that his actions will not only inflate the price but also make the supply uncertain and accusing him of seeming 'proud of being pointed out as the cause of the whole commotion'

Another criticism he makes is of Sands Cox's rather grandiose plans for the Birmingham School of Medicine and Surgery, namely the fact that he considered 'a refectory a necessary appendage to your University' and suggests he is aping the 'larger establishments without paying the least regard to the fitness of things'. He is very scathing of the need for such a refectory

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for pupils in Birmingham - affording them 'the means of eating their bull beef at the Brummagen University' and suggests instead that Sands Cox should play to the strengths of the institution - namely its superior facility and its reputation: 'the few men from your school who have passed here "have done their Teacher much credit" and that fact alone will be sufft to establish the utility & efficiency of your School. He also attacks Sands Cox for 'depressing' the reputation of other schools in the press where 'invidious & uncharitable comparisons' have been made between the success of candidates and pupils at the Birmingham school and of other schools.

The remainder of the letter is written crossways in red, rather than, black ink and the tone appears to be warmer and more conciliatory

Although undated, this letter bears a postmarked date of 14 May 1830

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Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth

26 May
1830

Letter, signed Dartmouth, in which he acknowledges a copy of a resolution of the Committee of the Natural History Department of the School of Medicine and Surgery and the honour thereby conferred on him and he accepts the office of President of that department.

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Letter from Richard Pearson

26 July
[1830]

Letter, signed Richd Pearson and, although the address label gives the name of Wm Cox, surgeon, it appears to be written to William Sands Cox's father,

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Edward. Pearson makes a request that, if he is writing to his son during his movements abroad, to pass on thanks for a letter he has received. This is possibly a reference to Sands Cox's research visit in 1830 to various European countries in preparation for establishing a museum. The remainder of the letter relates to Pearson's description of a forthcoming examination for the '2 Prize-Medals', the candidates having to write their answers in one hour. The 'adjudging' parties are named as Dr Johnstone of Edgbaston Hall, Dr Darwall and Dr Boulton but Cox could not be asked because of his connection with the school and might be 'supposed to have a particular bias'. This letter has no year date but, from the content, has been dated to 1830.

Richard Pearson lectured in Materia Medica and Medical Botany and was formerly Physician to the Birmingham General Hospital.

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MS220/A/1/2/4

Letter from Jones Quain

2 October
1830

Letter written from 4 Compton Street East, Tavistock Square, London concerning the difficulties of acquiring sufficient numbers of bodies for teaching of anatomy.

He indicates that 'some Resurrectionists' and 'two undertakers' had agreed to supply bodies [presumably to University College London where he was Professor of Anatomy] but that 'all these parties have been bought over'. There is an oblique reference to the notorious grave-robbing episodes in Edinburgh and he ends with a note that 'under existing circumstances the price or cost is altogether secondary'

Dated 2 October, with a postmark of 1830

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1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/2/5

Letter from Sir John Eardley Eardley-Wilmot

14
October
[1830]

Letter signed J. Eardley Wilmot and written from Berkswell Hall in which he thanks Sands Cox for his note and present which he describes as 'a proof of individual talent, as well as of the progress in the arts & sciences which your town is accomplishing'. He adds of the pleasure in seeing the position of the town of Birmingham 'in that situation in the Kingdom to which it is hastening in its new era of scientific as well as political importance.

Sir John Eardley Eardley-Wilmot, 1st Baronet (1783-1847) was a politician in the United Kingdom who served as Member of Parliament (MP) for North Warwickshire

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/2/6

Letter from John Watson

17
November
1830

Letter written from the Apothecaries Hall, London in which he refers to the receipt of a letter of Dr B. Davies. He reports that the Court of

Examiners have not yet recognised any teachers in Forensic Medicine and, as students will not required to attend lectures in that subject until the following year, will not be doing so 'immediately'. When the Court did so, it will need to be 'fully satisfied as to the competency of any Teacher'.

Watson reports that he has been instructed by the Court to pass Cox's letter on to the Clerk of the Society for submission to the Master and Warden for

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an answer in respect of 'Prize Medals'

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/2/7

Letter from William Sands Cox to Isabella Lichfield

December
1830

Unsigned love letter, dated only as Thursday but postmarked from Birmingham, December 1830. It ends 'Be firm be true Adieu'. Addressed to Isabella Lichfield, Lancaster Street, Birmingham.

William Sands Cox to Isabella Lichfield married on 30 August 1866

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/2/8

Letter from J.K. Booth

28 April
1831

Letter written from Temple Row [Birmingham] in which he offers thanks 'for the favour of your work' which he anticipates he will find 'replete with sterling information, arranged in the most lucid order

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/2/9

Letter from William Henry Lyttelton, 3rd Baron Lyttelton

11 July
1831

Letter written from Ryde, Isle of Wight in acknowledgement of receipt of Sands Cox's 'Remarks'. He has read them and makes reference to 'the liberal and benevolent notions of their Author' and to the 'reasonableness & importance' of Cox's views'. He also sends his sincere wishes for the 'Progress of Science in Birmingham, & the extension of the benefits dispensed by her Medical Institution

1 item

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- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/2/10 Letter from William Henry Lyttelton, 3rd Baron Lyttelton 10 August 1831
- Letter written from Ryde in which he informs the 'Lecturers of the Birmingham School of Medicine' that he is unable to make a financial contribution to its funds
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/2/11 Letter from Sir John Eardley Eardley-Wilmot 11 August 1831
- Letter signed J. Eardley Wilmot and written from Berkswell Hall, acknowledging the 'address of the Lecturers of the School of Medicine' requesting a contribution towards the 'forming of a museum and library of reference connected with medical study' and agrees to contribute 10 guineas. Dated 11 August, with a postmark of 1831
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/2/12 Letter from the Earl of Spencer 13 August 1831
- Letter written from Ryde in which he enclosed a banker's draft for £10 as a donation towards the proposed 'Museum &c of the Birmingham School of Medicine. He states that he purposely made his contribution ten pounds rather than ten guineas 'to avoid entitling myself to have anything to do with the elections'. With envelope
- 2 items
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/2/13 Letter from Sir Alexander Hood, 2nd Baronet, MP 17 August 1831
- Letter written from Whitley Abbey and signed Hood enclosing his subscription of

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- ten guineas to the Birmingham School of Medicine
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/2/14 Letter from Joseph Bond 13 September 1831
- Letter in which Bond makes an enquiry about the regulation on who wished to become an apothecary. Bond enquired as to whether his son could be placed under the care of the Birmingham Medical School to serve part of his apprenticeship. Also asks to be sent a prospectus of the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from Polesworth.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/2/15 Letter from Sir Robert Peel 17 August 1831
- Letter written from Whitehall [London] in which he expresses pleasure in allowing his name to be added to the list of patrons of the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from Whitehall.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/2/16 Letter from Landsdowne 27 September 1831
- Reiterating that he is unable to contribute or add his name to the list of trustees of the Birmingham Medical School since he was not connected with Birmingham or the surrounding counties. Address from Landsdowne House.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/2/17 Letter from Lord Bradford 30 September 1831
- Enclosing an order to pay ten guineas as a contribution to the Birmingham Medical

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- School. Addressed from Castle Bromwich.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/2/18 Letter from Chandos Leigh 5 October 1831
- Subscription of ten pounds to the Birmingham Medical School. Postmarked Chipping Norton and addressed Adlestrop.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/2/19 Letter from Jones Quain 17 October 1831
- Signed J.Q. Postmarked 1831.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/2/20 Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth 23 November 1831
- States he is happy to make a donation to the Birmingham Medical School.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/2/21 Letter from William Henry Lyttelton, 3rd Baron Lyttelton 29 February 1832
- Conveys his appreciation to Sands Cox and the other lecturers of the Birmingham School of Medicine for the catalogue he received of the museum and library.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/2/22 Letter from William Henry Lyttelton, 3rd Baron Lyttelton 8 March 1832
- Arranging a meeting with Sands Cox

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- when he is visiting Birmingham Saturday next to take up the latter's offer to view the museum.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/2/23 Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth 10 March 1832
- Acknowledges receipt of the museum and library catalogue. Offers his thanks to the lecturers for their invitation to visit the museum.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/2/24 Letter from Samuel Ledsam 5 April 1832
- Regrets that 'my engagements will not allow me the pleasure of accepting your kind invitation'. Addressed from Summer Hill.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/2/25 Letter from the Earl of Spencer 9 April 1832
- Relates to his plans to visit the library and museum in the future. Addressed from Hagley.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/2/26 Letter from the Earl of Spencer 25 April 1832
- Discusses the museum and library in relation to the Board of Treasury. Refers to a memorial being made specifying the nature of the museum's contribution. Addressed from Althorp.
- 1 item

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Access: Open

MS220/A/1/2/27 Letter from William Henry Lyttelton, 3rd Baron Lyttelton to Dr E. Johnstone of Edgbaston Hall 2 May 1832

Unable to attend a dinner with the 'gentlemen of the Birmingham School of Medicine'. Also refers to meeting Johnstone's son when he visited the museum and library. Includes envelope postmarked Northampton.

2 items

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/2/28 Letter from the Earl of Shrewsbury 21 May 1832

Informing Sands Cox that he is 'quite welcome to insert my name in the list of patrons' of the Birmingham School of Medicine. Includes a 'trifle towards the objects of the Institution'. Addressed Alton Towers, Ashbourne.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/2/29 Letter from William Henry Lyttelton, 3rd Baron Lyttelton 28 May 1832

Offers the Birmingham School of Medicine a copy of Targa's edition of 'Celsius'.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/2/30 Letter from G. Skipwith 28 May 1832

Acknowledges receipt of a report sent to him and states that he would be pleased to visit the museum. Also offers a draft for ten pounds. Includes envelope.

2 items

Access: Open

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| MS220/A/1/2/31 | Letter from William Henry Lyttelton, 3rd Baron Lyttelton | 29 May 1832 |
| | Acknowledges that it is usual for a layman to be added to 'the list of the Committee of a School of Medicine' but he accepts the position as 'you at Birmingham have ruled it otherwise'. Includes envelope postmarked Northampton. | |
| | 2 items | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS220/A/1/2/32 | Letter from Lord Bradford | 2 June 1832 |
| | Accepts his name to be added to the committee of the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from Grosvenor Place. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS220/A/1/2/33 | Letter from Mount Norris | 24 July 1832 |
| | Relating to the publication of a paper. Addressed from Arley Hall. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS220/A/1/2/34 | Letter from William Henry Lyttelton, 3rd Baron Lyttelton | 15 September 1832 |
| | Invitation to Sands Cox asking him to join Lyttelton and Dr James Johnstone for dinner 'on Wednesday next'. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS220/A/1/2/35 | Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, 1st Earl Howe | 24 September [1832] |
| | Informing Sands Cox that he is unable to attend a committee meeting of the Birmingham School of Medicine on 6 | |

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	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/2/36	Letter from G. Skipwith	14 October 1832
	Acknowledges receipt of a present of Sands Cox's published work on operative surgery.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/2/37	Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth	17 October 1832
	Acknowledges receipt of a 'very handsome present' of a copy of Sands Cox's published work on 'practical surgery'.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/2/38	Letter from Lord Lyttleton	18 October 1832
	Acknowledges his delight in receiving a copy of Sands Cox's book on surgery.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/2/39	Letter from N. Somerville, Office of Inspector of Anatomy	29 November 1832
	Informing Sands Cox that the name of the person from whom a body was received had been omitted on the Return. Asks Sands Cox to rectify this omission. Also refers to an investigation into the sale of bodies.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/2/40	Letter from William Henry Lyttelton, 3rd	19

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	Baron Lyttelton	December 1832
	Informs Sands Cox that he has now purchased a copy of treteus Wigani and would like to donate it to the library of the Birmingham School of Medicine.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/2/41	Letter sent on behalf of Lord Lorton	[1833]
	Informing Sands Cox that Lord Lorton is unable to attend a committee meeting of the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from Hams Hall.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/2/42	Letter from William Henry Lyttelton, 3rd Baron Lyttelton	11 January 1833
	Relating to his letter of 19 December 1832 regarding the donation of 'the treteus' to the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from Althorp.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/2/43	Letter from William Henry Lyttelton, 3rd Baron Lyttelton	16 January 1833
	Further correspondence regarding the donation of 'the treteus' to the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from Althorp.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/2/44	Letter from William Henry Lyttelton, 3rd Baron Lyttelton	31 January 1833
	Has received 'the complimentary resolution' from the Birmingham School of Medicine relating to the donation of 'the	

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treteus'. Also includes a draft which 'you will be so good as to return to me if it is not right'. Addressed from St James's Palace. Includes envelope.

2 items

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/2/45 Letter from Mr Edwards 12 March
1833

Personal letter which refers to Sands Cox getting married. Addressed from the Royal Marine Barracks in Plymouth.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/2/46 Letter from T. Arnold 14 March
1833

Thanks the committee of the Birmingham School of Medicine for the report they have sent and also the pamphlet which accompanied it. Requests Sands Cox to 'accept from me a donation of 10..10..0'. Addressed from Rugby.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/2/47 Letter from Ward of Himley Hall 18 June
1833

Informing Sands Cox to add his name to the list of patrons of the Birmingham School of Medicine.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/2/48 Letter from Sir Robert Peel 23 July
[1833]

Explaining he is unable to attend a meeting in Birmingham. Addressed from Whitehall.

1 item

Access: Open

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| MS220/A/1/2/49 | Letter from the Earl of Spencer

Acknowledges receipt of the prize essays sent to him by the lecturers of the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from Ryde.

1 item

Access: Open | 25 July
1833 |
| MS220/A/1/2/50 | Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth

Acknowledges receipt of the prize essays sent to him by the lecturers of the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from Sandwell.

1 item

Access: Open | 9 August
1833 |
| MS220/A/1/2/51 | Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth

Informs Sands Cox that he is honoured to have his name added to the list of committee members of the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from Sandwell.

1 item

Access: Open | 3
September
1833 |
| MS220/A/1/2/52 | Letter from Cartwright

Accepts an invitation to attend a viewing of an operation. Addressed from Dudley.

1 item

Access: Open | 9
November
1833 |
| MS220/A/1/2/53 | Letter from Sir Charles Throckmorton, 7th Baronet of Coughton

Sends Sands Cox a male kestrel hawk and polecat which were killed the previous Friday. Addressed from | 18
November
[1833] |

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Coughton Court. With seal.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/3

Correspondence 1834-1839

1834-1839

The majority of William Sands Cox's correspondence for this period relates to the consolidation of the Birmingham School of Medicine. On 4 June 1834 the Birmingham School of Medicine opened new premises on Paradise Street. The medical year 1834-1835 was opened on 6 October 1834 in the presence of patrons and donors including the President, Dr E. Johnstone and William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth. Twelve trustees were appointed as follows: the Earl of Dartmouth, the Earl of Bradford, Lord Lyttelton, Sir Charles Throckmorton, Sir Eardley Wilmot, Reverend J. T. Law, Edward Johnstone, John Johnstone, J. K. Booth, James Taylor, J. W. Unett and E. T. Cox. 1834-1839 was a period of growth and development. 1835 was the inauguration of the Birmingham Medical Students' Debating Society. During 1836 Sands Cox was elected into the Royal Society, his nomination was signed by the Earl of Dartmouth, Sir Henry Halford, Sir Astley Cooper and Dr John Kidd, Regius Professor of Physics at Oxford.

A significant number of letters during 1835-1836 relate to Sands Cox's efforts in obtaining patronage from King William IV. After an initial rejection and reluctance, it appears that Sands Cox relentlessly tried again and was successful as attested by the letter sent on 1 March 1836 from the Earl of Stamford informing Sands Cox that King William IV has consented to become patron of the Birmingham School of Medicine, now known as Birmingham Royal School of Medicine and Surgery. It appears that the Royal status was withdrawn with the accession of Queen Victoria in 1837 and some letters from

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this period refer to a petition, or memorial, to try to gain the Royal status once more.

Some correspondence dated 1838-1839 offer testimonials written in support of Sands Cox's application to the post of surgeon at the Birmingham General Hospital. A letter from Somerville dated 17 September 1837 refers to the re-emergence of 'resurrectionists' in the city of Birmingham. Some letters from this period ask for Sands Cox's medical advice including a servant's severe attack of warts on 1 January 1837 by Mount Norris. Letters from Warwick dated August and September 1834 offer the bodies of animals dying in the menagerie and not required by the London Zoological Society.

Arrangement: Arranged in chronological order. Undated letters which can be identified with 1834-1839 are placed at the end of the sequence.

96 items

Access: Open

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| MS220/A/1/3/1 | Letter from unknown author

Relating to the Birmingham School of Medicine's museum and the specimens displayed.

1 item

Access: Open | 7 February
1834 |
| MS220/A/1/3/2 | Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth

Confirming arrangements for a meeting with Sands Cox 'in the library punctually'. Addressed from Sandwell.

1 item

Access: Open | 7 March
1834 |
| MS220/A/1/3/3 | Letter from Sir Alexander Hood, 2nd | 25 May |

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	Baronet, MP	1834
	Informing Sands Cox he is unable to accept an invitation to breakfast on 4 June and is unable to attend the subsequent committee meeting.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/3/4	Letter from Lord Bradford	29 May 1834
	Accepting an invitation for 8 June, meeting in Paradise Street. Addressed from Castle Bromwich.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/3/5	Letter from William Henry Lyttelton, 3rd Baron Lyttelton	29 May 1834
	Informing Sands Cox he is unable to accept a recent invitation made to him.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/3/6	Letter from Mount Norris	14 July 1834
	Offers a book and some articles from abroad as a contribution to the museum at the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from Arley Hall.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/3/7	Letter from the Earl of Spencer	18 July 1834
	Thanking Sands Cox for the information communicated to him in a recent letter. Expresses his hope that if passing through Birmingham during the summer he might be able to visit the museum at the Birmingham School of Medicine.	

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- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/8 Letter from Sir Charles Throckmorton, 7th Baronet of Coughton 22 July 1834
- Expressing his gratitude to the committee of the Birmingham School of Medicine for their 'unmerited thanks' given in response to his donation of specimens of natural history for the museum. Addressed from Coughton Court.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/9 Letter from Warwick 16 August 1834
- Inventory of specimens sent to the museum of the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from the Surrey Zoological Gardens.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/10 Letter from Warwick 2 September 1834
- Offering a skeleton of an African elephant to the museum of the Birmingham School of Medicine at a price of £35. Addressed from the Surrey Zoological Gardens.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/11 Letter from William Henry Lyttelton, 3rd Baron Lyttelton 22 September 1834
- Acknowledges receipt of a copy of the proposed Rules and Regulations of the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from Hagley.
- 1 item
- Access: Open

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MS220/A/1/3/12	Letter from unknown author Acknowledges receipt of Sands Cox's recent letter and states that the report is now in the hands of the Secretary of State. 1 item Access: Open	20 October 1834
MS220/A/1/3/13	Letter from William Henry Lyttelton, 3rd Baron Lyttelton Informs Sands Cox that he might be able to attend the quarterly meeting of the Board of Governors of the Birmingham School of Medicine. 1 item Access: Open	28 January 1835
MS220/A/1/3/14	Letter from Henry Goulbum Informs Sands Cox that King William IV felt unable to bestow the title 'Birmingham Royal Institution' upon the Birmingham School of Medicine following the former's request to the king dated 2 December 1834. 1 item Access: Open	4 February 1835
MS220/A/1/3/15	Letter from unknown correspondent 1 item Access: Open	7 March 1835
MS220/A/1/3/16	Letter from Charles Wentworth-Fitzwilliam, 5th Earl Fitzwilliam Acknowledges receipt of the accounts of the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from Milton. 1 item	9 March 1835

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- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/17 Letter from William Henry Lyttelton, 3rd Baron Lyttelton 22 July 1835
- Accepting a breakfast invitation sent to him from the Birmingham School of Medicine for the 27 August 1835. Addressed from Hagley.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/18 Letter from the Earl of Shrewsbury 28 July 1835
- Informs Sands Cox he is unable to attend the meeting on 27 August 1835. Addressed from Alton Towers.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/19 Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth 29 July 1835
- Regrets that he is unable to attend the breakfast meeting on the occasion of the first anniversary meeting of the patrons of the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from St James's Square.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/20 Letter from B. Cooper 29 August 1835
- Acknowledges receipt of a prospectus on the surgical lectures undertaken by the Birmingham School of Medicine.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/21 Letter from J. Mordaunt 27 November 1835
- Agrees to sign a proposed memorial to King William IV, once again requesting him to consent to become a patron of the

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Birmingham School of Medicine.
Addressed from Walton.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/3/22 Letter from Lord Bradford 30
November
1835

In response to a letter received from Sands Cox, Lord Bradford states that he will endeavour to find out the proper steps to be taken in order to promote the patronage of King William IV to the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from Weston. Includes envelope.

2 items

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/3/23 Letter sent on behalf of Mrs Stirling 30
November
1835

Informs the 'Ladies and Gentlemen of Birmingham' that her benefit at the Theatre Royal has been fixed for Friday 4 December 1835.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/3/24 Letter from George Harry Gray, 6th Earl of Stamford, 2nd Earl of Warrington 3
December
1835

Acknowledges receipt of a copy of the memorial to be sent to King William IV. Wishes for his name to be added to the list. Addressed from Dunham Massey.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/3/25 Letter from Chandos Leigh 3
December
1835

Writes that he is much obliged for the address forwarded to him and delivered on the first anniversary of the Birmingham School of Medicine. Also records that he has no objection to his name being

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- placed on the memorial to acquire the patronage of King William IV. Addressed from Stoneleigh Abbey.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/26 Letter from Calthorpe 10 December 1835
- Refers to the memorial being sent to King William IV to acquire his patronage for the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from Whitley Abbey. Includes envelope.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/27 Letter from Hood 10 December 1835
- Acknowledges receipt of the address delivered at the annual meeting of the Birmingham School of Medicine. Also writes that he is willing for his name to be added to the petition to King William IV.
- 2 items
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/28 Letter from Mount Norris 17 December 1835
- Informs Sands Cox that he would be proud to put his name on the petition being made to King William IV. Addressed from Arley Hall.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/29 Incomplete letter signed G. E. Anson [1836]
- Refers to King William IV granting royal patronage upon the Birmingham School of Medicine. Letter torn in half and only bottom half remains.
- 1 item

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- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/30 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, 1st Earl Howe 11 February 1836
- Informing Sands Cox that he has presented, to King William IV, the petition requesting him to become a patron of the Birmingham School of Medicine. Includes envelope.
- 2 items
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/31 Letter from George Harry Gray, 6th Earl of Stamford, 2nd Earl of Warrington 1 March 1836
- Informs Sands Cox that King William IV has consented to become patron of the Birmingham School of Medicine, now known as Birmingham Royal School of Medicine and Surgery. Addressed from Enville Hall.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/32 Letter from Lord Bradford 1 March 1836
- Provides his opinion on the use of Latin appellation for the body intended to be called the Honorary Council. Addressed from Weston.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/33 Letter from J. Kidd 7 March 1836
- Informs Sands Cox that he is happy for his name to be associated to the Birmingham Royal School of Medicine and Surgery. Addressed from Oxford.
- 1 item
- Access: Open

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| MS220/A/1/3/34 | Letter from Wilson Warneford | 12 March
1836 |
| | Acknowledges receipt of a letter informing him of the resolution of the last meeting of the Birmingham Royal School of Medicine and Surgery. Addressed from Bourton on the Hill. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS220/A/1/3/35 | Letter from T. Gisborne | 21 March
1836 |
| | Thanks Sands Cox for the testimony he wrote about Dr Johnstone. Also writes that he will make a donation to the Birmingham Royal School of Medicine and Surgery. Addressed from Yoxall Lodge. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS220/A/1/3/36 | Letter from Charles Wentworth-Fitzwilliam, 5th Earl Fitzwilliam | 18 July
1836 |
| | Encloses a donation of £10 to the Birmingham Royal School of Medicine and Surgery. Addressed from Milton. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS220/A/1/3/37 | Letter from Newdegate | 2 August
1836 |
| | Refers to an invitation for 'angling at Arbury'. Also commends Sands Cox on the success of the recent fete at Aston Hall. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| MS220/A/1/3/38 | Letter from William Henry Lyttelton, 3rd Baron Lyttelton | 23 August
1836 |
| | Thanks Sands Cox for the inaugural lecture and the invitation to the | |

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commemoration on 26 September.
Regrets he will be unable to attend.
Addressed from Hagley.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/3/39 Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth 25 August 1836

Informs Sands Cox that he is unable to attend the annual meeting of the Birmingham Royal School of Medicine. Acknowledges receipt of a copy of Mr Lawson's introductory lecture. Addressed from Sandwell.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/3/40 Letter from George Harry Gray, 6th Earl of Stamford, 2nd Earl of Warrington 28 August 1836

Informs Sands Cox that a prior engagement prevented him from attending a meeting of the governors and friends of the Birmingham Royal School of Medicine and Surgery. Addressed from Dunham Massey.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/3/41 Letter from W. W. Law 19 September 1836

Informs Sands Cox that his knee 'is now going on remarkably well'. Addressed from Lichfield.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/3/42 Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth 28 September 1836

Acknowledges receipt of the resolution of the governors of the Birmingham Royal School of Medicine and Surgery.

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- Addressed from Sandwell.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/43 Letter from Charles Wentworth-Fitzwilliam, 5th Earl Fitzwilliam 17 October 1836
- Writes in relation to the resolution that had been communicated to him from the Birmingham Royal School of Medicine and Surgery. Addressed from Wentworth.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/44 Letter from Calthorpe 22 October 1836
- Informs Sands Cox that he is unable to attend the general meeting of the Birmingham Royal School of Medicine and Surgery.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/45 Letter from George Harry Gray, 6th Earl of Stamford, 2nd Earl of Warrington 27 October 1836
- Offers a number of specimens to the museum of the Birmingham Royal School of Medicine and Surgery. Including 'granite, slate and fossil remains'. Addressed from Dunham Massey.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/46 Letter from W. W. Law 5 November 1836
- Relates to sending his son to St James's School and finding him lodgings 'in the house of a clergyman who would keep an eye on him'. Addressed from Lichfield.
- 1 item

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Access: Open

MS220/A/1/3/47 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, [1837]
1st Earl Howe

Relates to the purchase of land for the site of an intended hospital in Birmingham.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/3/48 Letter from Mount Norris 1 January
1837

Informs Sands Cox he sent a box containing some artefacts for the museum of the Birmingham Royal School of Medicine and Surgery. Also asks Sands Cox for his opinion on the condition of his servant, James Hall, who has been suffering from a severe case of warts. Asks whether Sands Cox 'received the elephant's head safe'. Addressed from Arley Hall.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/3/49 Letter from William Cavendish, 2nd Earl of Burlington 1 March
1837

Expresses his gratitude to the committee of the Birmingham Royal School of Medicine and Surgery for the prize essay which accompanied the letter he has received. Addressed from Belgrave Square and signed 'Burlington'.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/3/50 Letter from J. Mordaunt 17 March
1837

Informs Sands Cox that he is unable to attend a meeting of the governors of the Birmingham Royal School of Medicine and Surgery on 29 March. Addressed from London.

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- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/51 Letter from Lord Bradford 20 March 1837
- Informs Sands Cox that is unable to attend a meeting of the governors of the Birmingham Royal School of Medicine and Surgery on 29 March. Addressed from Belgrave Square.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/52 Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth 23 August 1837
- Acknowledges receipt of the previous year's report of the Birmingham School of Medicine. States he will be able to attend the next annual meeting. Also expresses his surprise that the Royal patronage has been discontinued. Addressed from Sandwell.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/53 Letter written on behalf of George Harry Gray, 6th Earl of Stamford, 2nd Earl of Warrington 28 August 1837
- Informs Sands Cox that the Earl of Stamford is unable to attend the next general meeting of the Birmingham School of Medicine on 18 September due to public and private commitments. Addressed from Dunham Massey.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/54 Letter written on behalf of Charles Wentworth-Fitzwilliam, 5th Earl Fitzwilliam 7 September 1837
- Informs Sands Cox that Lord Fitzwilliam regrets he will be unable to attend the annual meeting of the Birmingham School

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- of Medicine. Addressed from Wentworth.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/55 Letter from J. Mordaunt 16 September 1837
- Informs Sands Cox that he will be unable to attend the general meeting of the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from Walton. Includes envelope.
- 2 items
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/56 Letter from Henry Halford 8 February 1838
- Relates to appointments of staff at Birmingham General Hospital as he has heard that the governors are 'about to increase the establishment of medical officers'.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/57 Letter from [Mr] Hood 13 August 1838
- Discusses the medical treatment and diagnosis of a patient named Grace Piercy. Both Hood and the patient's family express their gratitude to Sands Cox for the care he has afforded her. The letter also makes reference to the progress of the Birmingham School of Medicine. Written from 8 Marlboro Place, Brighton.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/58 Letter from J. Kidd 25 August 1838
- Accepts an invitation to attend a meeting next Wednesday. Offers thanks and 'best respects' to Sands Cox's father. Addressed from Oxford.

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- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/59 Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth 2 September 1838
- States that, in his opinion, the address to be given by Vaighan Thomas should be 'very generally in the hands of the students'. He therefore proposes that 50 additional copies should be ordered. Addressed from Sandwell.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/60 Letter from Somerville 17 September 1838
- Responding to a letter received from Sands Cox informing him of 'the Resurrectionists having offered a body for sale at Birmingham'. He informs Sands Cox that he has communicated this information to 'the proper authorities at the Home Office'. States that it would be 'a sad source of grief to us all that the abominable practices should be revived, especially at Birmingham'. Addressed from 10 Upper Bedford Place.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/61 Part of a letter from an unknown author 2 October 1838
- Mentions the cost of making necessary corrections to a book and the unknown author 'should like the copies at present struck off'. Addressed to Sands Cox and dated from postmark.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/62 Letter from Lord Lifford 30 October 1838
- Informs Sands Cox that he is willing to sign the petition to Queen Victoria to,

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once more, confer 'Royal' status to the Birmingham School of Medicine.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/3/63

Letter from George Harry Gray, 6th Earl of Stamford, 2nd Earl of Warrington

5
November
1838

Informs Sands Cox that he is willing to add his name to the petition to Queen Victoria if all other patrons sign their names. Addressed from Dunham Massey.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/3/64

Letter from William Bagot, 3rd Baron Bagot

11
November
1838

Informs Sands Cox that he is willing to sign any memorial to Queen Victoria 'that Lord Dartmouth may do, as he was the person who first introduced me to your most excellent institution'. Signed 'Bagot' and addressed from Blithfield.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/3/65

Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth

5
December
1838

Confirms that he has signed the memorial which Sands Cox had previously sent him a copy of. Addressed from Sandwell.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/3/66

Letter from Cooper

28
December
1838

Provides a testimony of Sands Cox's 'ability and fitness to fill the situation of Surgeon to any public institution.

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- 1 item
Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/67 Letter from B. Brodie 28 December 1838
A testimonial stating he holds 'a very high estimate of his [Sands Cox's] industry, talents and professional acquirements'.
- 1 item
Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/68 Letter from George Pilcher 2 January 1839
Provides a testimonial in support of Sands Cox. Signed 'George Pilcher Lecturer on Anatomy and Surgery, Surgeon to the Surrey Infirmary'.
- 1 item
Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/69 Letter from R. D. Grainger 8 January 1839
Provides testimonial of Sands Cox in relation to the post of Surgeon and Lecturer in Anatomy and Physiology.
- 1 item
Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/70 Letter from Billingham, Surgeon of the Royal Infirmary 31 January 1839
Provides a testimonial of Sands Cox.
- 1 item
Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/71 Letter from C. Aston Key 6 February 1839
Testimonial in support of Sands Cox.
- 1 item
Access: Open

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| MS220/A/1/3/72 | Letter from Joseph Henry Green

Testimonial in support of Sands Cox's application to the post of Surgeon to the Birmingham Infirmary.

1 item

Access: Open | 7 February
1839 |
| MS220/A/1/3/73 | Letter from Astley Cooper, 'Sergeant Surgeon to her Majesty'

Testimonial in support of Sands Cox's application to the post of Surgeon to the Birmingham Infirmary. Addressed from London.

1 item

Access: Open | 8 February
1839 |
| MS220/A/1/3/74 | Letter from Frederick Tyrrell

Testimonial in support of Sands Cox's application to the post of Surgeon to the Birmingham Infirmary.

1 item

Access: Open | 8 February
1839 |
| MS220/A/1/3/75 | Letter from Jones Quain

Testimonial in support of Sands Cox's application to the post of Surgeon to the Birmingham Infirmary. Signed 'Jones Quain, Late Professor of Anatomy, University College London'.

1 item

Access: Open | 15
February
1839 |
| MS220/A/1/3/76 | Letter from L. Johnstone

Testimonial in support of Sands Cox's application to the post of Surgeon to the Birmingham Infirmary. Addressed from Edgbaston Hall. | 25
February
1839 |

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- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/77 Letter from Lichfield 18 March
1839
- Informs Sands Cox that he is unable to attend the meeting of 29 March due to ill health. Addressed from Council House, Shrewsbury.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/78 Letter from Rothman, Registrar of the University of London 29 April
1839
- Sent on behalf of the University of London. Rothman states he would present the subject [not detailed] at the earliest opportunity. Addressed University of London.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/79 Letter from Lonsdale, Principal of Kings College 27 July
1839
- A response to Sands Cox's letter regarding student attendance at Chapel. Lonsdale outlines the approach of King's College stating that 'regular students shall attend the College Chapel [...] but that this rule does not extend to occasional students'.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/80 Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth 17 August
1839
- Confirms that he will be able to attend the anniversary meeting of the Birmingham School of Medicine and Surgery on 28 August. Addressed from Pool Park.

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- 1 item
Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/81 Letter sent on behalf of Lord Harrow 22 August 1839
Informs Sands Cox that Lord Harrow is unable to attend the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science which is to be held in Birmingham.
- 1 item
Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/82 Letter from George Harry Gray, 6th Earl of Stamford, 2nd Earl of Warrington 12 October 1839
Expresses his thanks for Sands Cox's communicating to him the wish to establish a Clinical School to be attached to the Birmingham School of Medicine. Informs Sands Cox that he would be willing to make a donation towards its erection. Addressed from Dunham Massey.
- 1 item
Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/83 Letter from Chandos Leigh, 1st Baron Leigh 18 October 1839
Informs Sands Cox that he is willing to make a contribution towards the establishment of a clinical hospital. Addressed from Stoneleigh Abbey.
- 1 item
Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/84 Letter from John Percy 5 November 1839
Invites Sands Cox to visit him and his father. Also provides a response to Sands Cox's question in which he discusses his aptitude for chemical science. Addressed from Nottingham.

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- 1 item
Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/85 Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth 4 December 1839
Acknowledges receipt of a letter from Sands Cox. Addressed from Sandwell.
- 1 item
Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/86 Letter from B. Brodie 9 December 1839
Provides advice on the condition of a patient and makes suggestions on how best to treat the individual. The letter has been damaged and is only partially readable.
- 1 item
Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/87 Letter from Sir Robert Peel 10 December 1839
Informs Sands Cox that he is willing to increase his subscription in aid of the funds of the proposed clinical hospital. Addressed from Drayton Manor.
- 1 item
Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/88 Letter from Lady Hortopp 17 December 1839
Informs Sands Cox that she is willing to have her name added to the list of patrons of the 'charitable institution'. Addressed from Brighton.
- 1 item
Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/89 Letter from unknown author [1830s]
Undated letter which informs Sands Cox that the author would 'be delighted' to

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- sign a petition to King William IV.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/90 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, [1830s]
1st Earl Howe
- Undated letter which states that he has presented Sands Cox's 'beautiful petition' to King William IV. Addressed from Curzon House and dated 15 June.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/91 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, [1830s]
1st Earl Howe
- Letter, dated 4 December, which refers to laying a petition before King William IV. Addressed from Curzon House.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/3/92 Incomplete letter from Lord Bradford [1830s]
- Agrees to his signature being written on a memorial to be sent to Queen Victoria.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4 Correspondence 1840-1849 1840-1849
- At the beginning of the 1840s Sands Cox and the Council of the Birmingham School of Medicine were occupied with the labour of founding and organizing a proposed new hospital in Birmingham. Correspondence from this period indicates that fund raising began in earnest. Ample funds appeared to have flowed in and Queen Victoria and the Queen Dowager, Queen Adelaide, accepted the joint position of Patron of the charity. Consequently, Prince Albert

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became the first President and the school became known as Queen's College. The newly established Queen's Hospital contained some 130 beds, of which 70 were presented by donors on the completion of the building. In 1843 lady patronesses were added to the institutions members as indicated by a number of letters from this period. These letters include those written on behalf of Lady Jane Peel and Lady Lander who both contributed towards funding the beds in 1842.

By the mid-1840s the Queen's Hospital was well established as a provision of clinical instruction for the medical students of Birmingham. Queen's Hospital was extended in 1845 and again in 1847 when lying-in wards and a fever block were added. On 17 July 1843 a charter was obtained which incorporated the Society of the Birmingham Royal School of Medicine and Surgery into one body named 'Queen's College'. Certificates issued by College were now legally recognised. In 1846 this recognition was extended to include degrees in Arts and Law. Some correspondence suggests close ties with King's College such as the letter received on 1 February 1846 from the Earl of Dartmouth who informed Sands Cox that he will send him a copy of the charter of King's College. In 1847 a supplementary charter was issued which tightened the influence of, and connection with, the Church of England.

All correspondence for this period is addressed to Sands Cox and the vast majority deal with issues surrounding the Birmingham School of Medicine and the Queen's College. During the 1840s the Birmingham School of Medicine pursued the issue of collegiate discipline. Some letters dated 1843 refer to signing a petition on this matter and sending it to Queen Victoria. The majority of correspondence from this decade relates to raising funds by increasing the number

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of patrons and patronesses. Other correspondence refers to charity balls. Three letters dated 1845 offer donations to assist with the publication of a proposed book by Sands Cox.

Arrangement: Arranged in chronological order. Undated letters which can be identified with the 1840s are placed at the end of the sequence.

71 items

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/4/1 Letter from Charles Wentworth-Fitzwilliam, 5th Earl Fitzwilliam 10 March 1840

Offers Sands Cox a donation of £50. Addressed from Milton.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/4/2 Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth 17 April 1840

Informs Sands Cox that Queen Victoria 'will be graciously pleased to grant her patronage'. Also states that the Queen Dowager [Adelaide of Saxe-Meiningen, consort of King William IV] will donate £50 'to your proposed clinical hospital'. Addressed from Sandwell.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/4/3 Letter from Lord Bradford 9 June 1840

Regrets he is unable to contribute to 'the new hospital'.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/4/4 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, 1st Earl Howe 30 June 1840

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- Relates to the founding of the clinical hospital.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/5 Letter from Middlesex August 1840
- Enquires about a 'poor patient' named Eleanor Powys.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/6 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, 1st Earl Howe 26 August 1840
- Informs Sands Cox that he is unable to attend the opening of the new clinical hospital.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/7 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, 1st Earl Howe 17 September 1840
- Details a bronze medal being sent to Sands Cox for his inspection. The motto is listed.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/8 Letter from Calthorpe 13 January 1841
- Refers to 'Dr Warneford's liberality' to those in charge of the Birmingham School of Medicine.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/9 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, 1st Earl Howe [1841]
- Informs Sands Cox that he is unable to

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attend a forthcoming meeting.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/4/10

Letter from Strickland

21 April
1841

Requests that Sands Cox sign a 'certificate of your lectures' to indicate Strickland's attendance at a large proportion of lectures at the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from Dublin.

Strickland attended London College.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/4/11

Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, [1842]
1st Earl Howe

Encloses a bill with the letter which represents 'the rather unsatisfactory state of the proceedings at Kings' College Medical School.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/4/12

Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, 4 January
1st Earl Howe 1842

Reply to an earlier request from Sands Cox. Howe regrets that Queen Adelaide has 'declined granting her patronage to balls'.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/4/13

Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of 9 January
Dartmouth 1842

The letter accompanied a tract believed 'to be from the pen of a medical gentleman in Hampshire'. Dartmouth forwarded the tract in the belief that it may

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- contain suggestions worthy of the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from Sandwell.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/14 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, 1st Earl Howe 22 February 1842
- Informs Sands Cox that Lord [?] would be honoured to have his name connected with The Royal School of Medicine.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/15 Letter from Buckingham Palace 20 April 1842
- Informs Sands Cox of a donation of £50 for 'The Queen's Hospital, Birmingham' sent by Queen Victoria as stipulated during the previous year.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/16 Letter written on behalf of Lady Jane Peel 11 September 1842
- Informs Sands Cox of Lady Peel's willingness to be added to the list of donors of beds 'for the use of patients in the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham'. She will forward a 'post office order to Mr Cox for five pounds'. Addressed from Bonehill, Tamworth.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/17 Letter written on behalf of Lady Lander 16 September 1842
- Informs Sands Cox that Lady Lander will contribute a bed to the Queen's Hospital. Addressed from Sandon.
- 1 item

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- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/18 Letter written on behalf of Lady Jane Peel 5
December
1842
- Informs Sands Cox that Lady Peel 'will with pleasure' permit her name to be added to the list of patrons of 'the ball towards the support of the Queen's Hospital'. Addressed from Bonehill, Tamworth.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/19 Letter from [Henry Paget, 4th Marquess of Anglesey] 5
December
1842
- Informs Sands Cox that he acknowledges his pleasure in having his name added as an 'honorary Steward' of the forthcoming Ball. Addressed from Beaudesert.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/20 Letter from Atherton 6
December
1842
- Informs Sands Cox that he is willing for his name to be added to the list of patrons.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/21 Letter from Charles Wentworth-Fitzwilliam, 5th Earl Fitzwilliam 8
December
1842
- Informs Sands Cox that he is willing for his name to be added to the list of patrons. Addressed from Milton.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/22 Letter written on behalf of the Duke of Wellington 11
December
1842
- Informs Sands Cox that the Duke of

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- Wellington is unable to attend to the duties of the office of a Steward of the forthcoming Ball.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/23 Letter written on behalf of Lady Goodwicke [1843]
- Informs Sands Cox that Lady Goodwicke is happy for her name to be added to the list of 'Lady Patronesses' of the Queen's Hospital. Addressed from Studley Castle, Bromsgrove.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/24 Letter from Charles Wentworth-Fitzwilliam, 5th Earl Fitzwilliam 12 January 1843
- Informs Sands Cox that he will be able to attend the forthcoming Ball. Addressed from Milton.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/25 Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth 4 March 1843
- Comments on the pursuance of collegiate discipline. Dartmouth expresses his opinion that he sees the prospect of success 'with your medical school' as good. Addressed from Sandwell.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/26 Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth 12 April 1843
- Conveys his apologies to Sands Cox as he is unable to attend a meeting of the trustees and council of the Birmingham School of Medicine in which they were

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- due to discuss establishing collegiate discipline. Addressed from St James's Square.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/27 Letter from George Harry Gray, 6th Earl of Stamford, 2nd Earl of Warrington April 1843
- Informs Sands Cox that he is willing to donate £100 to the Birmingham Royal School of Medicine and Surgery. He also offers support for collegiate discipline. Addressed from Enville.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/28 Letter from Sutherland 10 April 1843
- Acknowledges receipt of previous letter which accompanied another letter by Vaughan Thomas and Dr Warneford.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/29 Letter from George Harry Gray, 6th Earl of Stamford, 2nd Earl of Warrington 15 April 1843
- Informs Sands Cox that he wishes to defer his donation of £100 because funds were insufficient to 'enable the Committee to commence the required alterations'. Addressed from Enville.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/30 Letter from Lord Bradford 15 April 1843
- Informs Sands Cox that he will sign a petition being sent to Queen Victoria.
- 1 item

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- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/31 Letter written on behalf of Lord Wutterley 17 April
1843
- Informs Sands Cox that Lord Wutterley cannot 'at present pledge himself to the support of a second medical institution in Birmingham'.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/32 Letter from the Earl of Warwick 19 April
1843
- Informs Sands Cox that it is desirable for all 'medicine students to be early educated in moral and religious principles'.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/33 Letter from George Harry Gray, 6th Earl of Stamford, 2nd Earl of Warrington 1 May
1843
- Donates £100 to 'the intended Collegiate School of Medicine and Surgery at Birmingham'. Addressed from Enville.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/34 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, 1st Earl Howe 4 August
[1843]
- Relates to collegiate discipline and asks Sands Cox if he would write to the Bishop of Salisbury.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/35 Letter from Charles Wentworth-Fitzwilliam, 5th Earl Fitzwilliam 12
October
1843
- Informs Sands Cox that he is unable to engage in 'any benefaction to the Birmingham School of Medicine'.

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Addressed from Wentworth.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/4/36 Letter written on behalf of Lady Mordaunt 25
November
[1843]
Informs Sands Cox that Lady Mordaunt is happy for her name to be added to 'the list of lady patronesses of the annual festivity for the Queen's Hospital'.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/4/37 Letter written on behalf of Lady Craven 12
December
[1843]
Informs Sands Cox that Lady Craven is 'most happy to become a patroness of the Ball' in aid of funds for Queen's Hospital. Addressed from Hamstead Marshall.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/4/38 Letter written on behalf of Prince Albert, 23
January
1844
Prince Consort
Conveys the thanks of His Royal Highness for a copy of the Queen's College calendar. Also enquires about the condition of two boys who had been in the hospital, following an accident, during the Prince's recent visit to Birmingham. Addressed from Windsor Castle.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/4/39 Letter from Lord Bradford 1 May
1844
Informs Sands Cox that he is unable to attend the opening of the new chapel. Addressed from Weston.

1 item

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- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/40 Letter from the Bishop of Worcester 6
November
1844
- Informs Sands Cox that he will be able to attend Queen's College on 15 November and preach as requested. Addressed from Hartlebury Castle.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/41 Letter from Dormer 22
November
1844
- States that he is happy for his name to be added to the list of honorary stewards for the 'annual festivity'.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/42 Letter written on behalf of Lord and Lady Wutterley 24
November
1844
- Informs Sands Cox that Lord and Lady Wutterley consent for their name to be used on the occasion of the annual festivity of the Queen's Hospital.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/43 Letter written on behalf of Lord Landsdowne [1845]
- States that Lord Landsdowne is willing to subscribe to Sands Cox's proposed publication.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/44 Letter from James Law 15 March
1845
- Discusses friction between himself and Dr Birt Davis. Addressed from Harborne.

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- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/45 Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth 5 July 1845
- States that he is happy for his name to be added to the list of subscribers to Sands Cox's proposed publication. Addressed from Sandwell.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/46 Letter from Charles Wentworth-Fitzwilliam, 5th Earl Fitzwilliam 6 July 1845
- States that he would like to subscribe to Sands Cox's proposed publication. Addressed from Milton.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/47 Letter from Burlington 10 July 1845
- Agrees to have his name added to a list of subscribers. Addressed from Belgrave Square.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/48 Letter from the Bishop of Worcester 1 February 1846
- Offers his apologies because he will be unable to attend a meeting of the Council of Queen's College on 3 February. Addressed from Hartlebury Castle.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/49 Letter from unknown author 9 May 1846
- Acknowledges receipt of a resolution recently sent to him. Addressed from

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- Stafford.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/50 Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth 1 February 1847
- Informs Sands Cox that he would be happy to send him a copy of the charter of King's College. Addressed from Sandwell.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/51 Letter from unknown author 20 March 1847
- Informs Sands Cox that he is unable to discuss the 'supplementary charter until I am furnished with the corrected draft of it'. Addressed from Whitehall.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/52 Letter from the Earl of Warwick 28 March 1847
- Informs Sands Cox that he is happy for his name to be added to the list of the Council of Queen's College. Addressed from Warwick Castle.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/53 Letter from J. Hereford 5 April 1847
- Regrets that he is unable to comply with the request made in Sands Cox's recent letter due to the numerous demands already placed on him. Addressed Berkeley Square.
- 1 item
- Access: Open

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| MS220/A/1/4/54 | Letter from unknown author

Thanks Sands Cox for the parcel of books he has recently received. The books related to Queen's College. Addressed from Oxford.

1 item

Access: Open | 14 May
1847 |
| MS220/A/1/4/55 | Letter from Littleton

Regrets that he is unwilling to make a contribution to the Birmingham School of Medicine as he only makes contributions within his own county. Addressed from Grosvenor Place.

1 item

Access: Open | 9 June
1847 |
| MS220/A/1/4/56 | Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth

Informs Sands Cox that he is unable to attend a forthcoming meeting. Addressed from Sandwell.

1 item

Access: Open | 10
September
1847 |
| MS220/A/1/4/57 | Letter from J. Lichfield

States that he is unable to accept an invitation from Sands Cox as he shall be engaged throughout the week beginning 4 October.

1 item

Access: Open | 11
September
1847 |
| MS220/A/1/4/58 | Letter written on behalf of Prince Albert, Prince Consort

Acknowledges receipt of documents sent from the council of Queen's College. Regrets that Prince Albert is unable to reply immediately because of constraints | 28
December
1847 |

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- on his time. Addressed from Windsor Castle.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/59 Letter from James Vaughan Hughes 30 June 1848
- A letter of application for the position of free office of non-resident Tailor to Queen's College. The application was made 'to the body of Professors of Queen's College authorised to elect medical tailors' for the coming year.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/60 Letter from James Wilson Warneford 15 July 1848
- Concise letter referring to religious principles.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/61 Letter from Sir Robert Peel 29 December 1848
- Acknowledges receipt of tickets for a forthcoming concert. Addressed from Drayton Bassett.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/62 Letter from Jenny Lind 7 June 1849
- Exchanges pleasantries regarding the success of a recent concert. Addressed from Liverpool.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/63 Letter from James Law 26 April 1849
- States that he will do his utmost to attend

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- the forthcoming meeting of the council of Queen's College. Addressed from Banwell.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/64 Letter from James Law 18 May 1849
- Refers to 'a glorious pig'. He states 'pray thank the Governor for it'. Briefly mentions his son, Edmund. Addressed from Banwell.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/65 Incomplete letter from Westminster 22 May 1849
- Concerns the return of books. Addressed from Grosvenor House, London to the Dean of the Faculty, Queen's College, Birmingham.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/66 Letter from Phipps 21 September 1849
- Regards submitting the reports of Queen's College to Prince Albert.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/67 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, 1st Earl Howe [1840s]
- Undated letter which discusses the college charter. Addressed from Curzon House.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/68 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, [1840s]

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- 1st Earl Howe
- Undated letter in which he regrets he is unable to attend an event. Acknowledges the success of the Queen's Hospital.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/69 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, [1840s]
1st Earl Howe
- Undated letter which refers to the charter of Queen's College.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/70 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, [1840s]
1st Earl Howe
- Undated letters which refers to a donation for the 'clinical hospital'. Addressed from Gopsall.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/4/71 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, [1840s]
1st Earl Howe
- Undated letter that refers to a committee formed at King's College to follow Sands Cox's 'good example'. Addressed from King's College.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5 Correspondence 1850-1859 1850-1859
- All correspondence during this period is addressed to Sands Cox. Although some letters discuss the medical health of individual patients, the vast majority reflect the day-to-day business of Queen's College and Queen's Hospital. There are a number of letters written from

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Dr Samuel Warneford, the Rector of Bourton on the Water, who provided substantial financial support during this period. Warneford contributed some £27,000 to the various schemes to establish and consolidate the Queen's Hospital during the 1840s and 1850s. He helped to impose a religious ideology which later created many problems as the charter of 1847 had enacted that all staff of the college must be members of the Church of England. During the 1850s, probably stimulated by the success of Sands Cox, the staff of the General Hospital realized their students were at a disadvantage compared to those at Queen's College who were able to obtain the whole of their training under one authority. In 1851 Sydenham College was established in association with the General Hospital. Sydenham was free from the restrictions of precise Anglican doctrine which Warneford had helped to create at Queen's College.

Some letters written during 1855-1856 refer to obtaining royal permission to display full-length portraits, from Buckingham Palace, of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. The prince honoured the exhibition with a visit in 1855. Some letters such as the one written from Windsor Castle on 20 January 1855 acknowledge receipt of reports of the College. The remainder largely refer to donations to the College and apologies for non-attendance at meetings.

Arrangement: Arranged in chronological order.

42 items

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/5/1

Letter written on behalf of Lord and Lady Bradford

26 August
1850

Informs Sands Cox that Lord and Lady Bradford are unable to attend a forthcoming soiree at Queen's College.

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	Addressed from Windermere.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/5/2	Letter written on behalf of Lord Warwick	October 1850
	Informs Sands Cox that Lord Warwick will be unable to attend 'the opening of the session' on Wednesday 2 October.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/5/3	Letter from Warneford	13 January 1851
	Refers to the college mortgage which amounted to £1,400. Warneford states that he is willing to advance £400 to be secured on the building of the college. Addressed from Bourton on the Hill.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/5/4	Letter from James Law	17 January 1851
	Discusses the Christian bias of the college.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/5/5	Letter from Warneford	12 March 1851
	Refers to legal documentation regarding the college and his recent donation. Addressed from Bourton on the Hill.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/5/6	Letter from unknown author	12 March 1851
	Informs Sands Cox that he has declined the offer to be added to the list of governors of Queen's College. Addressed	

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- from London.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/7 Letter from a representative of the Court of Hanover 18 March 1851
- Acknowledges receipt of a copy of Sands Cox's work intended be presented to the King of Hanover.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/8 Letter from James Law 31 March 1851
- Informs Sands Cox that he will be unable to attend the finance committee meeting 'because certain points might be discussed on which I might differ from Dr Birt Davis'. Addressed from Harborne.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/9 Letter from James Law 8 April 1852
- Relates to a recent £10,000 donation to Queen's College. Refers to the department of theology being under a special committee who 'must sanction any address to the Archbishop and Bishops'. Addressed from Harborne.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/10 Letter written on behalf of Lady Lichfield 27 April 1852
- Encloses a post office order to the value of £2 for the Queen's Hospital.
- 1 item
- Access: Open

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MS220/A/1/5/11	Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth	12 May 1852
	Acknowledges receipt of a letter informing him of Dr Warneford's donation of £10,000 to Queen's College. Addressed from Sandwell.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/5/12	Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, 1st Earl Howe	23 June 1852
	Informs Sands Cox that he was unable to attend a recent meeting of the Queen's Hospital due to ill health. Addressed from Curzon House.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/5/13	Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth	4 July 1852
	Offers Sands Cox his thanks for 'a copy of the supplementary charter' of Queen's College. Addressed from Sandwell.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/5/14	Letter from Ridesdale	3 October 1852
	Conveys his gratitude for being selected to sit on the council of Queen's College.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/5/15	Letter from Warwick	23 January 1853
	Informs Sands Cox that he is happy for his name to be inserted in the 'Commission of the Peace for the County	

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- of Warwick'. Includes envelope.
- 2 items
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/16 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, 1st Earl Howe 13 February 1853
- Seeks assist from Queen's Hospital with regard to the health of an infant.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/17 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, 1st Earl Howe 29 November 1853
- Seeks assistance from Queen's Hospital with regard to the daughter of a policeman who suffers with her eyes.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/18 Letter from Warneford 21 February 1854
- Acknowledges receipt of a recent communication sent to him regarding the theology professor of Queen's College. Addressed from Bourton on the Hill.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/19 Letter from Warneford 12 April 1854
- Wishes Sands Cox well after his recent 'attack of the chest'. Encloses an application from Edmund Wallors. Addressed from Bourton on the Hill.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/20 Letter from Sutherland 18 July 1854
- Discussion of a patient's condition.

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- Addressed from London.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/21 Letter from unknown author 3 October
1854
- Offers a donation of £50 to Queen's Hospital and a further £10 to be used for the purchase of philosophical apparatus.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/22 Letter from Windsor Castle 20
January
1855
- Acknowledges receipt of three copies of 'Reports of the Commission of Council'.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/23 Letter from Sutherland 31 July
1855
- Regrets that he is unable to accept a recent invitation to attend a function on 27 August.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/24 Letter sent on behalf of Prince Albert, Prince Consort 5
November
1855
- Informs Sands Cox that Prince Albert would have much pleasure in receiving the address from the committee of the Queen's Hospital.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/25 Letter sent from Windsor Castle 19
November
1855
- Concerned with arrangements for the Prince Albert's address to be given during

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- his forthcoming visit to Birmingham.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/26 Letter from Sutherland 10
September
1856
- Requests assistance from Sands Cox in relation to the condition of a patient named Mr Parr.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/27 Letter from Calthorpe 30
September
1856
- Expresses his opinion that the Warder of Queen's College should have entire control of the household. Addressed from Perry Hall.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/28 Letter from unknown author 19
October
1856
- Regards the loan of royal portraits. Enquires the length of time such portraits would be required to be on loan.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/29 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, 1st Earl Howe 14
November
1856
- Informs Sands Cox that poor health will prevent him from attending an official meeting.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/30 Letter from Leigh 25
January
1857
- Informs Sands Cox that he will be unable to attend the meeting of the council of the

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Art Department at Queen's College.
Addressed from Brighton.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/5/31 Letter from Balmoral 1
September
1857
Informs Sands Cox that a portrait of
Queen Victoria will be sent to him.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/5/32 Letter from Coutts 19
December
1857
Refers to an address given to the
students of Queen's College.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/5/33 Letter from Warwick 22
January
1858
Refers to a dispute within the council of
Queen's College. Addressed from
Warwick Castle.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/5/34 Letter from Charles Wentworth-
Fitzwilliam, 5th Earl Fitzwilliam 17 May
1858
Informs Sands Cox that he has declined
to subscribe to a request owing to the
numerous applications he receives from
similar establishments. Addressed from
Wentworth Woodhouse.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/5/35 Letter from Coutts 13
October
1858
Informs Sands Cox of the medical health
of Mrs Brown and their recent stay in

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- Blackpool. Addressed from London.
Includes envelope.
- 2 items
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/36 Letter from unknown author 15
October
1858
- Refers to an exhibit sent to the museum,
possibly the skin of a rat. Addressed from
Mile End.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/37 Letter from Warwick 23
October
1858
- Acknowledges receipt of documents sent
to the Secretary of State for Queen
Victoria's approval. Addressed from
Windsor Castle.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/38 Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth 16 April
1859
- Informs Sands Cox he will subscribe
'towards your philosophical apparatus'.
Addressed from Sandwell.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/39 Letter from Coutts 22 June
1859
- Asks Sands Cox for another paper to
sign. Addressed from Holly Lodge.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/5/40 Letter from Coutts 17
October
1859
- Accepts an invitation to attend the
forthcoming college chapel service.

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1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/6

Correspondence 1860-1869

1860-1869

The majority of correspondence continues to be concerned with the routine business of running and funding the Queen's College. A number of the letters refer to donations or offer apologies for absence at future meetings of the council. The death of the first President, Prince Albert, in 1861 was a severe blow. A man of his status was unquestionably a most valuable asset. In 1862 patronage from his son, the Prince of Wales, was refused for reasons explained in the letter sent on his behalf dated 13 January 1862. The post of President remained in abeyance until 1875 when Lord Leigh was elected.

Parliament accepted 'The Queen's College, Birmingham Act' in 1867. This Act repealed all previous charters and dissolved the corporations established by them. Queen's College was now separated from the Queen's Hospital which became an autonomous body. This marked the beginning of a change of fortune for the college which was at a low ebb. This is indicated by the letter from Earl Howe dated 15 June 1860 which refers of the failure of 'educational arrangements' in Birmingham. The end of the 1860s witnessed a reduction in the influence of Dr Warneford and the Church of England. During this period Sands Cox retired from the staff of the hospital and from his Chair in Surgery. In 1868 Sydenham College was dissolved, its students transferred to Queen's College.

Arrangement: Arranged in chronological order. Undated letters which can be identified with the 1860s are placed at the end of the sequence.

20 items

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- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/6/1 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, 1st Earl Howe 15 June 1860
- Discusses 'the failure of the educational arrangements which have for some time been in observation at Birmingham'. Addressed from London.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/6/2 Letter from Leigh 11 July 1861
- Informs Sands Cox that he has 'great pleasure in contributing a further donation' of £21 to the Queen's College. Addressed from Stoneleigh Abbey.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/6/3 Letter written on behalf of Lady Emily Foley 26 September 1861
- Regretfully informs Sands Cox that due to the high number of appeals made to her from many institutions she is unable to make a contribution to Queen's College. Addressed from Stoke Edith Park, Ledbury.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/6/4 Letter from Phipps, sent on behalf of Prince Albert Edward, The Prince of Wales 13 January 1862
- A response to a letter from Sands Cox regarding the royal patronage of the Prince of Wales. Phipps outlines that during the minority of the Prince of Wales, his royal highness will not accept any office connected with public or charitable institutions. He informs Sands Cox that in one years' time the Prince will be of age and able to select institutions and

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- establishments to which he may confer his patronage. Addressed from Osborne. Includes envelope.
- 2 items
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/6/5 Letter written on behalf of Lieutenant General Knollys 24 April 1863
- Acknowledges receipt of a copy of the address which the Chairman and the committee of the charity wished to present to the Prince of Wales. Explains that since the Queen's College is not a corporate body it was questionable whether the address could be given. The decision is pending. Addressed from Marlborough House. Includes envelope.
- 2 items
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/6/6 Letter from Manvers 1 August 1863
- Acknowledges that the Queen's College is a 'most useful and excellent institution' but following numerous appeals for donations he is only able to submit a donation of £10. Addressed from 6 Tilney Street, Park Lane.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/6/7 Letter from Lichfield [April 1865]
- Informs Sands Cox that he is enclosing a note with the resignation of Dr Foster as chair of anatomy. Addressed from Shugborough.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/6/8 Letter from Coutts 15 April 1865
- Regards his medical health. Includes

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- envelope.
- 2 items
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/6/9 Letter from Leigh 16 May
1865
- Informs Sands Cox that, due to a prior engagement in Warwick, he will be unable to attend the adjourned meeting of the council of Queen's College on the following Saturday. Addressed from Stoneleigh Abbey.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/6/10 Letter from Lichfield 31 August
1865
- Informs Sands Cox that he is unable to attend the meeting of the council of Queen's College on the following Tuesday. Addressed from Shugborough.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/6/11 Letter from Leigh 1
November
1865
- Acknowledges receipt of a book and encloses a 'letter of recommendation which I hope may be of some little service'. Addressed from Stoneleigh Abbey.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/6/12 Letter from Lichfield 4 February
1866
- Informs Sands Cox that he is going 'to town tomorrow' and expects to see Sir G. Grey. At this meeting he intends to speak in support of Sands Cox recent application. Addressed from Shugborough. Includes envelope.

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- 2 items
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/6/13 Letter from Sir Robert Peel 6 May 1868
- Informs Sands Cox that he has 'moved my establishment to London'. Addressed from Whitehall. Includes envelope.
- 2 items
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/6/14 Letter from Sir Robert Peel 11 April 1869
- States that he has forwarded Sands Cox's letter to his estate agent, Mr Carmichael. Addressed from Whitehall.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/6/15 Letter from the Very Reverend Grantham Munton Yorke [1860s]
- Undated letter concerning a special meeting of the college council to be held on 9 August. Addressed from St Philip's Rectory and signed Grantham M Yorke.
- Yorke (1809-1879) was vice-principal of Queen's College in 1867 and vice-president in 1868.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/7 Correspondence 1870-1881 1870-1886
- Correspondence for this period comprises 20 letters addressed to Sands Cox and three letters written after his death in December 1875. Of these three letters, two do not detail the recipient and one, dated 11 April 1881, refers to the location of a portrait of Sands Cox. A number of letters, dated 1871-1873, relate to the loan or gift of published works including the annals of Queen's College. In 1874 a

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publication which included reprints of the charter and supplementary charter were sent to both individuals and to King's College, London. The correspondence also comprises three letters, dated 1872, relating to the purchase of a property in Kenilworth.

This period witnessed the decline of Sands Cox's influence over Queen's College. The Arts Department died out in 1872. In 1873 the medical committees of the General and Queen's Hospitals effected the conjunction of the two hospitals into a single clinical field. In 1881 dentistry was introduced in association with the Dental Hospital. Mason College was opened in 1880 and an arrangement was concluded that Mason professors also became professors of their subjects at Queen's College. It was agreed that the students of Mason College should take their preliminary scientific training at Mason College.

Arrangement: Arranged in chronological order.

24 items

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/7/1

Letter from William Sands Cox to his nephew, William H. Matthews

27
January
1870

States that it would be 'a particular favour if you would kindly receive for me a cheque for sixth and final dividend from the Birmingham Banking Company'. Addressed from Wilncote.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/7/2

Letter sent on behalf of the Lord Chamberlain

15
February
1870

Acknowledges receipt of a letter from Sands Cox and states he has transmitted

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'herewith the certificate you have requested'. Addressed from the Lord Chamberlain's Office, St James's Palace.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/7/3

Letter from Leigh

19 April
1871

Offers thanks to Sands Cox for a copy of the book he has recently sent to him. Addressed from Stoneleigh Abbey.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/7/4

Letter from Redesdale

27 April
1871

Offers thanks to Sands Cox for a copy of the book he has recently sent to him. Addressed from Park Place.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/7/5

Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth

13 May
1871

Thanks Sands Cox for the copy of the brochure he has recently received on the subject of Queen's College. Addressed from 40 Grosvenor Square, London.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/7/6

Letter sent from Windsor Castle

16 May
1871

Acknowledges receipt of a letter 'and the accompanying memoir' which will be submitted to Queen Victoria. Includes envelope addressed to Sands Cox at Dosthill Hall, Tamworth.

2 items

Access: Open

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| MS220/A/1/7/7 | Letter from Cookes and Sons

Relates to the purchase of a property, 27 Lansdowne Place, to the value of £1,300. Addressed from 32 Warwick Street, Leamington.

1 item

Access: Open | 15 April
1872 |
| MS220/A/1/7/8 | Letter from Hobbs, Slater and Hobbs

Confirms that the offer of £1,300 place on 27 Lansdowne Place, Leamington has been accepted. Addressed from Stratford upon Avon.

1 item

Access: Open | 17 April
1872 |
| MS220/A/1/7/9 | Letter from Cookes and Sons

Refers to a further property in Kenilworth for Sands Cox's consideration. Addressed from 32 Warwick Street, Leamington.

1 item

Access: Open | 17 April
1872 |
| MS220/A/1/7/10 | Letter from Lord Bradford

Acknowledges receipt of volumes containing the annuals of Queen's College. Addressed from Belgrave Square.

1 item

Access: Open | 2 May
1873 |
| MS220/A/1/7/11 | Letter from Lichfield

Acknowledges receipt of volumes containing the annuals of Queen's College. Addressed from Shugborough, Stafford.

1 item | 5 May
1873 |

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- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/7/12 Letter from Aderley 5
September
1873
Refers to volumes he has recently been
sent by Sands Cox.
1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/7/13 Letter from the Bishop of Worcester 18
September
1873
Acknowledges receipt of volumes
containing the Queen's College
addresses. Addressed from Hartlebury,
Kidderminster.
1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/7/14 Letter from J. Rochester 24
September
1873
Acknowledges receipt of the annuals of
Queen's College.
1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/7/15 Letter from Ralph Heaton 10 April
1874
Acknowledges receipt of the annuals of
Queen's College. Addressed from The
Mint, Birmingham.
1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/7/16 Letter from King's College, London 20 April
1874
Sent on behalf of the council of the
college to convey their thanks for Sands
Cox's recent donation of several
publications. The publications included
reprints of the charter and supplementary
charter of Queen's College, Birmingham.
1 item

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- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/7/17 Letter sent on behalf of Lord Carnarvon 1 May 1874
- Extends the appreciation of Lord Carnarvon for the 'copies of the records of Queen's College' which Sands Cox had agreed to lend him. Addressed from the Colonial Office.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/7/18 Letter sent on behalf of Lord Salisbury 1 May 1874
- Extends the appreciation of Lord Salisbury for a copy of the 'elaborate reprint of the charter and acts relating to Queen's College'. Addressed from 20 Arlington Street.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/7/19 Letter from Leigh 6 October 1874
- Invites Sands Cox to visit him at Stoneleigh. Addressed from Stoneleigh Abbey, Kenilworth.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/7/20 Letter from Lichfield 12 July 1875
- Testimonial letter in support of Sands Cox's application for some official recognition for his work at Queen's College. Addressed from Deauville, France.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/7/21 Letter from Hertford to unidentified recipient April 1877
- Written in his role as Vice President of the

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- Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children. Outlines the purpose of the hospital and emphasises the 'free' aspect of the institution and is consequently dependent on charitable donations. Hertford closes with a plea to assist with funding. Addressed from 13 Lower Seymour Street, Portman Square.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/7/22 Letter sent on behalf of the Duchess of Beaufort to unidentified recipient 13 May 1881
- Declines to provide financial support to Queen's College.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/7/23 Letter from Matthews to J. Clarke 11 April 1886
- Discusses a portrait of Sands Cox and where it should be displayed. Possibilities include the Morton Hospital or the Birmingham Art Gallery.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8 Undated correspondence [mid 19th century]
- Letters which cannot be accurately dated. Includes 28 letters which are incomplete. The correspondence largely concerns the day-to-day running of the Birmingham School of Medicine and later, Queen's College. Letters relate to raising subscriptions and donations and also sending apologies for absence at forthcoming meetings and events. All letters are addressed to Sands Cox except one which is addressed to 'dearest Bella' [written by Sands Cox to Isabella Lichfield] and concerns the author's medical health.

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Arrangement: Correspondence has been arranged alphabetically.

50 items

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/8/1 Letter sent on behalf of the Earl of Aylesford [mid 19th century]

Informs Sands Cox that the Earl of Aylesford agrees to his name being added to the list of subscribers to Queen's College. Addressed from Leamington Spa and dated 16 August.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/8/2 Letter to 'dearest Bella' [mid 19th century]

The author [possibly Sands Cox writing to Isabella Lichfield] states 'I have had a slight relapse' and hopes 'acute treatment' will mean that 'the enemy has been dislodged'. Dated Sunday evening.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/8/3 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, 1st Earl Howe [mid 19th century]

Informs Sands Cox that he will not be able to attend a meeting because of his 'late arrival in England'. Undated.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/8/4 Letter from Lord Bradford [mid 19th century]

Concerns arrangements concerning an invitation to visit the Birmingham School of Medicine. Addressed from Castle Bromwich and dated 22 February.

1 item

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- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/5 Letter sent on behalf of Lord Bradford [mid 19th century]
Sends Lord Bradford's apologies for being unable to attend a forthcoming meeting. Addressed from Grosvenor Place.
1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/6 Incomplete letter from Lord Calthorpe [mid 19th century]
Signed Calthorpe.
1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/7 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, 1st Earl Howe [mid 19th century]
Undated letter which informs Sands Cox that he is unable to attend a meeting. Addressed from Gopsall on 28 July.
1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/8 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, 1st Earl Howe [mid 19th century]
Undated letter with reference to his compliance to Sands Cox's 'troublesome request'. Addressed from Gopsall on 12 August.
1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/9 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, 1st Earl Howe [mid 19th century]
Letter, dated 9 August, that informs Sands Cox he is unable to attend a meeting because of 'the uneasy state of the population in this quarter'.

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- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/10 Letter from Richard William Penn Curzon, [mid 19th century]
1st Earl Howe
- Undated letter offering thanks to Sands Cox for his introductory lecture and invitation to a festival in September. Also refers to Lady Howe's 'delicate health'. Addressed from Penn House.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/11 Letter from Hartopp [mid 19th century]
- Accepts an invitation to attend a lecture at the medical school. Dated 24 August.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/12 Incomplete letter from Hatherton [mid 19th century]
- Final page of a letter. Signed Hatherton.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/13 Incomplete letter from Lansdowne [mid 19th century]
- Praises Sands Cox for the attention he has 'personally given to its [Queen's College] establishment'. Signed Lansdowne.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/14 Letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of [c 1845]
Dartmouth
- Letter, dated 27 July, regarding an address to be given by Sands Cox at the School of Medicine. Addressed from

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- Sandwell.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/15 Incomplete letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth [mid 19th century]
- Regards a purchase and subsequent enlargement of premises. Signed Dartmouth. Paper is watermarked 1836.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/16 Incomplete letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth [mid 19th century]
- Concerns 'practical instruction' for the pupils of the Birmingham School of Medicine. Signed Dartmouth.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/17 Incomplete letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth [mid 19th century]
- Regards the erection of a church and of 'having a voice in the appointment of the minister'. Signed Dartmouth. Letter torn in half and only bottom half remains.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/18 Incomplete letter from William Legge, 4th Earl of Dartmouth [mid 19th century]
- Final page of a letter. Concerns obtaining royal patronage. Signed Dartmouth.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/19 Letter from Chandos Leigh, 1st Baron [mid 19th century]

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Leigh

Thanks Sands Cox for a copy of a book.
Addressed from 12 Montagu Square and
dated 1 April.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/8/20 Letter from Lichfield [mid 19th
century]

Regarding a request sent to Dr Law
concerning a meeting. Addressed from
Shugborough.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/8/21 Letter from Lichfield [mid 19th
century]

Concerns arrangements for a meeting.
Addressed from Shugborough.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/8/22 Incomplete letter from Lichfield [mid 19th
century]

Final page of a letter. Signed Lichfield.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/8/23 Incomplete letter from Lichfield [mid 19th
century]

Signed Lichfield and addressed from
Patshull, Albrighton, Wolverhampton.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/8/24 Incomplete letter from Lichfield [mid 19th
century]

Concerns a resolution and an
advertisement. Signed Lichfield.

1 item

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	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/8/25	Incomplete letter from Lichfield Refers to Dr Law. Signed Lichfield. 1 item	[mid 19th century]
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/8/26	Letter sent from Lord Lyttelton Offers his apologies for being unable to attend a forthcoming meeting. Addressed from Hagley. 1 item	[mid 19th century]
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/8/27	Incomplete letter from Lord Lyttelton Final page of a letter. Signed Lyttelton. 1 item	[mid 19th century]
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/8/28	Incomplete letter from Lord Lyttelton Arranging a meeting to discuss a lecture and a book. Signed Lyttelton. 1 item	[mid 19th century]
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/8/29	Incomplete letter from Lord Lyttelton Refers to proceedings of the council. Signed Lyttelton. 1 item	[mid 19th century]
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/8/30	Incomplete letter from Lord Lyttelton Refers to the business of council for Queen's College. Signed Lyttelton. 1 item	[mid 19th century]

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- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/31 Letter sent on behalf of the Duke of Marlborough [mid 19th century]
- Informs Sands Cox that the Duke of Marlborough is unable to comply with Sands Cox's application. Addressed from Blenheim Palace and dated 21 September.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/32 Letter from J. Mordaunt [mid 19th century]
- Send apologies for not being able to attend a dinner with 'the President, Vice Presidents and Lecturers of the School of Medicine'. Addressed from 23 Suffolk Street and dated 24 May.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/33 Incomplete letter from Mount Norris [mid 19th century]
- Records the death of Dr John Johnstone whom Mount Norris writes he has known 'for upwards of 50 years'. He also surmises that 'he has died very rich'. Signed Mount Norris.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/34 Incomplete letter from Newdegate [mid 19th century]
- Refers to trustees of Queen's College. Signed Newdegate.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/35 Incomplete letter from Newdegate [mid 19th century]
- Final page of a letter. Signed Newdegate.

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- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/36 Incomplete letter from Newdegate [mid 19th century]
- Final page of a letter. Signed Newdegate. Addressed from Arbury, Nuneaton.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/37 Letter sent on behalf of Lord Paulet [mid 19th century]
- Unsigned letter, dated Tuesday 7th, which asks Sands Cox to advise Paulet 'what he is indebted to him'.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/38 Letter sent on behalf of Sir Robert Peel [c 1840]
- Letter, dated 17 March, that sends Sir Robert Peel's apologies for non-attendance. Addressed from Whitehall.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/39 Letter sent on behalf of Sir Robert Peel [c 1840]
- Letter, dated 23 September, that sends Sir Robert Peel's apologies for non-attendance at a meeting. Addressed from Drayton Manor.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/40 Incomplete letter from Lord Redesdale [mid 19th century]
- Informs Sands Cox that he willingly accepts 'the honorable office'. Also refers to Warneford.
- 1 item

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- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/41 Incomplete letter from Lord Redesdale [mid 19th century]
Informs Sands Cox that circumstances prevent him from joining 'in any subscription for liquidating the debts of the institution'. Signed Redesdale.
1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/42 Incomplete letter from Lord Redesdale [mid 19th century]
Final page of a letter. Signed Redesdale.
1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/43 Letter from Sir Gray Skipwith [mid 19th century]
Refers to donations to the Royal School of Medicine and an invitation to the annual meeting.
1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/44 Letter from Spencer [mid 19th century]
Informs Sands Cox he has sent him a set of books as a donation for the library.
1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/45 Incomplete letter from the Bishop of Worcester [mid 19th century]
Refers to collegiate education for the students of the medical school. Signed H. Worcester.
1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/1/8/46 Incomplete letter from the Bishop of [mid 19th century]

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	Worcester	century]
	Refers to obtaining the consent of Mr West concerning a legal election. Signed H. Worcester.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/8/47	Incomplete letter from the Bishop of Worcester	[mid 19th century]
	Concerns attendance at an annual meeting. Signed H. Worcester.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/8/48	Incomplete letter from John Watson	[mid 19th century]
	Concerns a plan that 'has been adopted in consideration for the students themselves'. Final page of a letter.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/8/49	Incomplete letter from unidentified author	[mid 19th century]
	Final page of a letter.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/8/50	Incomplete letter from unidentified author	[mid 19th century]
	Refers to Queen's College. Ripped, final page of a letter.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/1/9	Signatures and fragments of letters	[c 1825 - c 1875]
	Signatures which have been cut from letters and fragments of letters which have either been cut or torn.	

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/1-7: fragments of letters. Two of the fragments were written on behalf of Lord Stamford and one fragment mentions Queen Adelaide

/8-36: signatures, cut from letters. Includes signatures of /12: Sam Wilson Warneford; /13-14: the Earl of Stamford and Warrington; /15: Lord Lyttelton; /16: Mount Norris; /17: Shrewsbury; /18: Marlborough; /21: Lord Howe; /23: Chandos Leigh; /25: Spencer; /28: Hood; /30: Lord Bradford; /31: the Earl of Dartmouth.

/37: printed letterhead cut from notepaper of an engraving of the Abbey Church, Great Malvern, 1853

/38: fragment of letter with signet seal

38 items

Access: Open

MS220/A/1/10

Envelopes

[c 1825 - c 1875]

Wrappers and envelopes not identified or associated with any of the correspondence in MS220/A/1/1-MS220/A/1/9. Comprises an envelope with the seal of the Privy Purse; an envelope with the seal of The University of London; an envelope with two penny stamps and the seal of the Austrian Legation in London; and includes envelopes sent from Lord Lyttelton, Lord Fitzwilliam, Earl Howe and Lord Stamford.

35 items

Access: Open

MS220/A/2

Other papers relating to William Sands Cox's professional career

1817-1868

Papers relating to Sands Cox's professional career. Includes his apprenticeship indenture, various testimonials and two copy resolutions, dated 1862 and 1863, from the board of

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Queen's Hospital offering their thanks to Sands Cox.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

1 folder, containing 8 items

Access: Open

MS220/A/2/1

Apprenticeship Indenture of William Sands Cox to his father, Edward Townsend Cox

1817

Dated 19 April 1817, in which Sands Cox began an apprenticeship under his father which was to last five years to learn the trades of surgery and apothecary.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/2/2

Testimonials of William Sands Cox

1839

Printed booklet containing copies of 'The Testimonials Presented to the Governors of the Birmingham General Hospital in favour of William Sands Cox'. It appears many of the testimonials were obtained in consequence of a Report of the Sub-Committee of the General Hospital which was presented to the weekly board on 18 January 1839. The majority of the testimonials were written during 1838 to 1839 although there are a small number from 1825. Some testimonials confirm Sands Cox attended the medical and surgical practice of the Birmingham Hospital as well as St Thomas's Hospital. Printed by Richard Davies, Temple Row, Birmingham. 2 copies.

2 items

Access: Open

MS220/A/2/3

Resolution of thanks of the Committee of Council of Queen's Hospital to William Sands Cox

1862

A resolution, enclosed in a silver

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presentation case, thanking Sands Cox for his efforts in raising over £1600 for a new ward in Queen's Hospital. The resolution was produced following a committee meeting on 25 April 1862 and signed by Samuel Vincent Horton, President, and committee members including John Ratcliff, J. H. Hopkins, Richard Parry, John Cornforth, John Walsh, R. G. Reeves, Isaac Trow, Ambrose Biggs, Robert Fletcher, John Suckling, Willoghby Francis Wade, Walter Scott and David Maluis Junior, Secretary.

2 items

Access: Open

MS220/A/2/4

Illuminated resolution of thanks of the Weekly Board of the Queen's Hospital to William Sands Cox

1863

The resolution was presented to Sands Cox upon his completion of a second period of ten years in the office of surgeon for Queen's Hospital. It is dated 26 June 1863 and signed by Dr Wade and fellow members of the hospital board. On behalf of the board, Wade offers thanks for Sands Cox's 'successful labours' during the 25 years he has served as Founder and Senior Surgeon.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/2/5

Compilation entitled 'Documentary evidence referred to in the Memorial of William Sands Cox'

1868

A celebration, dated 17 March 1868, containing extracts from addresses, reports, calendars, public meetings and meetings of the Queen's Hospital. The document also lists Sands Cox's published works. The document is a celebration of Sands Cox's achievements and extracts praise his contribution to the development of medicine and the medical

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- school in Birmingham.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/2/6 Authorisation to the trustees of Queen's Hospital to make payment 1868
- Document, dated 17 July 1868, addressed to William Sands Cox, Jacob Phillips and James Lewis. A request from Queen's Hospital, acting under the Queen's College Act 1867, to authorise a transfer of money to Reverend William Wilkinson, George Lloyd M.D. and William Pearce the sum of £3043. The request was made to Sands Cox, Phillips and Lewis as they were, at this time, trustees of the hospital. Paper is watermarked 1864.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/3 Personal papers 1852-[20th century]
- Comprises certificates, invitations, drawings and a photograph of Sands Cox. Also includes Sands Cox's marriage certificate to Isabella Lichfield dated 1866. There is also information regarding his appointment as Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Warwick in 1852.
- Arrangement:** Arranged chronologically.
- 1 folder, containing 13 items
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/3/1 Letters of appointment of William Sands Cox as a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Warwick 1852-1870
- /1: letter of appointment, dated 3 September 1852, and signed by Earl Brooke and the Earl of Warwick, Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the county of Warwick. The appointment was

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made by Henry Richard Greville, 3rd Earl of Warwick. With signature and seal.

/2-3: letters, dated 29 July 1868 and 15 February 1870, from the Lord Chamberlain's Office. The letters record that a presentation took place at St James's Palace on 27 June 1855 involving Sands Cox and the Earl of Craven.

3 items

Access: Open

MS220/A/3/2 Invitation to the inauguration of Calthorpe Park 1857

Coloured invitation from the Mayor of Birmingham requesting the company of Sands Cox at the inauguration of Calthorpe Park on 1 June 1857. The event was to be followed by a dinner at Dee's Royal Hotel to be attend by HRH The Duke of Cambridge. The invitation is dated 8 May 1857 and includes coloured vignettes depicting recreational activities in the park.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/3/3 Silhouette of William Sands Cox 1863

Silhouette of Sands Cox as a young man. Enclosed in a torn envelope addressed to Sands Cox, Temple Row, Birmingham and postmarked from Birmingham.

2 items

Access: Open

MS220/A/3/4 Marriage certificate of William Sands Cox and Isabella Lichfield 1866

Dated 30 August 1866. The marriage was solemnized at the parish church in Kennington, Surrey. The marriage was witnessed by William Hatton and Sarah

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	Ann Phipps.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/3/5	Passport	1867
	Passport, dated 4 September 1867, and signed by Lord Stanley, member of the Privy Council and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.	
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/3/6	Photographs and drawings of William Sands Cox	[c 1865 - 20th century]
	/1-2: photographs of Sands Cox in later life, printed on thin paper, [c 1865].	
	/3: photograph of a drawing of Sands Cox from 1854, [20th century].	
	/4: mounted board with a photograph of an engraved silver cup bearing the inscription 'to W. S. Cox Esq., Lecturer on Anatomy and Founder of the Birmingham School of Medicine, this cup is presented by his obliged and grateful pupils'. The cup was possibly presented to Sands Cox in 1834. Also contains a copy of a drawing of Sands Cox from 1854, [20th century].	
	There is a newspaper cutting concerning the Sands Cox Cup in MS220/F.	
	4 items	
	Access: Open	
MS220/A/3/7	Medical prescription for Miss Cohen	[19th cent]
	Prescription, probably in Sands Cox's hand for Miss Cohen of Peachfield House, Ampton Road [Edgbaston] with instructions for the tincture to 'be applied once down the spine by means of a small	

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piece of sponge every night'

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/A/4

Papers relating to William Sands Cox's estate and bequests

1865-1957

Financial records, an appointment diary and an epitome of Sands Cox's will and accounts of his estate dated 1875. Also includes correspondence concerning Sands Cox's estate. This correspondence is addressed to William H. Matthews and his relation, Francis Matthews. Ezra Matthews, the father of William H. Matthews, had married Frances (Fanny) Lichfield, a sister of Sands Cox's wife, Isabella. Sands Cox had no children and it appears that the Matthews family acted as trustees to the Sands Cox estate.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

1 folder, containing 17 items and 2 volumes

Access: Open

MS220/A/4/1

Account book recording William Sands Cox's property and investments

1865-1878

Entries are recorded from 25 June 1874 until 12 December 1878 with items glued to pages at the rear of the volume, the earliest item attached to the volume is dated 1865.

The front of the ledger contains records of freehold premises. The pages detail where the property is located, to whom it was rented and the rental cost. Premises include Temple Row, Birmingham; Paradise Street, Birmingham; Swallow Street, Birmingham; High Street, Deritend and Genoa Place, Balsall Heath. This is followed by a 'personal section' of the ledger. This section documents Sands Cox's stock holdings, and dividends received, for the London and North

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Western Railway and the Great Western Railway Company. There follows a list of the assets of the Sands Cox estate between 1877 and 1881. The rear of the volume contains a number of items which have been glued in. These items comprise a letter entitled 'valuations for probate duty' dated 1865; a dividend for the Birmingham Canal Navigations; Sands Cox's account with estate agents Birch & Rawlings of 41 Cherry Street, Birmingham dated 1870; a letter signed Henry Harris, dated 21 January 1870 regarding the rent of college premises; a letter signed Charles Lloyd, Clerk to the Warwick and Birmingham Canal Office, dated 1 November 1869; a letter from John Shackel, Honorary Secretary of Bingley Exhibition Hall discussing a meeting of Trustees concerning dividends, dated 15 November 1869; and a letter from an unidentified author concerning a financial account, dated 26 January 1870 and addressed from Moseley Common.

1 volume

Access: Open

MS220/A/4/2

Diary

1866

Entries are recorded in 'Guest's Scribbling Diary' for 1866. Most entries are recorded between 1 January until 13 October. Entries are sparse although it appears that the blotting pages have been used throughout. Activities and events recorded mostly relate to financial matters such as interest payments, other monies received and the payment of dividends from the Great Western Railway Company. Also records the dates of meetings. Entries made from 29 March appear to be written in a different hand. The volume contains contemporary advertisements at the beginning and end.

1 volume

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- Access: Open
- MS220/A/4/3 Epitome of the will of William Sands Cox 1875
- A summary of Sands Cox's will dated 3 February 1875 and produced by his solicitor. Includes instructions for Sands Cox's burial at Aston. It also outlines gifts, mainly financial contributions, to be made to the Cottage Hospital, the free library, his trustees and St Thomas's church in the Moors. Endowment funds were left for the erection of dispensaries at Balsall Heath, Aston, Hockley, Tamworth and Kenilworth. Legacies to friends are listed together with instructions on the distribution of his personal estate to his wife and family. A valuation of his personal estate upon his death is attached to the epitome.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/4/4 List of silver [c 1875]
- Undated handwritten list of silverware inside an envelope entitled 'William Sands Cox List of Silver'.
- 2 items
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/4/5 Abstract of Income 1880-1882
- An abstract of income dated from 18 March 1880 to 5 July 1882 regarding the estate of William Sands Cox 'and payable to Mrs Isabella Cox under the will'.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/A/4/6 Correspondence concerning William Sands Cox's estate 1886-1957
- Correspondence addressed to William H. Matthews and later his son, Francis Matthews concerning the estate of

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William Sands Cox. These letters were addressed to them in their capacity as trustees of the estate. Handwritten notes on the reverse of one of the letters written by Professor A. P. Thomson explain that Sands Cox's wife, Isabella Lichfield was a maternal aunt of William H. Matthews. Material comprises:

/1-2: letters to W. H. Matthews [trustee of Sands Cox's estate] from Moreton College Hospital regarding a portrait of Sands Cox to be placed in the hospital. Signed J. W. Clarke, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and dated 1886. With accompanying, later, envelope postmarked 1912.

/3-4: letters to W. H. Matthews from Arthur Godlee. Concerns income generated from Sands Cox's estate and the retirement of W. H. Matthews as a trustee of Sands Cox's estate. Addressed from 4 Bennett's Hill, Birmingham and dated 30 August 1886 and 1 April 1912.

/5: letter to Francis Matthews from the President of the Birmingham Medical Institute. Concerns a donation to the Birmingham Medical Institute of the 'Annals of Queen's College' edited by Sands Cox, dated 9 October 1925. With accompanying envelope.

/6: letter to Francis Matthews from E. P. Beale, Pro-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham. Conveys the University's thanks to Francis Matthews for the gift 'of the cup connected with Dr Sands Cox'. Enquires whether Matthews has any history concerning the cup. Addressed from The University, Edmund Street, Birmingham and dated 3 December 1942.

/7: receipt to Francis Matthews from F. C. Richards, jeweller, for 'supplying pedestal to antique silver cup'. The receipt notes that the cup was made by Henry Chaurner of London in 1791 'but all the chasing has been added at a later date'.

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Addressed from 67 Temple Row,
Birmingham and dated 14 December
1942.

/8: letter to Francis Matthews from C. F. V. Smout. Regards the donation of the Sands Cox cup to The Medical School at the University of Birmingham. Thanks Matthews for 'such an interesting relic'. In Matthews absence, Dr Stanley Barnes provided the Faculty with an outline of its history. Signed C. F. V. Smout, Sub-Dean and Tutor of the Faculty of Medicine and dated 16 February 1943.

/9-10: letters to Francis Matthews from Professor A. P. Thomson. Concerns the history of the Sands Cox cup. Asks Matthews to confirm that his wife 'very generously presented the cup to him [Dr Stanley Barnes] to be kept in the School'. Also informs Matthews that the large portrait of Sands Cox 'hangs in the Staff Dining Room at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital'. Signed A. P. Thomson, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and dated January 1957.

/11: undated pen sketch detailing the Sands Cox crest as appears on the Sands Cox cup. The accompanying notes state 'probably purchased 1834, cup date 1791'.

13 items

Access: Open

MS220/B

Papers of the Sands, Cox, Kendrick and related families

1760-[20th century]

Includes material relating to the ancestors of William Sands Cox. Material includes papers of his mother's family (the Sands family); his father's family (the Cox family); and his paternal grandmother's family (the Kendrick family). Contains correspondence, probate records, wills, family trees, pedigrees, copies of memorial inscriptions and plans relating to the three families and their respective

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estates. The papers of the Sands family also includes some items relating to the Payne family (the family of William Sands Cox's mother's first husband). The papers of the Kendrick family includes material relating to a number of Rectors of the parish of Atherstone on Stour, near to Stratford upon Avon.

Arrangement: Largely miscellaneous material from different people which has artificially been brought together because of its subject matter.

1 folder, containing 32 items

Access: Open

Notes: The exact spelling of the Kendrick family surname is unclear. Although some material contained in this file refers to the 'Kenwick' family, this catalogue uses the spelling Kendrick throughout.

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Papers of the Sands and related families

1760-[20th century]

Material relating to the family of William Sands Cox's mother, Jane Cox (nee Sands) and was a relative of William Sands of Barton on the Heath, Warwickshire (who died in 1802). Prior to her marriage to Edward Townsend Cox, she was married to George Payne.

Material includes a letter of administration relating to the estate of George Payne's brother, Thomas; the will of William Sands which records bequests to his relative's three children: Olivia and Jane Payne from her first husband, and William Sands Cox from her second husband. Also includes the will of Anne Brereton of London with an accompanying note recording that the unidentified author visited William Sands shortly before Anne Brereton's death.

8 items

Access: Open

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| MS220/B/1/1 | Will of Anne Brereton of George Street,
The Strand, London | 1760 |
| | <p>The will names her friend and creditor, Sarah Bowman, as executor. The will disinherits her only surviving child, Leonora, wife of John Robinson Lytton providing her with a one-off payment of one shilling. If Anne's debts are all paid, any remaining monies are bequeathed to Sarah Bowman. A separate note, from an unidentified author, is attached to the will and states that on 29 June 1762 'we came to see Mr Sands, and Mrs Brereton died the 9 October following'. The connection between Anne Brereton and William Sands is unclear.</p> <p>John Robinson Lytton was a member of the Lytton family of Knebworth. He was a member of parliament for Bishop's Castle and, in 1758, became High Sheriff of Hertfordshire.</p> <p>2 items</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | |
| MS220/B/1/2 | Letters of administration regarding the
estate of William Payne | 1792 |
| | <p>Letters of administration, dated 8 March 1792, from George Payne seeking control of the administration of the estate of his late brother, William Payne. The document states that William Payne was the 'late fifth mate on board the East India Merchant Ship, Nottingham' and was a bachelor.</p> <p>George Payne was the first husband of Jane Payne who subsequently married Edward Townsend Cox and was mother to William Sands Cox.</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | |
| MS220/B/1/3 | Papers relating to the will and estate of
William Sands of Barton on the Heath, | 1802-[20th
century] |

Papers of William Sands Cox and related families

Warwickshire

William Sands was a relation of William Sands Cox's mother, Jane Cox (nee Sands). William Sands Cox and his two half-sisters, Olivia and Jane Payne, from his mother's first marriage to George Payne are listed amongst the beneficiaries of his will.

/1: copy of will of William Sands of Barton on the Heath, Warwickshire. The will states that he requests to be buried at Barton church and 'a marble stone be put up against the north wall of the church' with an inscription. Bequeaths all his furniture to his sister, Mary Sands and his housekeeper 'for the trouble she may have in the care of my sister'. Also bequeaths to them the rent from his farm 'for them to live upon'. Upon the death of his sister he records that remaining monies should 'accumulate for the benefit of Olivia Payne, Jane Payne and William Sands Cox, all children of Jane Cox [nee Sands], late widow of George Payne of Birmingham'. The document is dated 22 April 1802 and signed by William Sands and James Franklin, M. Neville and W. Aldington. Includes a copy of a testimonial memorandum at the end.

/2: copy of will of William Sands, dated 22 April 1802. Includes a copy of a letter written by W. Aldington at the end.

/3: envelope detailing particulars of the will of William Sands.

/4: document titled 'Mr Wilmot's abstract from papers in reference to the late Mr Sands, Olivia and Jane Payne' and was produced in 1837 or thereafter. The abstract records events from 27 October 1794 to 31 May 1837 concerning William Sands' estate as well as the estate of Olivia and Jane Payne. The first entry, in 1794, records the certificate of baptism of Olivia, daughter of George and Jane Payne [nee Sands] at St Philip's church,

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Birmingham. The entry for 10 December 1796 relates to the division of George Payne [Jane Cox's first husband]'s estate. Includes details concerning the will of William Sands. In 1818 Jane Payne's will is recorded, bequeathing part of her estate to her half-brother, William Sands Cox. The will of Olivia Payne is recorded on 6 December 1831, bequeathing her estate to her mother, Jane Cox for life 'and after her decease to her brother in law W. S. Cox and his heirs'. She also refers to her father in law [her stepfather] Edward Townsend Cox.

/5: note describing a tablet that was erected in memory of William Sands in the church at Barton on the Heath in Warwickshire. The description records that Sands was born in 1720 and died on 15 May 1802. Also includes a cutting of a coat of arms with the motto 'fortuna me adjuvat'.

5 items

Access: Open

MS220/B/2

Papers of the Cox family

1792-[20th century]

Material relating to the family of William Sands Cox's father, Edward Townsend Cox. Includes correspondence, papers relating to the Cox family tree and heraldic crest and two letters of administration concerning the estates of Edward Cox [Edward Townsend Cox's son] and Robert Cox [Edward Townsend Cox's brother].

18 items

Access: Open

MS220/B/2/1

Papers of Edward Townsend Cox

1792-[20th century]

Papers relating to Edward Townsend Cox, the father of William Sands Cox. Includes personal letters; legal items; plans of freehold estates; and information

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regarding his will.

/1: letter to Edward Townsend Cox from his brother, Reverend Thomas Cox, dated 15 May 1792. A reply to a letter received from Edward Townsend Cox relating to the purchase of medical instruments. Thomas informs Edward that 'you will also do well to procure such others as are absolutely necessary in any other branch of your profession'. Encloses a £20 bill. Discusses the living of Baginton, in the Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, as well as his personal finances. Addressed from Baginton.

/2: plan of a freehold estate in Highgate. Depicts a freehold estate belonging to Edward Townsend Cox in Highgate 'in the parish of Kings Norton'. The plan was produced by Nathaniel Lea, Surveyor, 40 Bennetts Hill, Birmingham.

/3: floor plan of a property in Deritend, Birmingham.

/4: copy of will of Edward Armfield of Bath Row, Birmingham, dated 1811. The principal beneficiary being his son, Edward Armfield. Other beneficiaries include his daughter, Elizabeth Cooper, William Blakeway and Edward Townsend Cox. The document is dated 2 July 1811.

/5: letter to Edward Townsend Cox from Edward Grainger. A letter of condolence in response to the 'void thus caused in your family' [possibly written following the death of his son, Edward Cox]. Undated, but postmarked 1823.

/6: letters of administration from Edward Townsend Cox seeking control of the administration of the estate of his late son, Edward Cox. The document states that Edward Cox was 'late of Worcester College, Oxford'. Dated 25 February 1824.

/7: letters of administration from Edward Townsend Cox seeking control of the

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administration of the estate of his late brother, Robert Cox. The document states that Robert Cox was a 'gentleman and batchelor' living in Birmingham. Dated 23 October 1826.

/8: plan of the Cox family vault in Aston churchyard. The coffins of Edward Townsend Cox's brother, Robert; wife, Jane; and step-daughter, Olivia Payne; are all depicted. The plan is dated 7 April 1853, three months after the death of Jane Cox.

/9: memoriam card produced in memory of Edward Townsend Cox 'who died November 26th, 1863, in the 94th year of his age'.

/10: card depicting the church of St Thomas in the Moor which was erected, by William Sands Cox, in memory of his parents, Edward Townsend Cox and Jane Cox. The reverse of the card records, in Latin, the words inscribed on the corner stone. Dated 28 November 1870.

/11: note concerning the will of Olivia Payne which records that her will was proved in May 1837 by her step-brother, William Sands Cox. Her estate was left to her mother, Jane Cox, 'and after her to her [Olivia's] brother' [William Sands Cox]. It records that she bequeathed £500 to Edward Townsend Cox.

12 items

Access: Open

MS220/B/2/2

Papers relating to Cox family genealogy

[late 19th -
early 20th
century]

Papers relating to heraldry and the Cox family crest.

/1-3: a note containing a description of the Cox family crest; a bookplate depicting William Sands Cox's crest and motto: 'fortuna me adjuvat'; and a note and depiction of 'The Arms of Reilly'.

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/4-5: entitled 'Pedigree of Cox of Deritend 1811' which highlights William Sands Cox's paternal ancestors to Thomas Cox who was living in 1555. The tree indicates that Sands Cox's paternal grandfather was Reverend Thomas Cox, Chaplain of Deritend and Bordsley and his paternal grandmother was Elizabeth Kendrick. There includes a note at the bottom of the tree stating that the 'Kendrick family claimed founder to Townsend family'. The tree is accompanied by a brief description of the life of William Sands Cox.

/6: family tree detailing the Townsend, Kendrick and Cox family connections. Material contains details of the descendants of Edward Kendrick, rector of Stratford upon Avon who died in 1762. The family tree indicates that Edward Kendrick's daughter, Elizabeth, married Thomas Cox, William Sands Cox's paternal grandfather. It is recorded that Elizabeth was buried at Aston. The tree also indicates that William Sands Cox's mother, Jane, was born Jane Sands and was from Barton on the Heath.

6 items

Access: Open

MS220/B/3

Papers of the Kendrick family

[late 18th -
20th
century]

Material relating to the family of William Sands Cox's paternal grandmother, Elizabeth Kendrick. Includes the will of Edward Townsend Kendrick, Elizabeth's brother, who died in 1799 as well as a sketch of the Kendrick family tree. Also includes a later copy of a pedigree created in 1612 detailing Robert Kendrick's ancestors.

6 items

Access: Open

MS220/B/3/1

Will of Edward Townsend Kendrick

1799

/1: the will of Edward Townsend Kendrick,

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son of Edward Kenrick and brother of William Sands Cox's paternal grandmother, Elizabeth. Edward Townsend Kendrick is described as rector of Atherstone on Stour. Beneficiaries of the will include his sister, Elizabeth Cox and her son, Thomas Cox of Bagington, who was bequeathed the living of Atherstone on Stour. His estates at Loughborough and Preston in Gloucester were also bequeathed to Thomas Cox for life subject to payment of £300 to his two brothers, Edward Townsend Cox and Robert Cox and a payment of £100 to his two sisters, Elizabeth and Mary Cox. The will is dated 22 June 1799.

/2: accompanying handwritten notes providing a brief synopsis of the will.

2 items

Access: Open

MS220/B/3/2

Papers relating to Kendrick family genealogy

[late 18th - 20th century]

/1: pedigree of Robert Kendrick of King Sutton entitled 'the germ or pedigree of Robert Kendrick of King Sutton in the county of Northampton'. Lists the ancestors of Robert Kendrick. States that it has been 'copied from an original at the Revd Mr John Eddowes who hath the armes of the different branches emblasoned'. Internal evidence indicates that the original pedigree dated from 1612.

/2-3: copy of memorial inscriptions of members the Kendrick family in the chancel of the church in Atherstone on Stour. The inscriptions relate to members of the Kendrick family and include Edward, Mary and Robert who were infant children of Edward Kendrick [died 1762]; Edward's wife, Mary who died in 1742. The inscription details that Mary was the daughter of Oliver Field of Bristol and her maternal grandfather was Christopher Newington of Offenham. The

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memorial inscriptions also include Edward Kendrick, rector of the parish, who died in 1762 and his surviving children who included Mary, Ursula, Ann, Margaret and the Reverend Edward Townsend Kendrick, rector of the parish, who died in 1799. Also listed is Elizabeth 'last surviving child of the Rev Edward and Mary Kendrick, Wife of the Rev Thomas Cox' who died in 1810 and was buried at Aston.

/4: family tree contains brief details of the descendants of Edward Kendrick, rector of Stratford upon Avon who died in 1762. The family tree indicates that Edward Kendrick's daughter, Elizabeth, married Thomas Cox, William Sands Cox's paternal grandfather. The tree also indicates that William Sands Cox's mother, Jane, was born Jane Sands and was from Barton on the Heath. Other family members indicated include Edward Townsend Cox's brother, Thomas, who was incumbent of St James's church in Deritend, Birmingham; and Edward Kendrick's son, Edward Townsend, who died in 1799 and was rector of Atherstone on Stour, near Stratford upon Avon.

4 items

Access: Open

MS220/C

Papers of Isabella Sands Cox (nee Lichfield)

1847-1905

Material relating to Isabella's personal and real estates; and papers relating to her will and bequests following her death in 1885. Also includes a commemorative silver trowel which was presented to Isabella Sands Cox on the occasion of laying the corner stone at St Thomas's Church in the Moor in Birmingham.

Some papers predate her marriage to William Sands Cox and she is referred to as Isabella Lichfield.

Papers of William Sands Cox and related families

1 folder, containing 39 items

Access: Open

MS220/C/1 Papers relating to her personal and real estates 1847-1878

Deeds and correspondence relating to her properties; correspondence relating to financial loans made to her brother-in-law, George Shailer; papers relating to a loan to George Matthews of Canada [possibly her nephew, and brother of her executor William H. Matthews].

25 items

Access: Open

MS220/C/1/1 Deeds and correspondence relating to lease of property in Berkley Street, Islington, Birmingham 1853-1854

Property title deeds relating to the leasehold of land owned by Isabella Lichfield in Islington, Birmingham. It appears that the land included a shop leased to a Richard Ball Pellow and papers relate to a change in tenancy. Correspondence concerns the character of William Pattinson and his suitability to take over the lease from Richard Ball Pellow:

/1-3: deeds, dated between 1853-1854, relating to the leasehold of premises in Berkley Street, Islington, Birmingham. Include an agreement and later surrender of lease by Richard Ball Pellow and a subsequent counterpart of lease between Isabella and William Pattinson.

/4-7: letters and testimonials concerning the character of William Pattinson, 1854.

7 items

Access: Open

MS220/C/1/2 Deed relating to property in Floodgate 1847

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Street (formerly Mill Street), Birmingham

Deed relating to the 'Assignment of Messuages and premises in Floodgate St., Birmingham'. The deed is agreed between 'Messrs. White, [Joseph] Lichfield & Spicer to Miss Isabella Lichfield'.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/C/1/3

Correspondence relating to loans made to Isabella Sands Cox's brother-in-law, George Shailer 1867-1872

Letters, receipts and notes relating to money owed to Isabella Sands Cox's from her brother-in-law George Shailer [married Mary Elizabeth, Isabella's sister, in Aston in 1860]. George Shailer was a linen draper working in Church Street, Darlaston. The correspondence indicates that there was some friction following Isabella's loan of £30. Also includes a letter to Mary Shailer from another sister, Fanny [Matthews], mother of William H. Matthews, Isabella's executor. The correspondence indicates that William Matthews also loaned George Shailer money. Papers include:

/1-3: receipts addressed to Isabella Sands Cox for numerous goods bought from George Shailer.

/4-7: undated correspondence and notes written on behalf of Isabella Sands Cox concerning George Shailer. Refers to money being borrowed by Shailer at various times over some years. Specifically records an unpaid loan from Isabella to George Shailer for £30.

/8-9: letters to Isabella Sands Cox from William and Thomas Hatton. It appears George Shailer filed for bankruptcy and Hatton informs Isabella that he will shortly close George Shailer's estate and make a dividend. Asks Isabella to provide him

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with a statement of particulars of her claim; with envelope.

/10-12: letters to William H. Matthews [Isabella's nephew and solicitor] from Thomas Hatton. Encloses dividend cheques for Matthews to sign; with envelope.

/13: letter to Isabella's sister Mary Shailer [nee Lichfield] from her sister, Fanny Matthews.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

15 items

Access: Open

MS220/C/1/4

Papers relating to an advance given George Matthews

1878

Papers relating to an advance of £1000 from Isabella to George [possibly her nephew] and Ann Matthews of Ontario, Canada:

/1: annuity deed dated 24 July 1878 between George and Ann Matthews of Ontario, Canada, and Isabella Sands Cox. Concerns £1000 provided by Isabella Sands Cox to George and Ann Matthews.

/2: statement, signed George Matthews of Ontario, Canada, concerning the receipt of £1000 from Isabella Sands Cox. He states that 'knowing that I benefit under the will of this lady, I hereby agree that the said sum [...] shall be deducted from any share of monies I may be entitled to under this will'. He also states that he agrees to pay interest on the sum 'at the rate of £5 per cent per annum', 1878.

2 items

Access: Open

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- MS220/C/2 Papers of Isabella Sands Cox's executors 1885-1905
- Includes probate copy of Isabella Sands Cox's will; details concerning her estate and bequests; and two items concerning the division of her will following a dispute between her brother [George Lichfield]'s family.
- Arrangement:** Arranged chronologically.
- 13 items
- Access: Open
- MS220/C/2/1 Probate copy of the Will of Isabella Sands Cox 1885
- Registered 28 November 1885 and extracted by Wragge, Evans, Holliday and Godlee, Solicitors following the death of Isabella on 8 October 1885. The document lists bequests to family members and also states that probate was issued to her nephew, William Henry Matthews and Joseph Henry Wilkinson, the Executors.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- MS220/C/2/2 Accounts of the executors relating to Isabella Sands Cox's will 1885-1891
- /1: legacy receipt concerning the estate of Isabella Sands Cox. States that William Henry Matthews and Joseph Henry Wilkinson are executors. Lists George Lichfield, her brother, as next of kin, 1885.
- /2: statement and financial account relating to the freehold property contained in Isabella Sands Cox's will. Lists the division of her estate between George Matthews, William H. Matthews, Francis Matthews, Mrs Ingle and Thomas Matthews amongst others, 1886.
- /3: details the finances of Isabella Sands Cox's estate. Matthews states that he has

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'received from the above named executors the above mentioned sum of £730 cash'. The document is signed by Matthews and dated 14 December 1886.

/4: details the finances of Isabella Sands Cox's estate. The document is signed by George Matthews, William H. Matthews and Francis Matthews and dated 3 July 1891. They acknowledge receipt of their respective portions of the Sands Cox estate from William Henry Matthews and Joseph Henry Wilkinson, the trustees of the will.

4 items

Access: Open

MS220/C/2/3

Correspondence of Isabella Sands Cox's executors 1886

Correspondence concerning the division of Isabella's will following a dispute between her brother [George Lichfield]'s family and sent on their behalf by W. F. Bray. Bray states that money intended for Isabella's nephews and nieces has been withheld by their step-mother against, in Bray's view, Isabella's intentions.

/1: Bray, writing on behalf of Isabella's nephews and nieces (Fanny, Bella, Richard and Joseph Lichfield) asks William H. Matthews to 'take such steps as you may consider necessary in their interest'. Property intended to be divided amongst through Isabella's bequest to her brother, [George Lichfield], appears to have been taken by his second wife and the lack provision made for children of his first wife is in Bray's opinion 'very wrong and decidedly cruel'. Writes from H.M.S. Condor in the Red Sea and also records political troubles in Egypt during this period. Dated 11 February 1886.

/2: typewritten note entitled 'Letter from W. F. Bray'. Dated 11 February 1886 and states that 'property left by Mr Lichfield and intended by Aunt Cox to be divided

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amongst Fanny, Bella, Richard and Joseph Lichfield'.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

2 items

Access: Open

MS220/C/2/4

Papers relating to the sale of Isabella Sands Cox's house in Kenilworth and contents

1886-1905

Auction catalogues, receipts and lists of goods relating to the sale of property from Isabella Sands Cox's home, 'Woodside', Kenilworth, following her death in 1885. It appears that a large amount of furniture and ornaments were sold at auction, a large number of items being bought by her nephew and executor, William H. Matthews. Also includes an auction catalogue dated 1905 which includes five 'Shakespear Relics' from the estate of William Sands Cox.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

6 items

Access: Open

MS220/C/3

Artefacts

1870

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/C/3/1

Silver trowel

1870

Silver trowel presented to Isabella Sands Cox 'on the occasion of laying the corner stone of St Thomas's Church in the Moor' in Birmingham on 28 November 1870. The church was erected by William Sands Cox in memory of his parents, Edward Townsend Cox and Jane Cox.

1 item

Access: Open

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MS220/D	Papers of the Lichfield and related families	1842-1896
	<p>Papers relating to the wills and estates of Sarah Claridge [possibly an aunt of Joseph Lichfield], Joseph and Mary Lichfield [parents of Isabella Sands Cox] and other family members. Also includes receipts from The Birmingham General Cemetery.</p> <p>1 folder, containing 11 items</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	
MS220/D/1	Papers relating to the estate of Sarah Claridge	1842
	<p>/1-4: papers relating to the estate of Sarah Claridge who died on 17 October 1841. Joseph Lichfield is named as the executor. Recipients of the annuity are Thomas Claridge, Louisa Claridge and George Claridge. Also includes an undated note entitled 'contents of Aunt Claridge's will proved 1842'. It is possible that Sarah Claridge was an aunt of Joseph Lichfield.</p> <p>4 items</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	
MS220/D/2	Papers relating to the estate of members of the Lichfield family	1852-1896
	<p>Papers include probate of the wills of Isabella Sands Cox's parents, Joseph and Mary Lichfield; receipts from the Birmingham General Cemetery concerning the burials and memorials of George Lichfield [Isabella's brother], Mary Lichfield and Mary E[lizabeth] Shailer [Isabella's sister]:</p> <p>/1: probate of the will of Joseph Lichfield, dated 2 February 1852. States that probate was awarded to his daughter, Isabella. Also includes a handwritten letter to that effect.</p>	

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/2: probate of the will of Mary Lichfield, dated 9 January 1861. The document states that sole executor to the will was awarded to Mary Elizabeth Shailer, wife of George Shailer and daughter of Mary Lichfield. 1861

/3-5: receipts from the Birmingham General Cemetery. Relating to a gravestone erected in memory of George Lichfield in 1854; and receipts relating to the burials of Mary Lichfield and Mary E[lizabeth] Shailer dated June 1878.

/6: application form for the death certification of Mary Isabella Matthews, dated 7 August 1891.

/7: probate of the will of Elizabeth Lichfield, dated 16 December 1896 stating that probate was awarded to William Henry Matthews and Sarah Louisa Hull, daughter of the deceased.

7 items

Access: Open

MS220/E

Legal papers of Francis Matthews, solicitor

1855-1946

Papers collected by Francis Matthews, executor of William Sands Cox's estate, concerning the estates of a number of his other clients. Material comprises papers relating to the estate of James Stevens and the related sale of property in Parkstone, Dorset; papers relating to the estate of James William Farmer and the associated court case Troughton versus Bird, Matthews, Davis and Davis; papers relating to the estate of Isabella [Ffrench] Davis; and papers relating to the estate of Thomas Wright.

1 folder, containing 53 items

Access: Open

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MS220/E/1	<p>Papers relating to James Stevens</p> <p>Papers relating to the death, estate and bequests of James Stevens. It appears that Francis Matthews was the executor to James Stevens' estate and was also a family relation. Much of the material relates to the sale of a property in Parkstone, Dorset called 'Richmond' which Stevens had purchased in 1879.</p> <p>James Stevens was known to be living at East End Cottage, Upper Parkstone, Poole, Dorset in 1879.</p> <p>30 items</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	1855-1946
MS220/E/1/1	<p>Financial papers relating to the administration of his estate</p> <p>/1: pass book for the account of the executors of James Stevens' estate, namely Ernest Frank Stevens of Shifnal and Francis Matthews of Birmingham with Lloyds Bank Limited, Shifnal. The book runs from 21 July 1891 until 3 May 1894 and details expenditure including solicitors fees.</p> <p>/2: statement of account of Francis Matthews as executor of the estate of the late James Stevens for expenses incurred during the period 8 June 1894 to 14 June 1894, presented to Henry J. Osborne for payment, 1894.</p> <p>2 items</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	1891-1894
MS220/E/1/2	<p>Papers relating to his property in Upper Parkstone, Poole, Dorset</p> <p>Papers principally relating to the leasehold property, 'Richmond Villa' which was assigned to James Stevens by Daniel Hitching in 1879 and subsequently subject to a mortgage taken out by</p>	1879-1902

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Stevens. This material includes:

/1-5: correspondence of James Stevens with Aldridge and Sharp, solicitors of Bournemouth and receipts of payments relating to the acquisition of the property, 1879.

/6: schedule of title deeds of the property received by the mortgagees, 1892.

/7: documents sent to Messrs E. F. Stevens and W. Matthews, care of W. Matthews of 250 Broad Street from Mooring Aldridge, solicitor of Bournemouth concerning collection of rents.

/8-10: correspondence between Francis Matthews in his role as executor of the estate of the late James Stevens and the solicitors, Mooring Aldridge and Haydon of Bournemouth concerning repairs, tenancy, possible sale, and interest payments on the property and to another property known as 'Pinewood', 1895.

/11: letter to Ada Stevens of Western Hill from her sister Gertrude which appears to concern the lack of funds to make mortgage interest payments out of the estate and which also refers to another house at Starr Bowkett, 1895.

/12-13: memorandum of agreement and letter from Alex Kelly, estate agent of Parkstone relating to the lease of Richmond to Emma Green Ree and arrangements for repairs, 1899.

/14-17: correspondence between Francis Matthews in his role as executor of the estate of the late James Stevens and the Parkstone House, Land & Estate Agency and accounts relating to the leasing the property to Mrs Walker and the subsequent sale to Mr Mollett, 1901-02.

17 items

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Access: Open

MS220/E/1/3

Miscellaneous papers of the Stevens and Matthews families 1869-1946

/1: grave certificate for plot number 152 in Birmingham General Cemetery, Key Hill, Hockley, issued to Mr James Stevens, 104 Bull Street, 14 May 1855; with envelope.

/2-3: coloured printed programmes for two 'Soiree Musicales' held at Elmsdale, Great Malvern, in envelope addressed to Stevens Esq, 104 Bull Street, Birmingham, 1869 and 1872.

/4: letter from Frank Matthews written from Millbrook [Canada] to his brother, Will, in which he asks advice about his work and whether he should stay and expresses concern that he will get too much a 'Canadian'; he thanks his brother for the portrait 'which they were all very pleased with' and sends his own portrait in return; and also writes about the weather, health and family members, 26 June 1871; with envelope addressed to W. H. Matthews Esq, 78 Bull Street, Birmingham.

/5: letter from Frank [Matthews], written from Moseley to his sister, Ada [Stevens] in which he states that his niece is 'such a beautiful baby' and suggests the name 'Frances Emily' as 'she ought to have a pretty name', 25 May 1888; with envelope.

/6: letter from Louie of Stafford Place to Frank in which refers to if he knew about Frank having two shares in 'The Glendower' as she would rather not ask Mr Osborne, 14 November 1894.

/7: undated letter from 'father' written from 39 Heathfield Road to Frank concerning the receipt 'of the money for the life insurance' and also enquires into the health of 'the children'.

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/8: printed order of service for the funeral of Arthur Allen (1886-1946) held at St Germain's church, Edgbaston, Birmingham on 9 August 1946. The relationship between the Stevens family and Arthur Allen is unclear.

11 items

Access: Open

MS220/E/2 Papers relating to James William Farmer 1895-1898

Papers relating to the administration of the estate of James William Farmer including papers relating to a court case in respect of the estate: brought by Elizabeth Margaret Troughton, daughter of James Farmer against the trustees, Herbert Henry Bird, Francis Matthews, Daniel French Davis and his wife, Isabella Davis.

For papers relating to Isabella French Davis, see MS220/E/3.

5 items

Access: Open

MS220/E/2/1 Papers relating to the administration of his estate 1895-1898

/1: statement of account of trustees of the James William Farmer deceased, Messrs H. H. Bird and F. Matthews for expenditure incurred during the period relating to the appointment of a new trustee, 21 July 1894 to 21 January 1895, presented to Joseph Howlett, solicitor, for payment; with attached receipt of payment, 19 February 1895.

/2: Office copy of Taxing Master's Certificate issued in respect of a court order of 20 July 1895 to certify the tax on the costs of the plaintiff and the defendants, dated 23 January 1896 and filed with the court, 28 January 1896.

/3: Office copy of Taxing Master's

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Certificate issued in respect of a court order of 8 June 1896 to certify the tax on the costs of the plaintiff and the defendants, dated 13 November 1896 and filed with the court, 17 November 1896.

/4: letter from Joseph Howlett, solicitor to Francis Matthews concerning the court order of 8 June 1896 relating to the payment of the ongoing costs in the court case, 10 June 1896.

/5: letters from Kirby & Sons of Coventry, solicitors to Francis Matthews and receipt the payment of share of a dividend from North Eastern consols made to Mary and Elizabeth Troughton to which their late mother Elizabeth Troughton was entitled under her father's estate, April 1898.

5 items

Access: Open

MS220/E/3

Papers relating to Isabella [Ffrench] Davis 1906

Papers relating to the administration of the estate Isabella Davis, wife of Daniel Ffrench Davis, Professor of Music, formerly of Small Heath, Birmingham and subsequently of Southport, Lancashire.

Mrs Davis died on 6 January 1906 aged 70 and Francis Matthews was the sole executor of the estate.

6 items

Access: Open

MS220/E/3/1

Papers relating to the administration of the estate of Isabella Davis 1906

/1: death certificate of Isabella Davis of 26 St James' Street, Southport, date of death 6 January 1906, certificate issued by the registrar for the district of St Meols, 19 January 1906

/2: probate copy of the will of Isabella

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Davis, will dated 3 November 1898, probate granted to Francis Matthews the sole executor 22 February 1906. The will bequeathed her shares in the North Eastern Railway Company, called North eastern consols, to be equally divided between her daughters Isabelle and Alice.

/3: completed affidavit and accounts in respect of liability for payment of estate duty and accompanying letter from the Estate Duty Office, 1906.

/4-5: letters to Francis Matthews from Arthur Godlee of Wragge, Holliday, Godlee, Barrow & Horton of Birmingham, solicitors concerning the probate of the will of Isabella Davis and the subsequent distribution of her estate, 24 February and 7 March 1906.

/6: receipted invoice from Wragge & Co of Birmingham, solicitors to the executor of Mrs I. French Davis deceased for charges for obtaining grant of probate, 13 March 1906.

6 items

Access: Open

MS220/E/4 Papers relating to Thomas Wright 1917-1920

Papers relating to the administration of the estate of Thomas Wright of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

Wright died on 27 July 1920 in Harrogate aged 86 and Francis Matthews was the sole executor of the estate.

12 items

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MS220/E/4/1 Papers relating to the administration of the estate of Thomas Wright 1917-1920

/1: letter from Thomas Wright 1 Conway Road, Bromsgrove to Francis Matthews asking if he would be willing to act as

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executor of his estate, 20 August 1917.

/2: undertaking by Florence Emily Harrison, daughter of Thomas Wright, to repay a loan of £10 made to her son Leslie by her father from her share of his estate, 7 December 1919.

/3: death certificate of Thomas Wright of 79 Skipton Road, Harrogate, date of death 27 July 1920, certificate issued by the registrar for the sub-district of Harrogate, 5 August 1920.

/4: probate copy of the will of Thomas Wright, will dated 31 July 1918, probate granted to Francis Matthews the sole executor, 18 February 1920.

/5: valuation of the furniture and ornaments belonging to the late Thomas Wright of 1 Conway Road, Bromsgrove, 23 August 1920.

/6-11: receipts from the children of Thomas Wright: Ethel Pratt, Florence Emily Harrison, Mary J. Wright, Edith Hannah Wright, Alice M. Hirst and E. T. Wright for each of their shares of his estate, October 1920.

/12: balance sheet of the executor's accounts [1920].

12 items

Access: Open

MS220/F	Miscellaneous papers	1784-1974
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1 folder, containing 52 items

Access: Open

MS220/F/1	Printed and published materials	1856-1974
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41 items

Access: Open

MS220/F/1/1	Newspaper cuttings principally relating to William Sands Cox, Queen's College and	1867-1950s
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the Queen's Hospital

Various newspaper cuttings relating to the history of Birmingham hospitals and Queen's College and also to the history of medical teaching in Birmingham and to William Sands Cox, his life and legacy and to the Sands Cox family more generally. Cuttings include:

/1: newspaper cutting relating to Louisa Ann Ryland's will. She bequeathed a significant amount of money to both the Birmingham General Hospital and the Queen's Hospital upon her death in 1889.

/2-3: newspaper cuttings relating to a special meeting of the council of Queen's College. The meeting was concerned with authorising 'the common seal of the College to a copy of the bill now pending in Parliament', [1867].

/4: undated newspaper cutting concerning 'the endowment of another bed' for Queen's Hospital. Provides a brief history of the hospital up to 1876.

/5-13: newspaper cuttings, largely from the 1920s, concerning Queen's College and Queen's Hospital. These include articles relating to the 50th anniversary of the death of William Sands Cox in 1925; preparations for, and the actual, centenary celebrations of Queen's College during the 1920s; cuttings concerning the history of the development of the medical school; reproductions of portraits of William Sands Cox from 1836 and 1854.

/14: newspaper cutting entitled 'Interesting Memento of the Founder', 11 February 1943. Describes the silver engraved cup which was presented to William Sands Cox by 'his obliged and grateful pupils' and states that there is reason to believe the cup was presented to Sands Cox in 1834.

/15-16: newspaper cuttings relating to the

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chair used by King Charles I during his trial in Westminster Hall in the seventeenth century [1930s-1950s]. The chair was inherited by Sands Cox and bequeathed by him to Moreton-in-Marsh district hospital and the hospital sold the chair to the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

/17-18: cuttings from the Birmingham Daily Post and Warwickshire Advertiser concerning the erection of the corner stone of the church of St Thomas in the Moor, Birmingham, laid by Mrs Sands Cox, 1870.

/19: cutting of an article from the Birmingham Daily Mail entitled 'Personal Recollections: William Sands Cox F.R.S.', 24 January 1877.

/20: cutting of report of funeral of Reverend Cecil Walker Cox of Leamington, formerly Rector of North Kilworth, Leicestershire, [1935].

/21: cutting concerning a 'Christmas holiday lecture at the Midland Institute' and given by J. H. Chamberlain, 1875.

21 items

Access: Open

MS220/F/1/2

Material principally relating to Queen's College, the University of Birmingham Medical School and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital

[mid 19th century]-
1974

Printed and published materials relating to Queen's College, The University of Birmingham Medical School and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital together with biographical material relating to both William Sands Cox and Samuel Warneford, a major benefactor of the college during the mid nineteenth century

/1: printed prospectus for Queen's College entitled 'General design of the College'. The booklet details the

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procedures and policies of Queen's College, stating that the College provides instruction 'for young men intending to engage in one or other of these professions: medicine and surgery, civil architecture and engineering, theology'. Also provides details of the organisation of the college, courses of study and scholarships, medals and prizes, [mid 19th century].

/2: proof of frontispiece to an unidentified report which depicts a memorial tablet for the Committee of manufacturers and tradesmen in Birmingham who had organised two fetes at Aston Hall and Park in 1856 in aid of the Queen's and General Hospitals.

/3: printed circular letter from William Sands Cox addressed to the patrons, clergy and friends of Queen's College concerning allegations that Queen's College Chapel was never consecrated and only licensed. Sands Cox asserts that the chapel was consecrated by the Bishop of Worcester on 15 November 1844. Sands Cox then explains that 'from the earliest foundation of the College, the Christian basis of the Institution has been prominently set forth'. He states that large sums of money were given by the late Reverend Warneford 'in furtherance of these fundamental principles'. Addressed from Dosthill Hall, near Tamworth, 9 February 1870.

/4: booklet entitled 'The Medical School of The University of Birmingham'. A history of the Medical School written by Stanley Barnes, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, 1939.

/5: booklet entitled 'The Queen Elizabeth Hospital'. Primarily a history concerning the Queen Elizabeth Hospital but also provides a brief history of the Queen's and General Hospitals. Published by Eric W. Vincent on behalf of The Queen

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Elizabeth Hospital, 1939.

/6: issue of 'Queen's Medical Magazine', the journal of the University of Birmingham Medical School, May 1943. Pages 20-21 contain an article entitled 'Sands Cox and the Birmingham Medical School' by Dr Stanley Barnes, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine 1931-1941.

/7: list of exhibits 'by the Faculty of Medicine' of the University of Birmingham, being a catalogue for display of objects in the Drawing Office. The catalogue lists exhibits under the following sections: historical, botany, zoology, anatomy, embryology, anthropology, physiology, pathology, medicine, surgery, materia medica and pharmacology, public health, forensic medicine, ophthalmology, radiology and School of Dentistry; listed under the historical section is 'a collection of portraits including Mr. Wm. Sands Cox', nd [early 20th cent].

/8: offprint of article entitled 'William Sands Cox: Founder of the Birmingham Medical School', being a biography of Sands Cox written by B. T. Davis.

/9: privately printed biography of Samuel Warneford (1763-1855) by E. G. C. Beckwith, 1974 Includes a number of illustrations, Warneford's family tree and information concerning his influence over Queen's College until his death in 1855.

/10: A Brief History of Moreton-in-Marsh District Hospital' by D. H. Pearman, Hospital Secretary 1946-1966, published in 1973 which refers to Sands Cox's bequest to the hospital.

10 items

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MS220/F/1/3	Miscellaneous newspapers and reprints of newspapers	[19th century]
	Miscellaneous newspapers as follows:	
	/1: issue of 'The Birmingham Daily Mail ', Wednesday 24 January 1877.	
	/2: reprint of 'The Commonwealth Mercury', 2-9 September 1658. Comprise articles from Whitehall concerning the death of Oliver Cromwell and the succession of his son, Richard, as Lord Protector. Includes advertisements concerning stolen animals and a physician, Rowland Pippin, who will cure 'the rupture, or broken belly'.	
	/3: reprint of 'The Birmingham Gazette', Monday 16 November 1741. Includes European news from Portugal, Sweden, Germany, Italy, Turkey, Russia and France as well as local news. Includes snippets relating to prices of grain and 'diseases and casualties this week'. Also includes some advertisements.	
	3 items	
	Access: Open	
MS220/F/1/4	Miscellaneous engravings of individuals	[19th century]
	Engravings of individuals as follows:	
	/1: copy of engraving of King Charles I, printed by Charles Warren.	
	/2: copy of engraving of William Barriff, a figure during the English Civil War. Underneath the engraving is printed 'read his booke [Military Discipline] and you therin will find that he hath pictur'd there a soldiers minde'.	
	/3: copy of engraving of an unknown man in 17th century dress.	
	/4: copy of engraving of King George I. Underneath the engraving is recorded	

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- 'Eng'd by Edwards, 1805'.
- /5: engraving of Edward Sackville, Earl of Dorset.
- 5 items
- Access: Open
- MS220/F/1/5 Other miscellaneous printed material 1847-1901
- /1: Printed catalogue published by The London Photographic Company, listing 'photographs of pictures in the celebrated Vernon Collection' which had been presented to the Nation by Robert Vernon in 1847.
- /2: Proclamation 'given at the Court of St James's' on 23 January 1901 recording the death of Queen Victoria and the consequent accession of King Edward VII.
- 2 items
- Access: Open
- MS220/F/2 Manuscript material 1784-[19th cent]
- 11 items
- Access: Open
- MS220/F/2/1 Letters to Arthur Biddell of Ipswich 1823-1824
- Correspondence addressed to Arthur Biddell of Playford, Ipswich, Suffolk. The correspondence largely concerns farming and finances related to growing wheat, oats, peas, beans and barley. The connection between Arthur Biddell and the Sands Cox or related families is unclear. Arthur Biddell was the father of George Arthur Biddell who was born on 28 January 1824 and later became chairman of the Ipswich Gas Company.
- /1: letter to Arthur Biddell from J. Wythe concerning Lord Henniker. Wythe informs Biddell that his Lordship had 'promised the agency of his Suffolk Estates in case

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of the death of Mr Kersey'. Wythe states that it would have given him much pleasure 'had I succeeded in my application', dated 12 August 1823.

/2-3: letters to Arthur Biddell from unidentified authors. Concerns finances and a misunderstanding between the author and a Mr Smith 'about threshing the corn' and other payments for crops. Postmarked from Woodbridge.

3 items

Access: Open

MS220/F/2/2

Pew certificates of the Slater family of Birmingham

1784-1786

Pew certificates issued by the churchwardens of St Martin's Church in Birmingham to William Slater and his heirs; with engraving of an elevation of the church as a header.

2 items

Access: Open

MS220/F/2/3

Anonymous commonplace book

[early 19th cent]

Unbound commonplace book containing poetry, ballads and songs, hymns and some unidentified prose; written in more than one hand.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/F/2/4

Sketches

[19th cent]

Miscellaneous sketches by unknown artist:

/1: sketches depicting ladies' hats

/2: sketches detailing gradation in the head of man;

2 items

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Access: Open

MS220/F/2/5 Manuscript relating to the attempted flight of the future Charles II to France [19th cent]

This copy manuscript comprises an acrostic puzzle which is a letter of instruction from Charles I to Mr Hyde, subsequently Lord Clarendon concerning the conduct of his son to safety in France. On the back of the manuscript is a transcript of the puzzle and a note to indicate that the original document was 'Intercepted by Oliver Cromwell, and Decypherd by the famous Milton, Latin Secretary to the Protector'.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/F/2/6 Small collection of wax seals [19th cent]

Sample signet seals mounted on single sheet of paper.

1 item

Access: Open

MS220/F/2/7 Photograph of the chair in which Charles I sat for his trial in Westminster Hall in 1651 [mid 20th cent]

Photograph made by the Victoria & Albert Museum of the chair after its purchase from Moreton-in-Marsh Hospital. For other material relating to Sands Cox's bequest of this chair to the hospital see MS220/F/1/1/15-16 and MS220/F/1/2/10.

1 item

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