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#### Description

A collection of family correspondence illustrating service life and current event during the late 1800s early 1900s. It is comprised of letters written by Captain H.G. Leahy to his wife, 1900-1901, from Gibraltar, containing an account of service life, including the commemoration of the death of Queen Victoria, accession of Edward VII and the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York en route to Australia.

It also includes letters from Alice Leahy to her mother and one to her aunt, from Gibraltar and London, 1899-1900 and letters to her husband, Captain Leahy, 1894-1899.

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#### Keywords

Family Correspondence, Queen Victoria, Edward VII, Duke of York, Duchess of York

#### Disciplines

European History | History | Social History



# Guide to the Leahy Family Correspondence; 1894-1901, Gibraltar

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Provenance: Purchased from Julian Browning Rare Books and Manuscripts, London

#### **Biography:**

Captain H.G. Leahy served in the British Army in Gibraltar. No other information is known about him in regards to this collection.

#### **Scope and Content:**

A family correspondence illustrating service life and current events...comprising: Captain H.G. Leahy: [24] letters written to his wife, 1900-1901, from Gibraltar, containing a lively, and at time critical, account of service life, including the commemoration of the death of Queen Victoria, accession of Edward VII and the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York en route to Australia.

Alice Leahy: [63] letters to her mother and one to her aunt, from Gibraltar and London, 1899-1900 and approximately [54] letters to her husband, Captain Leahy, 1894-1899, [20 signed as Alice M. Pelly]

141 letters in total

Processor's Note: Many of the dates were determined by the previous owner and have been maintained in this collection.

SERIES I – 1894; 1 folder SERIES II – 1895; 1 folder SERIES III – 1897; 1 folder SERIES IV – 1898; 1 folder SERIES V – 1899; 5 folders SERIES VI – 1900; 5 folders SERIES VII – 1901; 3 folders SERIES VIII – Date undetermined; 2 folders SERIES IX – Miscellaneous; 1 folder

#### BOX 1

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1/1 Finding Aid and Accession Materials

#### **SERIES I** – 1894

1/2

• Dated 23 June; "Dear Gordon," from [Alice M. Pelly], 10 Alfred Place; 4 pages

- Dated 21 June; "My Dear Gordon," from Alice M. Pelly, 10 Alfred Place; 4 pages
- Dated 25 July; "Dear Gordon," from Alice M. Pelly, Banbury; 3 pages
- Dated 11 September; "Dear Gordon," from Alice M. Pelly and S[ybil].G. White, Talgarth, Machynlleth; 4 pages
- Dated 11 October; "Dear Gordon," from Alice M. Pelly, Lough Eske Castle, Co. Donegal, Ireland; 4 pages
- Dated 16 October; "Dear Gordon," from [Alice M. Pelly], L[ough] Eske [Castle, Co. Donegal, Ireland]; 4 pages
- Dated [June?] ; "My Dear Gordon," from [Alice M. Pelly], 24 Thurloe Square, S.W.; 4 pages

#### **SERIES II** – 1895

1/3

- Dated 24 January; "My Dear Gordon," from Alice M. Pelly, [24 Thurloe Square, S.W.?], 4 pages; [unsure if date is correct]
- Dated 14 February; "My Dear Gordon," from Alice M. Pelly, 24 S<sup>[da]</sup> Mezzodi; 4 pages
- Dated 31 March; "My Dear Gordon," from [Alice M. Pelly], 24 S<sup>[da]</sup> Mezzodi; 4 pages
- Dated 18 May; "My Dear Gordon," from Alice M. Pelly, 24 Thurloe Square, S.W.; 4 pages
- Dated 7 June; "My Dear Gordon," from Alice M. Pelly, 24 Thurloe Square, S.W.; 4 pages

## **SERIES III** – 1897

1/4

- Dated 11 November; "Dear Gordon," from A[lice] M. P[elly], 24 Thurloe Square, S.W.; 4 pages
- Dated 13 November; "Dear Gordon," from A[lice] M. Pelly, 24 Thurloe Square, S.W.; 4 pages
- Dated 16 November; 24 Thurloe Square, S.W.; 2 pages
- Dated 23 November; "Dear Gordon," from Alice M. Pelly

## **SERIES IV** – 1898

1/5

- Dated 8 July?; "My Dear Boy," from [?], Kulm Hotel, [St. Moritz]; 8 pages
- Dated 12 September; "Dear Gordon," from [Alice], Lough Eske [Castle, Co. Donegal, Ireland]; 6 pages
- Dated 29 November; "Dearest," from [Alice], 24 Thurloe Square, S.W.; 4 pages
- Dated 16 December; "My Dear Boy," from A[lice] M. Pelly, Kulm Hotel, St. Moritz; 8 pages

#### **SERIES V** – 1899

1/6 January - February

- Dated 1 January; "My Dear Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 7 pages
- Dated 6 January; "My Dear Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 7 pages
- Dated 9 January; "My Dear Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 6 pages
- Dated 10 January; "My Dear Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 8 pages
- Dated 16 January; "My Dear Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 8 pages
- Dated 16 January; "My Dear Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 8 pages
- Dated 23 January; "My Dear [Gordon]," Alice [Leahy]; 8 pages
- Dated 26 January; "My Dear [Gordon]," from [?] and Alice [Leahy]; 16 pages
- Dated 10 February; "My Dear Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 6 pages
- Dated 12 February; "My Dear Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 8 pages
- Dated 23 February; "My Dear Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 8 pages
- Dated 25 February; "My Dear Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 6 pages
- Dated 26 February; "My Dear Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 3 pages

#### 1/7 March - April

- Dated 7 March; "My Dear Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 10 March; "My Dear Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 11 March; "My Dear Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 12 March; "My Dear Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 26 March; "My Dear Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 28 March; "My Dear Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 30 March; "My Dearest Boy," from A[lice Leahy]; 1 page
- Dated 15 April; "My Dearest Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 3 pages
- Dated 16 April; "My Dearest Boy," Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 18 April; "My Dearest Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 19 April; "My Dearest Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 21 April; "My Dearest Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 25 April; "My Dearest Boy," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages

#### 1/8 May - August

- Dated 16 May; "My Dearest Boy," from Alice [Leahy], 14 Thurloe Square, S.W.; 4 pages
- Dated 22 May; "Dearest," from Alice [Leahy], 24 Thurloe Square, S.W.; 8 pages
- Dated 7 June; "My Dearest Boy," from Alice [Leahy], 24 Thurloe Square, S.W.; 8 pages
- Dated 13 June; "My Dearest Boy," from Alice [Leahy], 24 Thurloe Square, S.W.; 6 pages

- Dated 14 June; "My Dearest Boy," from Alice [Leahy],24 Thurloe Square, S.W.; 8 pages
- Dated 17 June; "My Dearest Boy," from Alice [Leahy], 24 Thurloe Square, S.W.; 7 pages
- Dated 18 June; "Dearest Boy," from Alice [Leahy],24 Thurloe Square, S.W.; 4 pages
- Dated 9 August; "Dearest Boy," no signature [Alice Leahy]; 4 pages
- 1/9 October December
  - Dated 9 October; "Dearest Mother," from [Alice [Leahy], 24 Thurloe Square, S.W; 4 pages
  - Dated 11 October; "Dearest Mother," no signature [Alice Leahy], 24 Thurloe Square, S.W; 4 pages
  - Dated 15 October; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy], 24 Thurloe Square, S.W; 4 pages
  - Dated 17 October; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy], 24 Thurloe Square, S.W; 4 pages
  - Dated 18 October; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy], 24 Thurloe Square, S.W;; 4 pages
  - Dated 19 October; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy], S.S. Victoria; 4 pages
  - Dated 24 October; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 6 pages
  - Dated 24 October; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
  - Dated 31 October or 1 November; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
  - Dated 18 November; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 10 pages
  - Dated 1 December; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 6 pages
  - Dated 8 December; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 6 pages

#### BOX 2

#### **SERIES VI** – 1900

2/1 January - March

- Dated 3 January; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 6 pages
- Dated 9 January; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 6 pages
- Dated 21 January; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 23 January; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 25 January; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 25 February; "Dearest Mother," from Alice[Leahy], 40 Europa Road, [Gibraltar]; 10 pages
- Dated 27 February; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy], 40 Europa Road, [Gibraltar]; 12 pages
- Dated 27 February; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy], 4 pages
- Dated 4 March; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages

- Dated 11 March; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 12 pages
- Dated 23 March; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 12 pages
- Dated 29 March; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages

#### 2/2 April - July

- Dated 3 April; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 14 April; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 1 page
- Dated 18 April; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy], 40 Europa Road, Gibraltar; 4 pages
- Dated 2 May 1900?; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 8 pages
- Dated 7 May; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 12 pages
- Dated 31 May; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 2 June; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 5 pages
- Dated 15 July; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 2 pages
- Dated 16 July; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 19 July; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 23 July; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 5 pages
- Dated 26 July; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages

#### 2/3 August

- Dated 1 August; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 5 August, "My Dear Mrs. White," from Gordon Leahy, 40 Europa Road, Gibraltar; 6 pages
- Dated 6 August; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 6 pages
- Dated 13 August; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 5 pages
- Dated 16 August; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Copy Dated 20 August 1900?; "My Dear Sir," from S.T. [P?]; 2 pages
- Dated 21 August; "Dear Mrs. White," from Gordon Leahy, 40 Europa Road, Gibraltar; 4 pages
- Dated 26 August 1900?; "Dear Aunt A," no signature; 20 pages

#### 2/4 October

- Dated 14 October; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 17 October; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 22 October; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 24 October; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 8 pages
- Dated 31 October; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 6 pages
- Dated October; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 5 pages
- 2/5 November December

- Dated 2 November; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 6 pages
- Dated 6 November; [Journal of trip to St. Moritz]; 8 pages
- Dated 23 November; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 27 November; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 8 pages
- Dated 3 December; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 3 pages
- Dated 6 December; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 8 pages
- Dated 15 December; "Dearest [?]," from Don [Gordon Leahy], Gibraltar; 6 pages
- Dated 18 December; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 27 December; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 8 pages

### **SERIES VII** – 1901

#### 2/6 January

- Dated 4 January; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy], 24 Thurloe Square, S.W; 4 pages
- Dated 12 January; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 6 pages
- Dated 13 January; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 18 January; "My Dearest," from Don [Gordon Leahy], R.A. Mess, North, Gibraltar; 4 pages
- Dated 21 January; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 6 pages
- Dated 22 January; "Dearest," from Don [Gordon Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 23 January; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 23 January; "Dearest," from G[ordon Leahy]; 6 pages; RE: Queen's Death
- Dated 24 January; "Dearest Girl," from Boy [Gordon Leahy], Garrison Library, Gibraltar; 4 pages
- Dated 25 January; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 25 January; "Dearest Girl," from Don [Gordon Leahy], Garrison Library, Gibraltar; 4 pages
- Dated 28 January; "Dearest Cat," from Don [Gordon Leahy], Grand Hotel de Paris, Madrid; 4 pages
- Dated 31 January; "My Dearest," no signature [Gordon Leahy], Grand Hotel de Paris, [Madrid]; 8 pages

## 2/7 February

- Dated 1 February; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 3 February; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 2 pages
- Dated 10 February; "Dearest [?]," from Boy; 8 pages
- Dated 12 February; "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 10 pages
- Dated 13 February; "My Dearest," from Don [Gordon Leahy]; 6 pages
- Dated 19 February; "My Dearest," no signature; 6 pages
- Dated 20 February; "Dearest [M?]," from Don [Gordon Leahy]; 8 pages
- Dated 21 February; "My Dearest Cat," from G[ordon Leahy], Gibraltar, 12:20 A.M.; 4 pages

- Dated 27 February; "Dearest [?]," from Don [Gordon Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 28 February; "Dearest Cat," from Don [Gordon Leahy], R.A. Mess, North, Gibraltar; 4 pages

#### 2/8 March - April

- Dated 1 March; "Dearest [?]," from Don [Gordon Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 5 March; "My Darling [?]," from Boy; 4 pages
- Dated 10 March; "Dearest," from Boy; 8 pages
- Dated 12 March; "Dearest [M?]," from Don-Don [Gordon Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 20 March; "Dearest [?]," from Don [Gordon Leahy]; 8 pages
- Dated 21 March; "Dearest Cat," no signature [Gordon Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 22 March; "Dearest [M?]," from Don [Gordon Leahy]; 6 pages
- Dated 25 March; "Dearest," from Don [Gordon Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 2 April; "Dearest [?]," from Boy [Gordon Leahy]; 4 pages
- Dated 8 April; "Dearest [M?]," from Don [Gordon Leahy]; 4 pages

#### **SERIES VIII** – Date undetermined

- 2/9 Alice Leahy and Alice M. Pelly
  - "Dearest Mother," from Alice [Leahy]; 4 pages
  - "Dear Gordon," 10 Alfred Place, West, [S.W.]; 4 pages
  - "Dear Gordon;" 6 pages
  - "Dear Gordon," 24 Thurloe Square, S.W; 3 pages
  - "Dear Gordon," 10 Alfred Place, West, S.W; 4 pages
  - "My Dear Gordon," 10 Alfred Place, West, [S.W.]; 10 pages

#### 2/10 Author Unknown

- Dated October; 4 pages
- 24 Thurloe Square, S.W. [Looks to be a 2 pages from another letter]
- [Six ripped pages from another letter]

#### **SERIES IX** – Miscellaneous

#### 2/11

- Poem; 2 pages
- List; 2 pages
- "The Engadiner Fowl"
- Journal from Talgarth, Machynlleth