

List of letters and telegrams in archive

Date created	Description	Details	In what form
1847?	From George Mackarness to Mary Ann Young	Written before his trip to Madeira with Lord Henry Scott (later 1st Lord Montagu of Beaulieu). She has conditionally promised to marry him, and he says he would rather not go on the trip but feels it can't be avoided.	Original, no envelope.
1847-48	Group of letters to Mary Ann Young	Mostly from George Richard Mackarness, both before and after they were married. Some were written from Madeira.	Originals, some in envelopes with GRM's seal. Also extracted 'highlights' of the letters from Madeira - probably typed by Eleanor Booker - with biographical notes
1848	Letter from 'Button Up' to Mary Ann Young	Undated, but written around the time MAY married GRM on 1 st August 1848. An accompanying note from Eleanor Booker explains that the writer, apparently a schoolboy, may not have been her brother although this is how he signed off - since she cannot find a record of any brother.	Original
?1850	Letter from Jenny Young to her mother	Jenny, Mary Ann Young's sister, gives an uncharitable description of a 'vulgar' clergyman and seems to be outlining a plan to marry off two servants, who have not yet met .	Original, no envelope or date
15 th March 1851	From 2 Irish tenants to the Misses Young, 1851	A letter of petition from John and James Reilly to Mary Ann Young and her sister Jenny, who appear to have been their landlords, requesting them to hold off the bailiffs. (There is a similar letter written to George Richard Mackarness in 1881.)	Original in envelope
5 June 1858	From John Taylor Coleridge to his son-in-law John Fielder Mackarness	Describes meeting ministers, privy councillors and the Queen	Original and typed copy
10 Sept 1858	From M? To George Richard Mackarness	From a spa in Bavaria. He offers to sell GM 'the rat-tailed coach horse' for £35 and enquires about 'Evy's whooping cough.	Original, damaged.

31 Dec 1859	From ? To Mary Ann Mackarness	The letter is unsigned but sent from West Felton Rectory, which Google suggests was occupied by the Rev. Thomas Hunt at this time - so it may be from him or a member of his family.	Original - page probably missing. Very difficult handwriting.
23 Jan 1860	From Mr Watts Russell to Mary Ann Mackarness	Probably Jesse Watts-Russell, Squire of Ilam Hall (1786-1875), or his son of the same name.	Original, no envelope
23 April 1862	From Charles Mackarness (aged 12) to his father John Fielder Mackarness	Describes a visit to Woolwich arsenal, including diagrams of the apparatus for making bullets	Original
1869	From Louisa Poynter to her niece Matilda Ann Mackarness nee Planche	Intriguing letter accompanying a postal order for £15 10s., a donation or subscription. It's not clear what the money is for, although there is a reference to a little girl. Some parts are difficult to read.	Original
1871	From G Brown Goode (USA) to George Richard Mackarness	Request for genealogical information (GBG was writing from the Smithsonian Institute). Refers to branches of the family in Virginia and Barbados, and to Mackarness being used as a Christian name.	Original
3 rd February 1881	From a group of Irish tenants to George Richard Mackarness.	Addressed to GRM as Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, 'Landlord of the Townlands of Lahard Drumcullion and Drumcambry'. Thanking him for granting a request 'in the famine stricken years' and assuring him that reports of anarchy and outrages in that area are inaccurate. Signed by Charles Hale and John Reilly on behalf of the group.	Original
25 August 1888	From Charles Mackarness to his two eldest children, Margot and Hugh	They were aged about 5 and 3, staying at Knoyle with their grandparents.	Original
1888?	From 'Ouida' to Frederic Mackarness	Ouida was the pen name of novelist Maria Louise Ramé 1839-1908. She had very strong political views and this letter refers among other things to 'Joe Chamberlain' and his intentions towards South Africa.	Letter in original stamped envelope, sent from Italy. Purple ink - difficult handwriting!
1890	From Mabel Godfrey to her sister-in-law Frederica 'Rica' Godfrey.	Asking her to be new baby Violet's godmother. Several references to Violet's elder sister Eileen.	Original

17 July 1907	From Louis Botha to Frederic Mackarness	LB was Prime Minister of South Africa. Response to FM's letter applauding his repatriation of Chinese labourers and replacing them with native ones.	In official envelope from the Prime Minister's Office, Pretoria
1908	From Horace Mann to Frederic Mackarness	Letter and poem, written in honour of his own 85th birthday. A Google search does not reveal who this Horace Mann was.	On Reform Club paper. Frederic has written on the back to 'dearest Mater' ('Is not he cheery?')
1909	From Charles Mackarness to his Scarborough parishioners	Thanking them for subscribing to give him a holiday.	Printed original
21-Jun-09	From John Morley MP to Frederic Mackarness MP	Morley was a Liberal MP, and Secretary of State for India 1905-1910. The letter is from the India Office, Whitehall and turns down Frederic's request for a conference regarding his 'repressive' actions in India.	On official paper. No envelope
09-Apr-14	From ? to Frederic Mackarness	(Name illegible) writes from the Department of Finance, Cape Town in response to FM raising objections to 'the Indian deportations'. Includes ref to 'blacks and semi barbarians'.	On official paper. No envelope
Jan-15	From Dr Frank Godfrey to Cuthbert Mackarness	Emotional letter sent to India after Cuthbert had sent for his fiancé (Eileen Lillias Godfrey, Dr Godfrey's eldest daughter) to join him (a long sea voyage past German submarines).	Original, in envelope. Scanned version on website.
Feb-15	From Dr Frank Godfrey to his sister Rica	Rica and Ethel were with Eileen en route to India. He talks about missing Eileen, the bombardment of Scarborough by Zeppelins, and amputating the legs of two sisters afterwards. Extracts uploaded to website.	Original, no envelope. Very difficult handwriting! Scanned version on website.
1915	Telegram announcing Cuthbert and Eileen's marriage	From Calcutta. Text is simply 'Married today Mackarness'. Misdirected to 'Leo Goopey' - someone has written 'Try Dr Godfrey' on the envelope.	Telegram in original envelope
?1917	From the Archbishop of Canterbury to 'B' (copy)	Apparently turning down a request for Charles Mackarness to take up a canon's post after retirement, while recognising his merits	Copy apparently made by CCM

Feb-17	From Charles Mackarness to his son Hugh, fighting in Mesopotamia	7 Feb 1917 - mentions the extremely cold winter	Original
Mar-18	From Grace Mackarness to her son Cuthbert Mackarness	Series of letters written to Cuthbert in India after the death of his father, Archdeacon Charles Mackarness	Original
Apr-18	“ “	Letter giving the news of Guy Mackarness' engagement to Nancy Barraclough	Original
26-28 August 1919	Several letters to Eileen and Cuthbert Mackarness on Peter's birth	Peter was born in Scarborough on 25 August. The letters are from Cuthbert's sister Margot, brothers Hugh and Roger, aunts Mai Milford and Ada Mackarness. Margot's letter refers to Guy's wife Nancy expecting a baby (John Mackarness). Hugh's includes a mention of an earlier Peter Mackarness who made his will in Great Brington, Northamptonshire, about 1660. Ada's remarks 'I hear Richard is a very fascinating child'.	Originals, no envelopes
17-Nov-20	From Frank Godfrey to his son-in-law Cuthbert Mackarness	Describes how 'that small Peter of yours' is playing on the floor as he writes (later leaving a puddle), and 'Itchey' (Richard) is growing tall.	Original, no envelope. Scanned version on website.
19-Jun-22	From Margot Booker to Cuthbert Mackarness	On the death of her husband Bob Booker (leaving her with six children). Enclosed: newspaper cutting re. 'Booker of Eton'.	Original with envelope
1928-29	From George McFerran, headmaster of Packwood School, to Cuthbert and Eileen Mackarness	Five 'report' letters about Richard and Peter - including one immediately after Peter arrived in September 1928.	Originals, no envelopes
15/01/1929 and 7 Jan 1930	From Aunt Mai Milford to her niece-in-law Eileen	On both occasions Mai was writing to say what 'excellent guests' Richard and Peter (aged 11 and 9) were.	Original, no envelopes
Apr-32	From Lillias Godfrey to Eileen Mackarness (her niece?)	Written from Melbourne, Australia. Includes anecdote of how Francis Woodhouse, an ancestor, missed inheriting the family home, Elsdon Manor in Herefordshire. She encloses a one-page Woodhouse family tree, going back to the 15 th century	Original

1936	From Arthur Mackarness to Hugh Mackarness	Responding to a request for information about Charles Mackarness' (his brother, Hugh's father) footballing achievements	Original typed letter sent from Petersfield
1936/37	from Peter Mackarness to his father Cuthbert	Peter, aged 17 or 18, was in Willingdon with his mother Eileen. Cuthbert was still in India.	Original, handwritten
09-Feb-38	From Peter Mackarness to his mother Eileen	This was during Peter's visit to Assam - first letter to his mother since arriving. From Forest Inspection Bungalow, Ranakhata	Lined paper, no envelope
1938	From Phillip Mills to Eileen Mackarness	Philip was a Senior Assam Civil Servant and a friend of Cuthbert and Eileen's. This letter tells her how 'quite the most critical man in Assam' (unidentified) has met Peter and praised him highly	On notepaper headed 'Government House, Shillong, Assam' - no envelope
1938	Telegram with news of tiger shot	From Cuthbert and Peter Mackarness to Eileen	Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department original
,1940	3 telegrams to Cuthbert and Eileen Mackarness	Silver wedding congratulations sent to India - from Peter, the Hughes and Grace/Margot	
06-Mar-40	From Philip Mills to Eileen	Congratulations on Cuthbert and Eileen's silver wedding	On notepaper headed 'Government House, Shillong, Assam' - no envelope
9 November 1941	From John Race Godfrey to his niece Eileen	Letter originally sent with Godfrey and Chambers shields on enamelled and galvanised iron - the letter is mainly about these, and says the Godfrey line can be traced back to William the Conqueror and the Chambers line to Scotland.	Original with 2 family crests on paper, no envelope
27-Feb-43	From Philip Mills in Assam to Cuthbert Mackarness	Thanking him for his help and support over the years. A stamp on the letter says 'Secretary to the Governor of Assam'	Original
26 April 1943	From two correspondents to, or about Eileen Mackarness	Expressions of thanks and admiration for her work in Assam, at the time she and Cuthbert were finally leaving India. The signatures are hard to read, but could be L G Fielder and Grace Bardie or Bardee.	One in an envelope, one without
August 1943	Correspondence between Hugh Mackarness and Kathleen Kempthorne	Exchanging family information, including the nicknames of her brothers George Fleming Mackarness, 'Poodle', and Charles Edward Bonham Mackarness, 'Boxer'.	Originals, no envelopes

15-Sep-43	Telegram from Eleanor Booker to Eileen Mackarness	Congratulations on her Kaiser i Hind silver medal (see 'official documents' sheet)	
December 1944	From Torla Mackarness to her mother Muriel Tidman	Christmas letter from Belgium, at about the time Simon was conceived!	Original, no envelope