
SUSANNA BEEVER PAPERS 1876 - 1913[bulk dates:1889-1893]

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Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by Mr. Stephen Weissman on October 21, 1994 (acquisition number 1721).

The collection has been fully processed and available for research. The Library also holds the Ruskin-Beever-Fleming correspondence (874 pieces, 1870-1909); cataloged separately (JR 1 - 874), Summary Report available.

The collection numbers 84 cataloged items plus ephemera.

Call numbers: HM 62832 - 62915.

Cataloging Decisions

1. The items in this collection were originally bound together in one volume but it was decided to disbind the volume and catalog each item separately. The original binding has been retained and is stored in Ephemera Box 2(47); at the time the items were disbound page numbers were penciled onto the upper right hand corner of each item.
2. Susanna Beever was well known for the beautiful garden of her cottage, the Thwaite, and filled her letters with descriptions of flowers, plants, birds and animals that inhabited her world. The descriptions are so pervasive it was decided not to give each letter separate subject headings but rather catalog the entire collection under several appropriate subject headings. These subject headings are listed individually in this report under Indexing: Subjects.
3. At the time these letters were written, the Thwaite, Susanna Beever's cottage, stood in the county of Lancashire but in 1974, when the county boundaries were redrawn, the cottage became part of the county of Cumbria. It was decided to catalog the letters as being from Cumbria in order to conform with current, standard cataloging procedures.

Biographical Note

Susanna Beever was born November 27, 1805 in the north of England. She lived almost her entire life in the Lake District town of Coniston, in a cottage called the Thwaite. The Beever family became known for being authorities on local botany and, as well, Susanna Beever was interested in poetry, drawing, and painting; in 1870 she published: *A Book of Reference to Remarkable Passages in Shakespeare*. She met John Ruskin in 1873 and they became close friends, writing each other almost every day about their shared interests in nature, art and a love for animals; and in 1887, Albert Fleming edited and published a selection of these letters. They remained close friends in spite of Ruskin's health problems until Susanna Beever's death, at the age of 88, in Oct. 1893. Close friends in death as they were in life, John Ruskin and Susanna Beever are buried near each other in Coniston, Cumbria, England.

Scope and Content Note

The papers consist of the following series:

1. Manuscripts & Correspondence (Boxes 1-2), are arranged alphabetically by author. There are only two manuscripts, which are interfiled with the correspondence. The correspondence series is mainly letters from Susanna Beever, written in the last few years of her life, to William and Rosa Tuckwell. There are also several letters to and from Albert Fleming, fellow resident of the Lake District, and friend of John Ruskin. The letters are mainly about Susanna Beever's friends, good works, and garden but the letters also have several references to John Ruskin.

2. Ephemera (Box 2), are arranged alphabetically by author and title. The ephemera consists of reproductions of two drawings, a poem, and the original binding from the disbound volume of Beever letters.

Beever, Susanna, d. 1893. In Albert Fleming, letters to William Tuckwell, 1829-1919, (1891 - 1893), Cumbria (England).HM 62908 - 62914.

Beever, Susanna, d. 1893. In William Tuckwell, 1829-1919, [Reminiscences of Susanna Beever:] [memoir], ([ca. 1913?]).HM 62833.

Beever, Susanna, d. 1893. In William Tuckwell, 1829-1919, letter to Maurice Tuckwell, (1913, [Dec. 25]).HM 62915.

Bird Watching - England. In Susanna Beever, d. 1893, letters (1890 - 1893), Coniston (Cumbria, England).HM 62832 - 62915.

Botany - England. In Susanna Beever, d. 1893, letters, (1890 - 1893),Coniston (Cumbria, England).HM 62832 - 62915.

Cooke, Isaac, 1846-1922. In Susanna Beever, d. 1893, letters to William Tuckwell, 1829-1919, (1890, Oct.-Nov.), Coniston (Cumbria, England).HM 62869 - 62870.

De Quincey, Thomas, 1785-1859. In William Tuckwell, 1829-1919, [Reminiscences of Susanna Beever:] [memoir], ([ca. 1913?]).HM 62833.

Lake District (England). In Susanna Beever, d. 1893, letters (1890 - 1893), Coniston (Cumbria, England).HM 62832 - 62915.

Nature Study - England. In Susanna Beever, d. 1893, letters (1890 - 1893), Coniston (Cumbria, England).HM 62832 - 62915.

Ruskin, John, 1819-1900. In Susanna Beever, d. 1893, letters to William Tuckwell, 1829-1919, ([1890, Jan.-Feb.]), Coniston (Cumbria, England).HM 62861 - 62862.

Ruskin, John, 1819-1900. In Susanna Beever, d. 1893, letter to William Tuckwell, 1829-1919, (1891, Oct. 23), Coniston (Cumbria, England).HM 62880.

Ruskin, John, 1819-1900. In Susanna Beever, d. 1893, letter to William Tuckwell, 1829-1919 and Rosa Tuckwell, (1890, Jan. 8), Coniston (Cumbria, England).HM 62894.

Ruskin, John, 1819-1900. In William Tuckwell, 1829-1919, [Reminiscences of Susanna Beever:] [memoir], ([ca. 1913?]).HM 62833.

Tuckwell, William, 1829-1919. Tongues in Trees. In Susanna Beever, d. 1893, letters toWilliam Tuckwell, 1829-1919, (1890, Oct.-Nov.), Coniston (Cumbria, England).HM 62869 - 62870.

Tuckwell, William, 1829-1919. Tongues in Trees. In Susanna Beever, d. 1893, letter to William Tuckwell, 1829-1919 and Rosa Tuckwell, (1891, Jan. 30), Coniston (Cumbria, England).HM 62896.

Women botanizers - England. In Susanna Beever, d. 1893, letters, (1890 - 1893), Coniston (Cumbria, England).HM 62832 - 62915.

Wordsworth, William, 1770-1850. In William Tuckwell, 1829-1919, [Reminiscences of Susanna Beever:] [memoir], ([ca. 1913?]).HM 62833.

----- Early Rising: [poem], [ca. 1891]. HM 62842. Note: A five page poem included with a letter from Susanna Beever to Rosa Tuckwell (1890, Sep. 29); not in Susanna's hand and could possibly be the beautiful lines copied out by Rosa for Susanna. The poem was not adjacent to this letter but rather bound with letters from 1891.

Tuckwell, Rosa. Joint addressee with William Tuckwell, 1829-1919, (1889 - 1893),Coniston (Cumbria, England). HM 62893 - 62907.

Correspondence

Drawings

Ephemera

Manuscripts for publication

Poems

Bibliography

The information for the Biographical Note was obtained from a newspaper clipping of the obituary for Susanna Beever from an unnamed newspaper, possibly from Kendal, Cumbria, ca. 1893. This clipping is cataloged with the Albert Fleming to William Tuckwell letter, (1893, Oct. 30). HM 62911.

Manuscripts and Correspondence - D. - Beever HM 62832, 62834-62871

- Box 1 **D.----, A.-----. To Miss S. Beever: [poem],(1876, Sep. 28).** HM 62832.
- Scope and Content Note**
- HM 62833 is filed in Box #2.
- Box 1 **Beever, Susanna, d. 1893. 4 letters (1889 - 1893) to Albert Fleming; Coniston (Cumbria, England).**
HM 62834 - 62837.
- Scope and Content Note**
- Note: HM 62834-62826 signed Owletta.
- Box 1 **Beever, Susanna, d. 1893. 19 letters (1889 - 1893) to Rosa Tuckwell; Coniston (Cumbria, England).**
HM 62838 - 62856.
- Scope and Content Note**
- Note: HM 62842 contains the poem entitled, Early Rising; HM 62849 with envelope; HM 62854 in the hand of Mrs. Powell(?).
- Box 1 **Beever, Susanna, d. 1893. 15 letters (1889 - 1890) to William Tuckwell, 1829-1919; Coniston (Cumbria, England).**
HM 62857 - 62871.
- Scope and Content Note**
- Note: HM 62857 signed Sibyl Grey; HM 62864 & 62866 mistakenly addressed to Mr. Cutwell; HM 62869 & 62870 refer to two views done by Isaac Cooke of the Thwaite, reproductions of these views are in Ephemera.

Manuscripts, Correspondence and Ephemera - Beever to Tuckwell HM 62833, 62872-62915

Correspondence

- Box 2 **Beever, Susanna, d. 1893. 21 letters(1891 - 1893) to William Tuckwell, 1829-1919; Coniston (Cumbria, England).** HM 62872 - 62892.
- Box 2 **Beever, Susanna, d. 1893. 15 letters(1889 - 1893) to William Tuckwell, 1829-1919 and Rosa Tuckwell; Coniston (Cumbria, England).** HM 62893 - 62907.
- Scope and Content Note**
- Note: HM 62898 signed Owletta.
- Box 2 **Fleming, Albert. 2 notes and 5 letters(1891 - 1893) to William Tuckwell, 1829-1919; Cumbria and London (England).** HM 62908 - 62914.
- Scope and Content Note**
- Note: HM 62911 contains newspaper clipping of the obituary for Susan Beever.
- Box 2 **[Tuckwell, William, 1829-1919.] [Reminiscences of Susanna Beever: memoir], (ca. 1913?).** HM 62833.
- Scope and Content Note**
- Note: Probably written for his son, Maurice Tuckwell, as an introduction to the letters of Susanna Beever.
- Box 2 **Tuckwell, William, 1829-1919. 1 letter(1913, [Dec. 25]) to Maurice Tuckwell, A.L.S.** HM 62915.
- Physical Description:** (1 p.); 18 cm.
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Ephemera

- Box 2 **Cooke, Isaac, 1846-1922. [Views of] The Thwaite, Coniston & The Garden of the Thwaite: [drawings]; [ca. 1890-1891].**
- Scope and Content Note**
- Note: Reproductions of two drawings used for the book, *Tongues in Trees*, by William Tuckwell, 1829-1919. The drawings are mentioned in two letters, HM 62869 & 62870.
- Box 2 **The current of this world is rough & strong...: [poem?]; [ca. 1891?].**
- Scope and Content Note**
- Note: In the handwriting of Susanna Beever.
- Box 2 **Original Binding from volume of Beever letters.[ca. 1913?].**
- Scope and Content Note**
- Note: Also, end paper with the number 203; Susanna Beever's name misspelled on the binding as Susan Beaver.
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