



# **Harriet Thiebault Letters**

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1816-1860

Personal letters addressed to Harriet Thiebault, nee Thayer at various residences in England, France and Germany from numerous correspondents. Only about 10 of the letters predate her marriage in late 1822.

Her correspondents included Elizabeth Griffiths, 1816-20; Margaret Sinclair, 1819-23; Elizabeth Anne Leven, 1831-1859; Elizabeth Elgin and her daughters Augusta and Charlotte Bruce, 1836-1858; Anne Pennington, 1846-1852; members of the Bowles family, 1846-1854; Vicomte de Santarem, 1835-1836; Comte de Vaudreuil, 1823-1824, Madame Massone, 1842-1850 and others. There is also a letter from her daughter after her marriage. Correspondents' names and the date of the letter have been added to the top of some correspondence, occasionally with explanatory notes about the correspondent's identity, possibly in Harriet Thiebault's hand.

The majority of the correspondence is concerned with the social activities and leisure interests of Harriet Thiebault and her friends and acquaintances, both in Britain and France. Letters include news of society events during the London Season and in Paris, including balls, operas and soirees to which she was invited by French aristocrats. Society gossip and news of mutual acquaintances is also a common topic of discussion. Some letters discuss Harriet's reading matter, including works of philosophy and natural history. A number of letters, particularly those written during the 1820s and 1830s, also refer to political matters, and provide brief comment on wider events including the 1832 cholera epidemic and its effects in Britain and France, the Irish famine in 1846, and unrest in Paris in 1848.

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The collection also includes some letters to Harriet's daughter, Henriette Malvina, known as Nina who subsequently married Captain Otway Inglefield

Harriet Thayer (b c 1793) was the youngest daughter of Edward Loveden Loveden of Buscot Park, Faringdon, Berkshire (c1751-1822) who was MP for Abingdon 1783-1796 and Shaftesbury, Dorset 1802-1812. He was born Edward Loveden Townsend, son of Thomas Townsend of Cirencester and as well as his father's estate, he inherited the estate of his great uncle at Buscot in 1749. He changed his name to Loveden in 1772, as his uncle's bequest required. He was married three times, first to Margaret Pryse in 1773, by whom he had three children, Pryse Loveden, Margaret Loveden and Jane Elizabeth. Margaret Pryse died in 1784 and the following year he married Elizabeth, widow of Joseph Nash and daughter and sole heiress of John Darker of Gayton Park, Northamptonshire. She died in 1788 and in 1794 he married Anne, daughter of Thomas Linthall in 1794. These marriages were childless; Harriet Thayer seems to have been a ward or natural daughter of Edward Loveden Loveden.

Harriet Thayer's marriage to Paul Adolphe Dieudonne, Baron Thiebault on 22 November 1822 at Worfield, Shropshire is recorded in the International Genealogical Index. He was the son of General Baron Thiebault who served with Napoleon at Austerlitz and was a staff officer in the cavalry of the French Royal Guard. Harriet seems to have spent most of her married life in Paris and Versailles, although some of the later correspondence is addressed to her in Bonn. References in other correspondence suggest that she also spent periods in England. The requirements of her husband's career may explain some of her movements, but it has proved difficult to find out any more

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information. The couple had a daughter, Henriette Malvina Thiebault, whose christening at the British Embassy Chapel in Paris on 3 November 1823 is also recorded in the International Genealogical Index. She married Captain Otway Inglefield in 1852.

Sources: Burkes Peerage and Baronetage; Catalogue of the Loveden papers at Berkshire Record Office: <http://www.a2a.pro.gov.uk/html/005-loveden.htm> accessed July 2003; International Genealogical Index: <http://www.familysearch.org/>; Bristow & Garland sales catalogue, occasional list no. 2-2001.

The letters were originally sewn onto stubs on the inner margin of the volume and bound in roughly chronological order between cardboard; this volume has been disbound and the letters removed but the original order has been maintained.

155 items

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Language: English, French

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Other collections of correspondence of the Thiebault family were sold by Bristow & Garland, Antiquarian Booksellers

Booksellers in June 2001 and are now in different hands.

The papers of Edward Loveden Loveden are held at Berkshire Record Office

MS62/1 Letter from Elizabeth Griffith 1816

Letter written to Harriet Thayer at Saville Row, London and forwarded to Buscot Park; undated but postmarked 16 June or July 1816 and signed E. P. Griffith.

She describes her general dissatisfaction with life, and goes on to report various items of society gossip about mutual acquaintances

1 item

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MS62/2 Letter from Elizabeth Griffith 1820

Letter written from Carreglwyd, Anglesey to Harriet Thayer at Buscot Park; dated 31 July 1820 and signed E. P. Griffith.

She describes her journey to Wales and the welcome the family received from her father's tenants which reconciled her to leaving Italy. Gives details about her activities, which include collecting granite and green marble stones from the beach to make a rockery

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MS62/3 Letter from Elizabeth Griffith 1819

Letter written from Hotel de Quatre Naciones, Florence to Harriet Thayer at Buscot Park; undated but postmarked 31 July 1819 and signed Elizabetta Griffith.

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She describes details of her daily routine in Florence, making special mention of the heat and the scorpions and asks for news of mutual friends.

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MS62/4

Letter from Margaret Sinclair

1819

Letter written from 76 Welbeck Street [London] to Harriet Thayer [at Buscot Park]; dated 16 January 1819 and signed Margaret Sinclair.

She thanks Harriet for a stay at Buscot Park and writes about the journey from there to her uncle's house, mentioning that she was disappointed not to see any highwaymen near Hounslow. She gives details of her daily routine, and asks after Harriet's family.

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MS62/5

Letter from Margaret Sinclair

1819

Letter written from 76 Welbeck Street [London] to Harriet Thayer at Buscot Park; dated 27 January 1819 and signed Margt Sinclair.

She describes some of her social activities in London during the Season, including a description of a party she attended at St James's Palace, and a night out at the Opera. She gives details of society intrigue at both of these occasions

1 item

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- MS62/6 Letter from Margaret Sinclair c 1820
- Letter written from 59 South Audley Street [London] to Harriet Thayer; dated 14 February and signed Margt Sinclair.
- She mentions her brother's career in parliament and gives details of the political disputes involving supporters of Queen Caroline and her enemies, the friends of George IV. She also provides news of some of Harriet's friends who are in London.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/7 Letter from Margaret Sinclair [1819]
- Letter written from 76 Welbeck Street [London] to Harriet Thayer; dated 24 April and signed Margt Sinclair.
- She asks whether Harriet will be able to come to London for a ball to be given on 4 May.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/8 Letter from Margaret Sinclair 1819
- Letter written from 76 Welbeck Street [London] to Harriet Thayer at Buscot Park; dated 5 April and postmarked 1819 and signed Margt Sinclair.
- She gives an account of a ball she attended, mentions that she has seen Harriet's brother recently, and goes on to give news of meeting some of Harriet's friends. She also refers to Harriet's plans to go to Bath before coming to London.
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- Open

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- MS62/9 Letter from Margaret Sinclair 1819
- Letter written from 133 George Street, Edinburgh to Harriet Thayer at Buscot Park; dated 8 November and postmarked 1819 and signed Margt Sinclair.
- She apologises for not writing for some time. She mentions her plans to spend winter with her brother and his wife in London and hopes to see Harriet in the spring. She also gives details of balls she has attended in Edinburgh.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/10 Letter from Margaret Sinclair 1819
- Letter written from 76 Welbeck Street [London] to Harriet Thayer at 15 Milsom Street, Bath; dated Friday 15 [January] (year date added in different hand) and signed Margt Sinclair.
- She discusses the possibility of Harriet renting a house in London in the spring, warning her that London is likely to get very full after Easter when there will be several parties and balls to attend.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/11 Letter from Margaret Sinclair c 1820
- Letter written from 59 South Audley Street [London] to Harriet Thayer; undated and signed M. Sinclair
- She discusses political news, including the conflicting rumours about the king's state of health, and mentions a conspiracy which Lord Liverpool's government has had to deal with.
- 1 item
- Open



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- MS62/12 Letter from Margaret Sinclair 1823
- Letter written from Edinburgh to Harriet Thiebault at 21 Rue de l'Arcade, Paris; dated 20 January and postmarked 1823 and signed Margaret Sinclair.
- She expresses pleasure in hearing from Harriet, presumably after a gap of some time, and congratulates her on her marriage. She gives news of her life in Scotland, and mentions the marriages of mutual acquaintances and also writes about Mr and Mrs Acton, some of Harriet's friends who she has met. She asks for news of Harriet's new life in France.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/13 Letter from Mrs Richmond Seymour 1823
- Letter written from 22 Somerset Street [London] to Harriet Thiebault at 21 Rue de l'Arcade, Paris; dated 22 June 1823 and signed Mrs Richmond Seymour.
- She expresses the hope that Harriet will not forget her English friends, and goes on to provide news of mutual acquaintances. She also discusses Pryse, Harriet's brother and the situation at Buscot Park.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/14 Letter from M. A. Seymour 1835
- Letter to Harriet Thiebault; dated Saturday evening (year date added in different hand) and signed M. A. Seymour.
- She writes an invitation which she has not received, and goes on to discuss whether to write to Madame de Dolimieu or not. She also mentions that she has called on

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Harriet but did not see her.

1 item

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MS62/15

Copy extracts from letters from John Richmond Seymour and Caroline Page

1818-1819

Extracts of letters, presumably to Harriet Thayer and copied by her, c 1820. They comprise:

Extract from a letter from John Richmond Seymour written from Dresden, dated 8 February 1819., in which he gives some details of life at the royal court.

Extract from a letter from Caroline Page written from London, dated April 1818, in which she records incidents during an evening spent in the company of friends.

Lengthy extracts from letters from Caroline Page written from Paris, dated August and October 1818, in which she describes aspects of Parisian life, including a grand seance with music and dancing which she attended with her sister, Matilda

1 item

Open

MS62/16

Letter from the Duchess of Leeds

1823

Letter written in the third person to Harriet Thiebault; dated Friday, (year date added in different hand)

She encloses a piece of lace for Mrs Loftus

1 item

Open

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- MS62/17 Letter from Mrs Loftus 1823
- Letter written from Stiffkey, Wells, Norfolk to Harriet Thiebault at 21 Rue de l'Arcade, Paris; dated 23 November and postmarked 1823 and signed C. Loftus
- She thanks Harriet for sending some lace and 'cauchoise heart'. She makes a reference to the birth of Harriet's daughter whom she describes as 'my little godchild'; she writes about her visits to stay with Lord and Lady Charles Townshend, her family at the house of General Loftus and a planned visit to Lord and Lady James Townshend. She includes news of a mutual friend, Mrs Deacon.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/18 Letter from Le Comte Dillon 1823
- Letter written in the third person from Paris to Harriet Thiebault; dated Sunday morning (year date added in different hand)
- He sends greetings to Harriet. He regrets that his health does not allow him to go out, but writes that he and his family will be available at home every evening apart from the following day. In French
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/19 Letter from Le Comte de Boissy 1823
- Letter written from Paris to [Harriet Thiebault]; dated 6 May 1823 and signed Cte de Boissy.
- He expresses a wish to make social arrangements to see Harriet, and thanks her for her kindness when he was in England. In French

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1 item

Open

This letter has suffered some insect damage

MS62/20

Letter from Lady Effingham

1823

Letter written in the third person to Harriet Thiebault; dated Thursday 3 June (year date added in different hand)

She thanks Harriet for her correspondence, expresses concern at her indisposition and declines an offer of assistance from Harriet.

1 item

Open

MS62/21

Letter from Le Comte de Vaudreuil

1823

Letter written from Rue de Bourbon [Paris] to Harriet Thiebault at Blois; dated 27 June 1823 and signed Vaudreuil Cmte de Vaudreuil.

He apologises for not answering Harriet's letter sooner. He advises Harriet not to stay in her 'cottage in the country' during the winter if it is damp, for the sake of her health and that of her child, and goes on to allude to differences between England and France, mentioning Harriet's affection for her husband causing her to accept whatever is French.

1 item

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This letter has suffered some insect damage

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| MS62/22 | Letter from Le Comte de Vaudreuil  | 1824 |
|         | Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; dated 24 September (year date added in different hand) and signed Vaudreuil Cmte de Vaudreuil.  |      |
|         | Asks after Harriet's health and plans and expresses support.   |      |
|         | 1 item   |      |
|         | Open   |      |
| MS62/23 | Letter from Celenie d'Etchegoyen   | 1826 |
|         | Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; dated Sunday evening (year date added in different hand) and signed Celenie d'Etchegoyen.   |      |
|         | She thanks Harriet for her concern about Bonite, and goes on to mention her immediate plans to go to Paris.  |      |
|         | 1 item   |      |
|         | Open   |      |
|         | This letter has suffered some insect damage  |      |
| MS62/24 | Letter from Lady Lucy Grant  | 1828 |
|         | Letter written to [Harriet Thiebault] addressed as 'my dear Friend'; undated and unsigned, possibly incomplete, and in a different hand is annotated 'Lettre d'adieux en 1828' and 'Lady Lucy Grant' |      |
|         | She sends Harriet a catalogue of books, and goes on to write about friendship and her faith in God.  |      |
|         | 1 item   |      |
|         | Open   |      |
|         | This letter has suffered some insect damage  |      |

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- MS62/25 Letter from unidentified correspondent 1829
- Letter written from Pau to Harriet Thiebault, also at Pau; dated Friday (year date added in different hand) and part of the signature is legible as Polignac.
- The writer discusses social arrangements. In French
- 1 item
- Open
- This letter has suffered some insect damage
- MS62/26 Letter on behalf of Lady Alava 1829
- Letter written to [Harriet Thiebault]; undated (year date added in different hand)
- She explains that the letter is being written for her as she cannot write in French. She regrets that she will not be able to see Harriet the following day as she is engaged elsewhere, but asks if she might make arrangements to have tea with her. In French
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/27 Letter from Le Baron de Caussade 1830
- Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; dated 26 June 1830 and signed Le B. de Caussade.
- He discusses his social arrangements. In French
- 1 item
- Open

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| MS62/28 | Letter from La Marquise de Dolomieu   | 1830 |
|         | Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; dated 18 December 1830 and signed M. de Dolomieu   |      |
|         | She makes social arrangements. In French  |      |
|         | 1 item  |      |
|         | Open  |      |
| MS62/29 | Invitation from La Marquise de Dolomieu   | 1831 |
|         | Printed invitation issued by Madame la Marquise de Dolomieu, as 'Dame d'honneur de la Reine' to Harriet Thiebault for a ball to be held at the Palais Royal on 12 February; dated 6 February 1831 |      |
|         | 1 item  |      |
|         | Open  |      |
| MS62/30 | Letter from unidentified correspondent  | 1831 |
|         | Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; dated midnight Saturday (year date added in different hand) and signed with initials   |      |
|         | The writer appears to discuss the failure of Harriet to rent a house, and suggests other possibilities.   |      |
|         | 1 item  |      |
|         | Open  |      |
| MS62/31 | Letter from unidentified correspondent  | 1831 |
|         | Letter written to [Harriet Thiebault] ; dated 20 May (year date added in different hand); signature includes the words Roman and Lasquier   |      |

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The writer expresses thanks to Harriet for her visit. In French

1 item

Open

MS62/32

Letter from Lady Leven

1832

Letter written from Melville [Cupar, Fife] to Harriet Thiebault at Boulogne; dated 7 March and postmarked 1832 (the year date of 1831 is also incorrectly added in a different hand) and signed E. A. Leven.

She apologises for taking so long to answer Harriet's letter, and goes on to say that she is pleased to hear news of Harriet and her daughter 'Malvina' (Henriette Malvina). She describes the sombre mood of the country which has been affected by a cholera epidemic, and mentions that the Gascombes had to prolong their stay at Melville because there were cases of the disease in Edinburgh. She also discusses her children, and those of her relations.

1 item

Open

MS62/33

Letter from Mr Haynes Bayley

1832

Letter written in the third person from 40 Rue de Lille, Boulogne to Harriet Thiebault; dated Thursday (year date added in different hand)

He asks for 'Wiatt's bill' as he needs to show some of the items to Lady Clayton.

1 item

Open



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MS62/34 Letter from Mr Hart Davies 1832

Letter written from 4 Marine Parade, Dover to Harriet Thiebault; dated Tuesday evening (year date added in different hand) and signed Hart Davies.

He apologises for confusion caused by a mislaid letter to 'Lady Charlotte' and goes on to wish Harriet and her daughter a safe voyage, expressing pleasure at seeing the little girl again, and hopes that she will not forget him.

1 item

Open

MS62/35 Letter from P. S Walker 1832

Letter written from Chapel Field Grove, Norwich to Harriet Thiebault at Boulogne; dated 7 May and postmarked 1832 and signed P. S. Walker.

The writer, probably a woman, enquires after the health of Harriet's daughter who has probably been suffering from whooping cough. She describes a difficult journey from Calais to London, and then to her brother's house, and goes on to give details about her nephews and nieces. She discusses phrenology, and also mentions a report that Algiers is to be ceded to the Turks and asks if there is any truth in this, and if Harriet's husband will be affected. She also discusses mutual acquaintances and the progress of the cholera epidemic in Paris and Abbeville.

1 item

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| MS62/36 | Letter from John Banim  | 1833 |
|         | <p>Letter written from 7 rue des Carrienes aux Batignolles [Paris] to Harriet Thiebault at St Augustin [Paris]; dated Saturday (year date of 1831, amended to 1833 added in different hand) and signed John Banim</p> <p>Asks if Harriet and her husband can see him and his wife one evening to meet Miss Martin, a mutual friend.</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Open</p>   |      |
| MS62/37 | Letter from John Banim  | 1832 |
|         | <p>Fragment of a letter to [Harriet Thiebault]; undated (year date added in different hand) and signed John Banim.</p> <p>He discusses a meeting with Miss Martin that has left him unhappy and annoyed, concerning Sir William Clayton, with whom he says he has never had communication, and about someone writing to London about him. He asks Harriet if she knows anything about this.</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Open</p> |      |
| MS62/38 | Letter from John Banim  | 1832 |
|         | <p>Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; undated (year date added in different hand) and signed John Banim.</p> <p>He encloses a letter to Tait, and wishes Harriet a safe voyage</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Open</p>  |      |

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| MS62/39 | Letter from Monsieur Coqueron  | 1833 |
|         | Letter written to [Harriet Thiebault]; dated Wednesday (year date of 1834, amended to 1833, added in different hand) and signed Coqueron; annotated at the top in a different hand 'Du Dr Coqueron a Vitry Le Francais', suggesting that Monsieur Coqueron was a doctor. |      |
|         | He compliments Harriet. In French  |      |
|         | 1 item   |      |
|         | Open   |      |
| MS62/40 | Letter from unidentified correspondent   | 1833 |
|         | Letter written to Harriet Thiebault at Vitry; dated 12 November (year date added in different hand), signature cannot be deciphered.   |      |
|         | The writer discusses social arrangements and mutual acquaintances. In French   |      |
|         | 1 item   |      |
|         | Open   |      |
| MS62/41 | Letter from unidentified correspondent   | 1833 |
|         | Letter written from Vitry to Harriet Thiebault; dated 1833, signature cannot be deciphered.  |      |
|         | The writer apologises for not seeing Harriet and her husband due to other commitments. In French   |      |
|         | 1 item   |      |
|         | Open   |      |
| MS62/42 | Letter from Mrs C. Acton   | 1834 |
|         | Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; dated Friday (year date added in different hand) and signed C. Acton  |      |
|         | The writer asks Harriet to come to dance with 'Charlotte and the Burnes' the   |      |

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following evening with her husband and 'Nina', a reference to Harriet's daughter Henriette Malvina

1 item

Open

MS62/43

Letter from [Mrs] West

1834

Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; dated 20 December 1834, first name of signature not deciphered

She apologises to Harriet for confusion with the dates of a party which she has missed.

1 item

Open

MS62/44

Letter from Lady Granville

1835

Letter written in the third person to Harriet Thiebault; undated (year date added in different hand)

Thanks Harriet for her 'kind note, the contents of which gave her pleasure in various ways'.

1 item

Open

MS62/45

Letter from unidentified correspondent

1835

Letter written from Paris to [Harriet Thiebault]; dated 30 March 1835, signature cannot be deciphered

The writer (the same correspondent as in MS62/46) discusses a conversation on philosophy and mentions wanting to meet a Monsieur Broussair the following Sunday.

1 item

Open

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- MS62/46 Letter from unidentified correspondent 1835
- Letter written from Paris to [Harriet Thiebault]; dated 22 April 1835, signature cannot be deciphered
- The writer (the same correspondent as in MS62/45) praises a mutual acquaintance, Monsieur Broussair, for his knowledge, and hopes to be able to hear him speak. In French
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/47 Letter from E. Marlay 1835
- Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; dated Monday (year date added in different hand) and signed E. Marlay.
- The writer declines an invitation for that evening and goes on to discuss matters which Harriet might not like to discuss with the bearer of the letter, 'Francois', in front of her servant. The writer also sends Christmas greetings to Harriet, and as a postscript mentions Monsieur Broussair
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/48 Letter from Vicomte de Santarem 1835
- Letter written from [Paris] in the third person to Harriet Thiebault; dated Friday (year date added in different hand)
- He thanks Harriet for some books she had lent him. In French
- 1 item
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| MS62/49 | Letter from Vicomte de Santarem  | 1835 |
|         | Letter written to [Harriet Thiebault]; dated 20 March 1835 and signed M. Santarem.   |      |
|         | He thanks Harriet for the loan of a book by Monsieur Broussair on the Ibis, and goes on to discuss ancient civilizations and writers, as well as modern naturalists and travellers. In French                      |      |
|         | 1 item   |      |
|         | Open   |      |
| MS62/50 | Letter from Vicomte de Santarem  | 1835 |
|         | Letter written to [Harriet Thiebault]; dated 20 April 1835 and signed M. Santarem.   |      |
|         | He sends Harriet a book, and goes on to discuss various works on philosophy, 'animal magnetism', religion and history, and archaeological and philological research done by different European scholars. In French |      |
|         | 1 item   |      |
|         | Open   |      |
| MS62/51 | Letter from Vicomte de Santarem  | 1836 |
|         | Letter written to [Harriet Thiebault]; dated 14 April (year date of 1836, amended to 1837, added in different hand) and signed M. Santarem.  |      |
|         | He thanks Harriet for her invitation to a soiree, to which various scholars have been invited. In French   |      |
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| MS62/52 | Letter from Vicomte de Santarem   | 1836 |
|         | Letter written from Paris, marked confidential, to [Harriet Thiebault]; dated 29 June 1836 and signed M. Santarem.  |      |
|         | He discusses aspects of English politics and journalism, and particularly mentions Lord Beresford. He refers to a recent illness and sends his good wishes to Harriet. In French      |      |
|         | 1 item  |      |
|         | Open  |      |
| MS62/53 | Letter from General de Rumigny  | 1836 |
|         | Letter written from Paris to Harriet Thiebault; dated 24 February 1836 and signed Gnl de Rumigny.   |      |
|         | He declines an invitation. In French  |      |
|         | 1 item  |      |
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| MS62/54 | Letter from Lady Elgin  | 1836 |
|         | Letter written from Hotel de L'Europe to Harriet Thiebault; dated Thursday (year date added in different hand) and signed E. Elgin.   |      |
|         | She passes on greetings to Harriet from Lady Lucy Grant, and goes on to make arrangements for calling on Harriet that day.  |      |
|         | 1 item  |      |
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| MS62/55 | Letter from Lady Elgin  | 1836 |
|         | Letter written from Hotel de L'Europe to Harriet Thiebault at 17 Rue [de la] Ferme; dated Thursday (year date of 1837, amended to 1836, added in different hand) and signed E. Elgin. |      |

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She apologises for missing a social engagement and goes on to say that she values her friendship with Harriet. She also mentions a phrenological ticket.

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MS62/56

Letter from Lady Elgin

1836

Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; undated (year date added in different hand) and signed E. Elgin.

She accepts an invitation from Harriet, sends commiserations to Monsieur Thiebault who is ill, and mentions that Mrs Acton is suffering from a headache

1 item

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MS62/57

Letter from Lady Elgin

1836

Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; undated (year date added in different hand) and signed E. Elgin.

She asks if she can call on Harriet after she has been to the opera if it is not too late, and apologises for not being present at a ball.

1 item

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MS62/58

Letter from Marquise de Marcieu

1836

Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; dated 24 June (year date of 1837, amended to 1836, added in different hand) and signed La Mise de Marcieu nee de Broglia.



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- The writer discusses correspondence with Lord Beresford. In French
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- MS62/59 Letter from Marquis de Bizemont 1836
- Letter written in the third person from Gironville to Harriet Thiebault; dated 1 July (year date added in different hand)
- The writer invites Harriet and her husband to dine on 3 July, and hopes that Harriet's daughter will accompany her mother. In French
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/60 Letter from Lady Charlotte Bruce 1836
- Letter written from 29 Rue de Varennes, Paris to Harriet Thiebault at Rue de la Ferme des Mathurins; dated Monday evening (year date of 1834, amended to 1836, added in different hand) and signed Charlotte C. Bruce
- She invites Harriet and her husband to accompany her party to the Bois de Boulogne the following day, if it is fine.
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- MS62/61 Letter from Lady Elgin 1836
- Letter written from 27 Rue de Varennes, Paris to Harriet Thiebault; dated July (year date added in different hand) and signed E. Elgin.

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She mentions Harriet's recent domestic troubles and enquires after the health of Harriet's 'invalids'. She also discusses Lord Elgin's health and that of her eldest daughter and mentions mutual friends.

1 item

Open

MS62/62

Letter from Marquise de Bizemont

1836

Letter written in the third person from Gironville to Harriet Thiebault; dated 7 November 1836

The writer had accepted an invitation to lunch with Harriet and her husband the following day, but will now have difficulty keeping this engagement and asks to postpone it. In French

1 item

Open

MS62/63

Letter from Rachel S. Corbet

1837

Letter written from 16 Rue de Londres [Paris] to Harriet Thiebault at 17 Rue des Fermes des Mathurines; dated Tuesday (year date added in different hand) and signed Rachel S. Corbet.

She makes social arrangements with Harriet that also involve Lady Elgin and mentions the imminent arrival of Mrs Acton and her daughter in Paris.

1 item

Open

MS62/64

Letter from Sir Frederick Robinson

1837

Letter written in the third party to Harriet Thiebault; dated 24 February (year date added in different hand)

He apologises to Harriet that his indisposition prevents him from leaving his apartment and mentions the latest

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- news from Mr Hamilton, including details of his promotion as Envoy Extraordinary at 'Rio Janeiro'.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/65 Letter from Lady Granville 1837
- Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; undated (year date added in different hand) and signed H. Granville
- She accepts an invitation to see Harriet the following day.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/66 Letter from Lady Elgin 1837
- Letter written from 29 Rue de Varennes [Paris] to Harriet Thiebault at Place d'Armes, Versailles; dated 18 April and postmarked 1837 and signed E. Elgin.
- She apologises for not answering Harriet's last letter and asks about her plans for the summer. She goes on to discuss the health of her eldest daughter, of Lord Elgin, and of her second daughter Augusta. She also discusses mutual friends Mr Grant, and the Actons and asks about Harriet's activities at Versailles and mentions the imminent arrival of her son James.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/67 Letter from Frances Carnegie 1838
- Letter written from Hanover Lodge, Regent's Park [London] to Harriet Thiebault at 17 Rue de la Ferme des Mathurines; dated 19 January 1838 and signed Frances Carnegie.

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She writes to Harriet about the recent death of her husband, and that she plans to visit her husband's parents as soon as they are able to see her. She sends her regards to Harriet's husband and daughter.

1 item

Open

MS62/68

Letter from Lady Elgin

1837

Letter written from 29 Rue de Varennes [Paris] to Harriet Thiebault; dated 12 November (year date added in different hand) and signed E. Elgin.

She thanks Harriet for verses she sent, and enquires after the health of Monsieur Thiebault, sympathising with her anxiety about him. She hopes to be able to see her soon.

1 item

Open

MS62/69

Letter from Lady Elgin

c 1838

Letter written from 29 Rue de Varennes [Paris] to Harriet Thiebault.; dated Thursday, otherwise undated, and signed E. Elgin.

She mentions family arrangements, and goes on to discuss a forthcoming social engagement which she is anxious about.

1 item

Open

MS62/70

Letter from Mrs C. Acton

1838

Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; undated (year date added in different hand) and signed C. Acton.

She confirms a dinner invitation to Harriet, her husband and daughter on the following Thursday, which Lady Elgin will

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also be attending and she discusses clothing. She sends Harriet the letter she has had from Lady Elgin (written on the same paper) in which she also accepts the dinner invitation.

1 item

Open

MS62/71 Letter from unidentified correspondent 1839

Letter written from 98 Rue de Lille [Paris] to [Harriet Thiebault]; dated 31 January 1839, signature cannot be deciphered

The writer discusses social arrangements. In French

1 item

Open

MS62/72 Letter from Lady Elgin 1839

Letter written from 29 Rue de Varennes [Paris] to Harriet Thiebault; dated Monday (year date added in different hand) and signed E. Elgin.

She apologises for being unable to see Harriet the following Wednesday but goes on to make another proposal for a meeting.

1 item

Open

MS62/73 Letter from Lord Elgin 1839

Letter written in the third person from 29 Rue de Varennes, Paris to Harriet Thiebault; dated 26 October 1839

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He informs her that he has a letter for her from England and will forward it to her when he learns that she has returned from England.

1 item

Open

MS62/74

Letter from Miss M. Erskine

1839

Letter written from Boulogne to Harriet Thiebault; dated Tuesday (year date added in different hand) and signed M. Erskine

She describes her journey to Boulogne and her activities there, including details about the people she socialises with there. She also provides Harriet with details of the cost of a boarding house in Boulogne.

1 item

Open

MS62/75

Letter from Lady Elgin

1841

Letter written from 29 Rue de Varennes [Paris] to Harriet Thiebault at 10 Rue de L'Orangerie, Versailles; postmarked 4 January 1841 and signed E. Elgin.

She apologises for not answering Harriet's letter sooner. She discusses the funeral of Lord Bruce, Lord Elgin's son by his first marriage, and goes on to write about other members of the family.

1 item

Open

MS62/76

Letter from Lady Elgin

c 1840

Letter written from Paris to Harriet Thiebault; undated (the years 1840 and 1841 added in a different hand) and signed E. Elgin.

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- She apologises for her late reply to Harriet's last letter, due to illness and writes about books, including a Life of Scott
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/77 Letter from A. J. H. Durham 1841
- Letter written from 9 Hill Street [London] to Harriet Thiebault; dated 12 July (year date of 1837, amended to 1841, added in a different hand) and signed A. J. H. Durham.
- The writer apologises for not writing to Harriet sooner, discusses mutual friends and writes that the season is almost over, and most families have left town earlier than usual on account of the election. The writer also mentions hearing news of Harriet from Lord Elgin's family.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/78 Letter from La Duchesse de Hijas c 1840
- Letter written in the third person to Harriet Thiebault; dated 9 November, no year date; notes in French in a different hand are found on the reverse.
- The writer sends greetings to Harriet and discusses social arrangements. In French
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/79 Letter from J. G. Emilie Whately 1841
- Letter [written from Versailles] to Harriet Thiebault; dated Monday (year date added in different hand) and signed J. G. Emilie Whately.
- The writer discusses the possibility of singing at Lady Aylmer's the following

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- Thursday but regrets that, owing to a cold, will not be able to perform.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/80 Letter from A. J. H. Durham 1842
- Letter written from 9 Hill Street [London] to Harriet Thiebault; dated 21 May 1842 and signed A. J. H. Durham.
- She writes that she has seen Madame de Lozano but, because she is unwell, it will not be possible to forward her views or those of two gentlemen mentioned by Harriet but she promises to help in recommending them or in taking tickets if they should give concerts. She also asks whether Harriet plans to visit London over the summer and sends regards from Madame Riario and from Sir Philip and herself
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/81 Note from Madame [Marietta] Massone 1842
- Brief note [written to Harriet Thiebault]; undated (year date added in different hand)
- She gives the address of Monsieur Massone in London as 3 Jermyn Street, St James. In French
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/82 Letter from Lady Aylmer 1842
- Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; undated (year date added in a different hand) and signed L. Aylmer



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She enquires after the health of Harriet's family, and goes on to discuss the provision of tickets for a concert.

1 item

Open

MS62/83

Letter from Lady Leven

1842

Letter written from 12 Bis Rue de Berry [Paris] to Harriet Thiebault; dated 22 December (year date added in a different hand) and signed E. A. Leven.

She discusses a conversation with Lady Cowley and the possibility of arranging a meeting between her and Harriet and mentions other forthcoming social events.

1 item

Open

MS62/84

Letter from Elizabeth Jane Melville

1843

Letter written from 12 Bis Rue de Berry, Paris to Harriet Thiebault's daughter, Henriette Malvina Thiebault, addressed as Malvina; dated Friday evening [18]43

She enquires about Malvina's health and goes on to invite her and her mother, Harriet, to a soiree dansante. The letter also includes an appended note from Lady Leven, the mother of the letter writer, asking Henriette to give her contact details for the Protestant school mistress Harriet had mentioned so that she could investigate French Protestant governesses

1 item

Open

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- MS62/85 Letter from Lady Leven 1843
- Letter written from 12 Bis Rue de Berry [Paris] to Harriet Thiebault; dated Sunday (year date added in a different hand) and signed E. A. Leven.
- She invites Harriet's daughter Henriette Malvina to stay on the night of the Embassy Ball and Monsieur Thiebault to dinner
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/86 Letter from Lady Leven 1844
- Letter written from Melville [Cupar, Fife] to Harriet Thiebault [in Paris]; dated 27 February (year date added in a different hand) and signed E. A. Leven.
- She thanks her for the piece of work that Malvina (Harriet's daughter Henriette Malvina) has sent, and goes on to ask about their social activities in Paris and Versailles. She mentions her plans to stay in Scotland for the coming spring and describes daily life on the estate. She also writes about her recent travels, the health problems suffered by her family and her children's education.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/87 Letter from Anne Pennington 1846
- Letter written from Bastia [Corsica] to Harriet Thiebault; dated 8 March [18]46 and signed 'your cousin Anne Pennington'.
- The letter begins with a copy of parts of a letter, written in a different hand in French from Algiers, from an unidentified correspondent dated 28 February 1846. Mrs Pennington refers to it as an 'answer to the one Mr Barie had got written to Alg[i]ers' and it appears to relate to

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financial advice but she writes that 'Mr P. does not approve of placing money there'. Mrs Pennington then discusses social events involving 'Lilly', who has made her debut into society and is possibly her daughter, society gossip about mutual acquaintances and the health of her family and goes on to ask Harriet for news of her daughter's debut in Paris.

1 item

Open

MS62/88

Letter from Lady Leven

c 1846

Letter written from 10 Eaton Place, London to Harriet Thiebault; dated 9 April, no year date given, and signed E. A. Leven.

She thanks Harriet for providing her with the name of a governess but gives her reasons for not engaging her and asks Harriet to let her know that she will be looking for a governess in London. She gives details of the house she has rented for the London season. She refers to the Irish famine, writing of 'the anxiety of poor Ireland, the number of deaths is most disturbing' and notes that 'the Highlanders are very badly off too'.

1 item

Open

MS62/89

Letter from Mrs Bowles

1846

Incomplete letter written from Pisa, Italy to [Harriet Thiebault]; undated and unsigned but, in a different hand, it is annotated with a note indicating the name of the author of the letter as being 'Mrs Bowles of Milton Hill nee Selwood' and giving the year date of 1846

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She gives details of a forthcoming trip to Naples, possibly via France or Germany, and asks Harriet to write poste restante to Leghorn. She also mentions the recent ill health of a member of her family.

1 item

Open

MS62/90

Letter from P. S. Walker

1846

Letter written from 2 Rue de la Paix, Boulogne to Harriet Thiebault at 10 Rue des Orangers, Versailles; dated 7 September (year date added in a different hand) and signed P. S. Walker.

The writer expresses concern about the unsettled situation in Paris due to the actions of Louis Napoleon and 'the probability of war', and thinks that Harriet must be glad to be at Versailles at the present. The writer asks for any information Harriet might have about the 'affair Laforze', and discusses what is already known, describes a sighting of Louis Philippe, and goes on to discuss mutual acquaintances and social activities.

1 item

Open

MS62/91

Letter from Lady Leven

1846

Letter written from Melville, Cupar, Fife to Harriet Thiebault; dated 5 December (year date added in a different hand) and signed E. A. Leven

She apologises for being behind with her correspondence and goes on to attempt to answer Harriet's query about her plans for the following summer. She hopes that Harriet might be able to visit her in Edinburgh, and gives her options for travelling by steamer or by railroad. She also refers to the death of Monsieur Thiebault's father, who has left the family

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with debts and discusses recent social engagements including various balls and dances that the family have attended and gives details about the activities of her children. She mentions the shortcomings of a recent suitor for Harriet's daughter, Malvina, and asks Harriet if she knows of a suitable governess for her daughter, Emily.

1 item

Open

MS62/92

Letter from Sister Emily

1847

Letter written from St Mary's [Convent], Derby to Harriet Thiebault; dated Friday (year date added in a different hand) and also annotated in another hand with a further note suggesting a date of 11 or 12 January 'date given me by Harriet in her letter to me'; letter is signed Sister Emily

She writes to Harriet before she leaves England and discusses her faith and the Catholic Church.

1 item

Open

MS62/93

Letter from Lady Leven

1847

Letter written from 10 Eaton Place, London to Harriet Thiebault [in London]; dated Monday (year date of 1846, amended to 1847, added in a different hand) and signed E. A. Leven.

She asks Harriet to come and see her that evening if she can, and informs her that she will be leaving London in a week.

1 item

Open

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| MS62/94 | Letter from Frederick Pennington  | 1847 |
|         | <p>Letter written from Bastia, Corsica to Harriet Thiebault (at 29 Rue de Varenne, Paris, this information being added in a different hand); dated 18 April [18]47 and signed Jack Sprat, followed by F. Pennington. The name of the writer of this letter has been identified from a letter written by his sister, Lilly (see MS62/1/117)</p> <p>He writes from the Royal College to thank Harriet and her husband for their kindness to him and to send his love to their daughter, Malvina. He goes on to write about his progress at the Royal College, and to ask Harriet to write to him. He mentions that his father is going to Algiers the following week, and reports that his family are all in good health.</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Open</p> |      |
| MS62/95 | Letter from William Hervey  | 1847 |
|         | <p>Letter written from Bradwell Grove, Burford, Oxfordshire to Harriet Thiebault; dated 20 July 1847 and signed W. Hervey.</p> <p>He thanks Harriet for contacting him, is glad that she is visiting his area again after so long and arranges to travel to Buscot to see her and to meet her daughter.</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Open</p>   |      |
| MS62/96 | Letter from William Hervey  | 1847 |
|         | <p>Letter written from Bradwell Grove, Burford, Oxfordshire to Harriet Thiebault; dated Tuesday (year date added in a different hand) and signed W. Hervey.</p>   |      |

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- He invites Harriet and her daughter to visit him the following week and meet some of his other guests including the Bouverie family
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/97 Letter from [Mr] Bouverie 1847
- Letter written from Coleshill [Berkshire] to Harriet Thiebault; dated 9 August (year date added in a different hand) and signed although the initials are not confidently deciphered but are possibly F. W.
- The writer invites Harriet and her daughter to visit and hopes that they will meet Lord Radnor and his daughter. The writer also discusses the possibility of the daughter of a friend coming to France, presumably to stay with Harriet.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/98 Letter from unidentified correspondent 1847
- Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; dated 16 August (year date added in a different hand), signature is possibly C. Benens
- Refers to her daughter seeing Harriet at Buscot Park and invites Harriet to visit on her way to Cheltenham, and to dine and stay the night if this fits the arrangements of both parties.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/99 Letter from Lady Elgin 1848
- Letter written from 29 Rue de Varennes [Paris] to Harriet Thiebault; dated 5 May 1848 and signed Elizabeth Elgin.

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She enquires after the health of Harriet and her daughter and hopes they are enjoying their stay in England, and goes on to report on the improved health of family members. She mentions that she has asked Monsiuer Thiebault to join her family party but that he has declined the offer. She asks Harriet to carry out some financial business for her at Coutts Bank.

1 item

Open

MS62/100

Letter from Lady Augusta Bruce

1848

Letter written from Clarence House [London] to Harriet Thiebault; dated 10 May (year date added in a different hand) and signed Augusta, Bruce being added in a different hand

She writes that she has been unable to get [her half-brother] Robert's opinion on the subject of Canada, as Harriet's letter arrived so near his wedding, and goes on to give details about her recent family activities. She mentions the improved health of a family member and that her mother health is improved.

1 item

Open

MS62/101

Letter from Lady Leven

1848

Letter written from an unidentified hotel to Harriet Thiebault; dated 21 June (year date added in a different hand) and signed E. A. Leven.

She apologises for her late reply to Harriet's letter and reports having a headache. She goes on to mention that she will not be attending the Queens Ball but that her daughters might go with their father. She refers to the political situation in Paris and is fearful about the changes that have taken place recently, being afraid that they will lead to 'complete



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anarchy & confusion'.

1 item

Open

MS62/102

Letter from unidentified correspondent 1848

Letter written from 343 Rue St Honore to Harriet Thiebault; dated Wednesday 31 May (year date added in a different hand), signature cannot be deciphered

The writer expresses pleasure at Harriet's friendship and asks about her social plans and also enquires about the cost of some lessons. In French

1 item

Open

MS62/103

Letter from Lady Leven 1848

Letter written from Melville, Cupar, Fife to Harriet Thiebault; dated 25 November (year date added in a different hand) and signed E. A. Leven.

She apologises for the delay in replying to Harriet's letter and enquires about Harriet's health, and the place she is staying. She writes that a visit to Leamington Spa has helped her headaches and mentions the social activities of friends. She sympathises with Harriet's daughter, Malvina over the death of her friend, and writes about the activities of her daughters. She mentions seeing Lady Augusta Bruce a fortnight previously.

1 item

Open

MS62/104

Letter from Marquis de Vinchiaturo 1849

Letter written in the third person to Harriet Thiebault; dated 24 December 1849

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She pays compliments to Harriet, and gives her the address in Naples of the father of a friend of hers. In French

1 item

Open

MS62/105

Letter from Marietta Massone

1849

Letter written from Naples to Harriet Thiebault, care of Lady Elgin, 29 Rue de Varennes, Paris; dated 8 June (year date added in a different hand) and signed Marietta Massone.

She explains that she had to leave Paris suddenly, as her husband was called to his family in Naples. She mentions the birth of her daughter and refers to mutual friends, including Lady Elgin. She expresses her affection for Harriet and her daughter, and writes that she expects to be in Naples for some time. In French

1 item

Open

MS62/106

Letter from Anne Pennington

1849

Letter written from Bastia [Corsica] to Harriet Thiebault; dated 1 August (year date added in a different hand) and signed Anne Pennington.

She discusses the dates of previous correspondence and goes on to write that she is surprised that Harriet is in England again. She enquires whether Monsieur Thiebault was satisfied with what Mr Pennington had done in Algiers. She refers to the activities of her daughter Lilly and of her sons and enquires about the health of Harriet and her daughter.

1 item

Open

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MS62/107 Letter from unidentified correspondent 1849

Letter written from Biarritz to Harriet Thiebault; dated 10 October, signed 'dear sister, most affectionately yours' but the signature is undecipherable

The writer thanks Harriet for offering to take her daughter Isabelle with her for the winter, but thinks that the cold climate would be bad for her health, despite the advantages to her of passing time in the company of Harriet's daughter, her cousin. She thanks Harriet also for offering to marry Isabelle, but fears that 'a girl without money has very little chance in this world'. She writes that Adolphe (Harriet's husband) has been staying with her, and that the 'good air' has helped him. The letter bears a note in French in a different hand at the top of the first page which is also dated 10 October 1849 and written from Biarritz

1 item

Open

MS62/108 Letter from Frederick Pennington 1849

Letter written on behalf of Anne Pennington from Bastia [Corsica] to Harriet Thiebault; dated 2 November 1849 and signed Fredk Pennington

The writer reports that there is little news from Algiers and letters have not been answered. Anne Pennington, who is unwell, is also worried about cholera on Corsica, the disease having been brought on the 'Post Office Packet'. Eight people have died, and another case is due to be brought ashore. She is also worried about not having heard from Harriet for some time.

1 item

Open

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| MS62/109 | Letter from Marietta Massone   | 1850   |
|          | Letter written from 10 Cisterna dell'Olio, Naples to Harriet Thiebault; dated 27 April 1850 and signed Marietta Massone.   |        |
|          | She thanks Harriet for her letter and hopes that her health is better. She refers to family affairs, and to news about Lady Elgin and her family and mentions other mutual acquaintances. In French                                  |        |
|          | 1 item   |        |
|          | Open   |        |
| MS62/110 | Letter from H. Bowles  | [1850] |
|          | Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; dated 2 May, no year given and signed H. Bowles, the middle initial being J. or S.  |        |
|          | The writer possibly discusses a visit to Harriet in France, and asks her to explain the English names of items of furniture. Refers to suffering from rheumatism and not being able to go outside, and from more serious complaints. |        |
|          | 1 item   |        |
|          | Open   |        |
| MS62/111 | Letter from a member of the Bowles family  | [1850] |
|          | Incomplete letter written to Harriet Thiebault; undated and unsigned   |        |

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The writer gives Harriet a report on their mother's health and details of the activities of other members of the family including Fanny, Anne, Ian who has passed his degree at Oxford, and Tom. The writer also mentions musical performers including Jenny Lind and Parodi and asks if Harriet has read a book which had recently been published under the title 'Mary Barton, a tale of Manchester Life' which 'has made a great sensation'

1 item

Open

MS62/112

Letter from Fanny Bowles

1850

Letter written from Milton Hill to Henriette Malvina Thiebault, addressed 'My dearest Nina' at Cologne Hotel, Bonn; dated 27 July (year date added in a different hand) and signed Fanny Bowles.

She gives a detailed report on the progress of her mother's illness and her medical treatment

1 item

Open

MS62/113

Letter from Thomas Bowles

1850

Letter to Harriet Thiebault; undated, although it is annotated in a different hand 'Milton Hill - July 27th 1850. Mrs Bowles died the 29th of July two days after this letter' and signed Thomas Bowles.

He provides a report on the true seriousness of his mother's illness and writes that she has not long to live, although his sisters are not aware of this.

1 item

Open

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- MS62/114 Letter from I. S. Bowles 1850
- Letter written from Milton Hill to Harriet Thiebault; dated 30 July (year date added in a different hand) and signed I S. Bowles
- The writer informs her of the death of Mrs Bowles.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/115 Letter from Fanny Bowles 1850
- Letter written from 1 Julian Street, Tenby, Pembrokeshire to Henriette Malvina Thiebault, addressed 'Dearest Nina'; dated 17 August (year date added in a different hand) and signed Fanny Bowles.
- She thanks her for her letter of sympathy, describes her feelings about her mother's death, and gives an account of the last days of her life. She writes that she will soon be returning to Milton Hill.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/116 Letter from unidentified correspondent 1850
- Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; dated Friday night, but annotated in a different hand with date of 6 November [18]50 and place of writing as Versailles; signature has not been deciphered
- The writer enquires about the health of Harriet's daughter and that of Monsieur Thiebault. He asks whether Monsieur Thiebault will be well enough to go to London and goes on to give details of some business that he will be carrying out on the writer's behalf.
- 1 item
- Open

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- MS62/117 Letter from Lilly Pennington 1850
- Letter written from Bastia [Corsica] to Harriet Thiebault; dated 1 December [18]50 and signed Lilly. The letter is annotated in a different hand to indicate that the writer is 'Lilly Pennington (Mad[am]e de Broca)'
- She reports briefly on the health of her mother, but the majority of the letter contains news about the progress and recent activities of her brother, Frederick (known as 'Jack Sprat'), following a letter from the Colonel of his regiment.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/118 Letter from Mrs Riall 1851
- Letter to Harriet Thiebault addresses 'My dear Baroness'; undated but annotated in a different hand 'commencement de 1851 - Mrs Riall's recommendation' and signed M. Riall.
- Thanks Harriet for her hospitality towards a female friend or relative, and goes on to ask about her plans for the summer, enquiring whether she intends to stay in Bonn or try some other locations on the Rhine, which is what she and her husband are planning to do.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/119 Letter from Miss M. Erskine 1851
- Letter written from 15 Preston Street to Harriet Thiebault (her address at Coblenzer Strasse, Bonn added in different hand); dated Tuesday 27 [18]51, annotated with the addition of the month of May and signed M.E.
- Wishes to see Harriet again but will not go to Germany. Reports on the travels of mutual acquaintances and informs Harriet

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that she may shortly be in Boulogne visiting friends, and expresses no interest in going to the Crystal Palace, explaining that she has been driven around the exterior several times, but has recently been ill and could not deal with the crowds inside. Goes on to mention the Pope's apparent attempts to convert England to Catholicism. Mentions the promotion of Monsieur Thiebault.

1 item

Open

MS62/120

Letter from unidentified correspondent 1851

Letter written from Versailles to Harriet Thiebault; undated (year date added in a different hand), signature unclear.

Writes about illness and provides recipes for remedies. Also mentions 'Sophie' and asks about the forthcoming marriage of Harriet's daughter, suggesting that she be married in Belgium. In French

1 item

Open

MS62/121

Letter from Anne Pennington 1851

Letter written from Bastia, Corsica to Harriet Thiebault; dated 24 October 1851 and signed A. Pennington.

Discusses an argument between mutual acquaintances, and goes on to invite Harriet to stay in Corsica but fears her daughter would find it dull. Suggests that she might like to travel on to Italy. Refers to family affairs, including the breaking off of the marriage of her daughter Lilly.

1 item

Open



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| MS62/122 | Letter from Marquis de Molac   | 1851 |
|          | Letter written to Harriet Thiebault (her address in Bonn added in different hand); dated 12 July (year date added in a different hand) and signed M. de Molac.   |      |
|          | Sends Harriet a piece of work, and goes on to discuss music. In French   |      |
|          | 1 item   |      |
|          | Open   |      |
| MS62/123 | Letter from Marquis de Molac   | 1851 |
|          | Letter written to Harriet Thiebault (her address in Bonn added in different hand); dated 15 July (year date added in a different hand) and signed M.   |      |
|          | Thanks Harriet for a journal she has sent, and goes on to enquire about her husband. In French   |      |
|          | 1 item   |      |
|          | Open   |      |
| MS62/124 | Letter from Emily Roe  | 1851 |
|          | Letter written from Rue St Jacques 26 to Harriet Thiebault (her address in Coblenzer Strasse, Bonn added in different hand); dated 10 August (year date added in a different hand) and signed Emily Roe  |      |
|          | Discusses the availability of apartments for Harriet to rent and gives details about the facilities and location. Mentions the possibility of staying in Bruges for the winter. She tells Harriet that she is going to Blankenberghe to stay with her mother, and that she can be contacted there. |      |
|          | 1 item   |      |
|          | Open   |      |

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| MS62/125 | Letter from Emily Roe  | 1851 |
|          | Letter written from Blankenberghe to Harriet Thiebault; dated 11 August (year date added in a different hand) and signed Emily Roe   |      |
|          | Refers to her letter of the previous day (see MS62/1/1/124) and informs Harriet that she has made enquiries about a lady's maid. She also provides further details about Harriet renting an apartment, including prices. She suggests that Harriet write to the landlady, and provides her with details. She also briefly describes her activities in Blankenberghe. |      |
|          | 1 item   |      |
|          | Open   |      |
| MS62/126 | Letter from unidentified correspondent   | 1852 |
|          | Extract from Lord Jeffrey's Letters on 'An English Woman of Fashion', with a note to Harriet Thiebault suggesting that she reads the extract 'in the railroad tomorrow'. Initials unclear.   |      |
|          | 2 items  |      |
|          | Open   |      |
| MS62/127 | Letter from Anne Pennington  | 1852 |
|          | Letter written from Bastia [Corsica] to Harriet Thiebault; dated 24 May and signed Anne Pennington.  |      |

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Describes the difficulty she has had in getting a licence for her daughter Lilly to marry in Florence at the embassy, and goes on to give details about the marriage service which eventually took place in the drawing room. She asks Harriet to send her some lace and goes on to describe various items of clothing including Lilly's wedding dress. She mentions that the parting from her daughter has been painful and thinks she will find it difficult to be without her. Finally, she enquires when Harriet's daughter will be married.

1 item

Open

MS62/128

Letter from Henriette Malvina Inglefield  
(nee Thiebault)

1852

Letter written from British Hotel, Boulogne to Harriet Thiebault at 65 Rue des Varennes, Paris., addressed as 'My dear Mama'; dated 11 June and signed 'your affectionate daughter H. M. Inglefield; with part of envelope annotated 'Nina's first letter after her marriage'

Written shortly after her wedding, she describes the household affairs of herself and her new husband, reports that they will go to England on a steamer, and asks Harriet to give her a full account of her wedding, which she claims to know less about than anyone else. She goes on to ask Harriet for news of herself and of others, and writes about a dispute she has had with 'Eugenie'. She gives Harriet her address in London, at 59 and 60 Park Street, Hyde Park.

2 items

Open

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- MS62/129 Letter from unidentified correspondent 1852
- Letter written to Harriet Thiebault addressed 'Chere Henrietta'; undated (but dated added as 16 June 1852 in different hand) and signed Laura.
- Congratulates Harriet on the marriage of her daughter, after reading an article that the English vice-consul sent. Sympathises with Harriet on her perhaps mixed feelings at being happy that her daughter is married but sad to lose her company. Goes on to report that 'Isabelle' has been unwell and will try a remedy that Harriet recommends. Hopes that she will see 'Nina' (Harriet's daughter) soon, and that her husband will be employed in Paris. In French
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/130 Letter from unidentified correspondent 13 October 1852
- Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; dated 13 October 1852 and signed W. ? de Gagemon.
- Discusses Harriet's daughter 'Nina' (Henriette Malvina). In French
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/131 Letter from unidentified correspondent 1853
- Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; dated 1853 and possibly signed Aristie
- She regrets not seeing Harriet when she was in Paris, but she was unable to visit her because of the illness of her daughter, who is now recovered. In French
- 1 item
- Open

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Letter from Lady Leven

1854

Letter written from Garscube to Harriet Thiebault; dated 4 September 1854 and signed E. A. Leven.

Expresses her pleasure on hearing that 'Mrs Inglefield' (Harriet's married daughter), is well and has given birth to a son. She hopes to hear more news about mother and baby, but will be travelling around Scotland for the next few weeks. She asks whether chloroform was used 'according to the present prevailing fashion'. Mentions the recent state of her health and that of other members of her family, and is thankful that a recent cholera outbreak seems to have ended.

1 item

Open

MS62/133

Letter from E. J. M. Bowles

1854

Letter written from 115 Shaw Street, Liverpool to Harriet Thiebault; dated 13 October 1854 and signed E. J. M. Bowles.

Asks Harriet for details about a servant she has recommended, including what salary she might expect, and whether she can speak English. Goes on to ask whether Harriet might pay her a visit, and asks her to pray that 'I may never fail in doing the whole work of God'. Note on the reverse in a different hand reads 'from my god daughter who turned Catholic & became a nun'. It is not possible to tell whether this is Harriet's hand.

1 item

Open

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| MS62/134 | Letter from Elizabeth M. Turton  | 1855                  |
|          | Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; undated (but dated added in different hand as 16 January 1855) and signed Elizth M. Turton.   |                       |
|          | Writes that she was sorry not to see Harriet on Saturday because of the illness of Monsieur Thiebault, but hopes that he is now better, and that they will be able to visit her in the next few days for 'a little music'. |                       |
|          | 1 item   |                       |
|          | Open   |                       |
| MS62/135 | Letter on behalf of Sir E. Bulwer Lytton   | 22<br>October<br>1855 |
|          | Letter written from Paris in the third person to Harriet Thiebault; undated (but date added in different hand as 22 October 1855)  |                       |
|          | Sends his compliments to Harriet and asks whether it will be possible to see her at her hotel on Monday evening.   |                       |
|          | 1 item   |                       |
|          | Open   |                       |
| MS62/136 | Letter from unidentified correspondent   | 1855                  |
|          | Letter written to Harriet Thiebault (her address in Munich added in different hand); undated (but October 1855 added in different hand) and signature is unclear   |                       |
|          | Makes arrangements to see Harriet the following day. In French   |                       |
|          | 1 item   |                       |
|          | Open   |                       |

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| MS62/137 | Letter from Amelie Unterrichte   | 1855 |
|          | <p>Letter written from Munich (address added in different hand to Harriet Thiebault; undated (date of December 1855 added in different hand) and signed Amelie Unterrichte.</p> <p>Thanks Harriet for her hospitality and hopes to be able to return it soon. Goes on to make arrangements for Harriet's visit. In French</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Open</p>  |      |
| MS62/138 | Letter from Madame Ciretral  | 1856 |
|          | <p>Letter written from Paris to Harriet Thiebault in Munich; undated (date of January 1856 added in different hand); signature indecipherable, name of correspondent , as well as addresses taken from note at top of letter in different hand.</p> <p>Discusses the affairs of high society and goes on to discuss social arrangements, activities and news with Harriet. In French</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Open</p> |      |
| MS62/139 | Letter from Monsieur Ciretral  | 1856 |
|          | <p>Letter written from Paris to Harriet Thiebault; dated 22 January 1856 and signed Ciretal</p> <p>Thanks Harriet on behalf of himself and Madame Ciretal for writing to them. Goes on to discuss Harriet's stay in Munich, and to discuss the activities of Monsieur Thiebault. Also mentions the king of Bavaria. In French</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Open</p>  |      |

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| MS62/140 | Letter from Helen Edwards   | 1856 |
|          | <p>Letter written from Grand Hotel du Louvre, Paris to Harriet Thiebault at Munich; dated 16 April 1856 and signed Helen Edwards.</p> <p>Explains her immediate plans, and regrets not being able to meet Harriet in Switzerland. She goes on to give news of mutual acquaintances, including Lady Elgin and her daughters and gives Harriet the names of some friends of hers who will show her hospitality if she visits Florence during the summer. Mentions the recent celebration of Peace. This is possibly a reference to the end of the Crimean War in 1856 and the Peace of Paris.</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Open</p> |      |
| MS62/141 | Letter from unidentified correspondent  | 1856 |
|          | <p>Letter written from Paris to Harriet Thiebault at Munich; undated (date of 16 April 1856 and addresses added in different hand), signature indecipherable.</p> <p>Refers to Harriet's visit to Switzerland, and to the activities of Monsiuer Thiebault, and goes on to discuss a forthcoming costume ball, and the different outfits people are proposing to wear. In French</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Open</p>  |      |
| MS62/142 | Letter from Theo S. Fay   | 1856 |
|          | <p>Letter written to Harriett Thiebault; dated Wednesday 16 (date of 16 July 1856 added in different hand) and signed Theo. S. Fay.</p>   |      |



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- Informs Harriet that her letter to Professor Bush will be forwarded to him.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/143 Letter from unidentified correspondent 1856
- Letter written from Munich to Harriet Thiebault at Munich; dated 14 October 1856 and signature unclear but possibly Marie d'Yrseh
- Thanks Harriet for her letter, and goes on to discuss payment for supplies. Discusses the activities of figures in high society, including members of the royal family of Bavaria. In French
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/144 Letter from unidentified correspondent 1857
- Letter written to Harriet Thiebault; dated 6 March 1857, signature is unclear.
- Thanks Harriet for the gift of a casket of ale and goes on to describe the surroundings of the 'detestante place' the letter is written from. Also discusses the affairs of the 'President', and the activities of mutual acquaintances. Hopes to 'get posted & home before the autumn'.
- 1 item
- Open
- MS62/145 Letter from Baronne de Kubeck 1857
- Written from Mouza, near Milan to Harriet Thiebault; dated 2 August 1857
- Thanks Harriet for her correspondence, and reports on her recent movements and activities. Also mentions her plans for the winter, and hopes that she might see Harriet. Signed F. de Kubeck, nee de

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Salignac Fenelon. In French

1 item

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MS62/146

Letter from Augusta Bruce

1858

Written from Frogmore, Windsor to Harriet Thiebault; dated 29 June (no year date but 1856 added in a different hand) and signed Augusta Bruce.

Discusses Canadian bonds and investments and possible advisors for Harriet. Also gives news about her elder brother, who is now Lord Elgin.

1 item

Open

MS62/147

Letter from Gertrude Tennant

1858

Letter written from Lyndhurst, Hampshire to Harriet Thiebault.; dated 17 August 1858 and signed Gertrude Tennant.

Recommends the place she is staying to Harriet's daughter and her husband. Reports that her aunt has been settled there for some time, and rents a house. She goes on to describe the favourable location of Lyndhurst, some of the prominent figures in local society and the leisure activities one can enjoy there. She also mentions a possible house that Harriet's daughter could rent, if she wished.

1 item

Open

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MS62/148 Letter from Lady Leven 1859

Letter written from Melville to Harriet Thiebault; dated 6 November 1859 and signed E. A. Leven.

Thanks Harriet for writing to tell her of her daughter's safe confinement and sends her best wishes for the health of both mother and child, expressing her sympathy with the apparent disappointment that the baby is a girl. She goes on to reports that she has been using homeopathic remedies for her headaches, and gives details of her recent movements and the activities of members of her family.

1 item

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MS62/149 Letter from Charlotte Douglas Baird 1859

Letter written from Closeburn Hall, Thornhill to Harriet Thiebault; dated 6 November 1859 and signed Charlotte Douglas Baird.

Thanks Harriet for telling her of the birth of her daughter's baby and is pleased that she has had a girl. Sends her greetings to all at Caversham but hopes that 'Nina' (Henriette Malvina, Harriet's daughter) might be able to visit her in Scotland. She goes on to report on the health and activities of her family.

1 item

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MS62/150 Letter from N. J. Senior 1860

Letter written from 5 Park Terrace, Surbiton Road, Kingston-on-Thames to Harriet Thiebault; dated 17 February 1860, written on embossed House of Lords note paper and signed N. J. Senior.

Offers Harriet a sitting room and three bedrooms to rent during the following

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month and mentions that these lodgings have been recommended by a cousin. Asks Harriet to reply to the above address as the writer does not attend the House of Lords every day.

1 item

Open

MS62/151

Letter from Mrs M. Molyneux-Seel

1859

Letter written from Torquay to Harriet Thiebault; dated 22 November (no year date but 1859 added in a different hand) and signed M. Molyneux Seel.

Writes to Harriet on behalf of her mother, discusses her mother's financial affairs and asks Harriet to congratulate her daughter on the birth of her baby, mentioning the loss of another child. She goes on to give details about Torquay, including the price of foodstuffs, and news about friends and acquaintances, and asks Harriet whether she might be able to come and visit in the spring.

1 item

Open

MS62/152

Letter from M. de Gardam

1860

Letter written from Versailles to Harriet Thiebault; dated Monday 9th (date of 9 July 1860 added in a different hand) and signed M. de Gardam

Apologises for the late payment of a sum of money, and explains the reasons for this.

1 item

Open

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MS62/153

Note from Bette Gilbert

[c 1860]

Typed note reads 'How very much warmer it is today. This writing frame was invented by a blind French man who brought it over to the great Exhibition in fifty one.' Copied out by hand beneath, with note in the same hand at the top of the fragment, written in French, giving details of the sender Bette Gilbert, daughter of the bishop of Chichester.

1 item

Open