

My parents gave many dinner parties during that time. King William 4th died on the 20th June.

My eldest brother came of age on the 26th, and we had dancing, fire works & 150 people to breakfast at 12 o'clock.

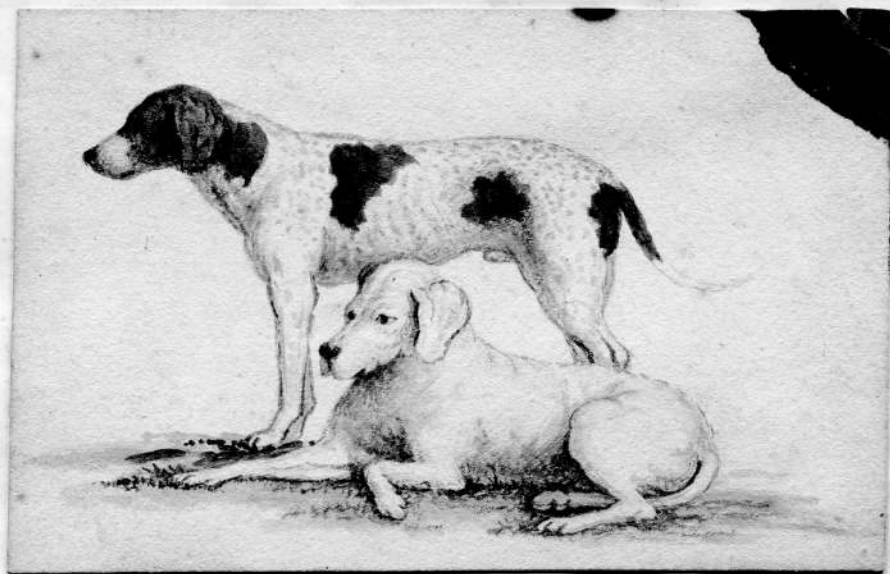
The next day the tenants & labourers had a grand dinner & poney races & donkey races. On the 29th I went with the Rolls & their baby boy in an open carriage posting. Slept at Amesbury that night & went to Stonehenge to see it. It was a very hot day, and I tried to find a shady place to put the baby in. We arrived at Courtfield the next evening.

No one seemed to care about the King's death, nor were they particular about wearing mourning, and parties in the country took place all the same. Mr. Rolls senior & Miss Rolls came from London to Courtfield, Miss Rolls brought her mare Lenella, a very handsome very tall creature, and she & I went out riding

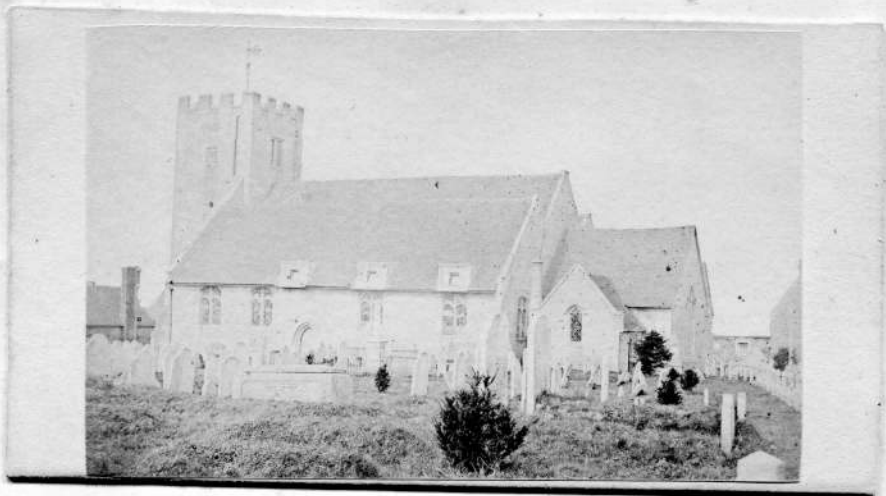


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every day, I generally rode a poney
one day going down the hill to
Goodrich some men were blasting
the rock so my poney was much
frightened with the noise and I was
nearly being taken by him over the
precipice the other side of the road
where there was no protection no fence
or bank of any kind. Happily the poney
got his feet back into the road, so no
harm came to me. W^m Vaughan lent
Courtfield to the Rolls, while the
new rooms at the Glendre were being
built. I remained 4 months with
them there. In September there was a
grand ball at Llanover where W^m Hall
(afterwards Sir Benjamin Hall) had built a
new house and had a house warming.
We went to Abergavenny to sleep at
the little Hotel. It was a fancy ball, so
I wore my Anne Page dress. Old W^m Rolls
insisted on lending me his beautiful diamonds
they were placed in my peaked velvet hat, & on



The front of my dress. The old point
lace & the diamonds made me a
very costly & valuable individual.
Sir Charles Morgan said I should be
stolen on our way back to Abercavenny.
It being my first ball I enjoyed it much
& danced every dance. The old Llanover
house was not pulled down, and
M^{rs} Waddington lived in it, she
was the mother of M^{rs} Hall. I was
taken to see M^{rs} Waddington, she told me
all about her friend M^{rs} Delany who was
a lady in the Court of George the 3rd a very
clever artist in flowers. She went blind
but then cut out flowers in paper very
beautifully, I was shewn some on the
chairs & screens which she had done for
M^{rs} Waddington. M^{rs} Waddington was
a daughter of M^{rs} Port who lived at Llynthurst
and I saw an old Miss Port also at
Llanover. We used to go to the Glendre
often to see how the workmen got on
building the new rooms. In November



LA VIERGE A LA CHAISE

We all went to Hasleley where my
parents had already arrived.

We heard the news that my sister
Lucy was engaged to be married to
William Barnes, she being 15 years old
and he 20 !! It happened that my

brother William who was at Balliol College
had engaged Mr Street to coach him up
in the long vacation. Mr Street was a very
absent man & had forgotten that he
had already engaged himself to Mr Barnes.

When my father was told of this he
invited Mr Barnes to stay at Preshaw
and also read with Mr Street. So
the young gentleman fell in love with
the fair Lucy Long. She was exactly
like a wax doll, with flaxen hair and
lovely complexion. My father did not
oppose the match but said they must
of course wait some years. There were
a number of dinner parties in the
neighbourhood of Hasleley. We went to the
Ashursts of Watstock, the Henlys of



March 1st 1858 - 1/2

Watperry, Lord Macclesfield of Sherborn
Castle & The dinners were very plain
in those ^{days} at 1/2 past 6, but they were
very pleasant parties, and every body
very kind & hospitable. He liked being
at Hazelley very much and staid there
some months returning to Preshaw on
5 Jan^y 1838. About this time my eldest

brother was in love with Julia Astley
and my brother William was engaged
to Julia St John. W^m Astley & W^m St John
were both old college friends of my
father's. These love affairs did not
come to marriages; the young men were
very unhappy for a time, when jilted.

13 Jan I went with my mother to
Redenham Sir John Pollen where we
staid a few days & went to the
Andover Ball. February was a cold
month nothing but skating is
recorded. My Aunt Lady E. Thackeray
was living at Harnsworth & she &
Gen Thackeray invited me to stay

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My Uncle John Carnegie took me to
Brighton to his wife to nurse me
a bit. I staid with them a month
and then went to Hazely from
Brighton somehow by coach but I
forget how that was. Col Stawell
used to come to see me when at
Brighton; the 12th Lancers of which he
was Col. were quartered there; he was
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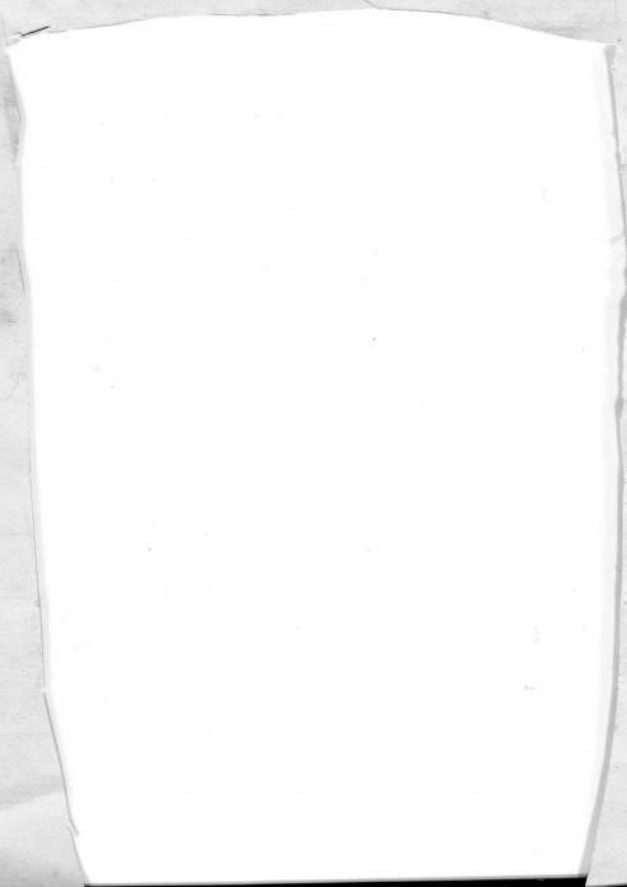
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1839. Of this year I have not many recollections. My brother Walter was married to Emily Morecut in April, and they went to Hasely for their honeymoon.

George was to be in the Bank at Portsmouth & to lodge at Mr Jenkins, at Puddy & Hard Gosport the Powder Magazine I went to stay with the Jenkins, they had a boat belonging to the Magazine in which we used to take the sea air. He went to Hasely as usual in September and remained there till December. My father was very busy with the new room he made out of the old Chapel, Mr Hard came with the painted glass windows & put in it. The Janes from Wormsley came to stay, and there were many dinner parties. He also went to Bath as William was taken into Stuckey's Bank there. W^m Barnes also gave up the idea of going into the Church so went into the



Ober river
Brockenhurst

Exeter Bank as soon as he had taken
his degree at Christ Church College,
1840 It was difficult to be confirmed
in these days, as there was only a
Confirmation every 3 years. So
as ^{we} were in London and had tickets
from Mr. Walters the Rector of our
Parish Corhampton, we were able to
go to the Chapel Royal, at St. James & be
confirmed. I went, my sister Lucy &
brother George, it was at Easter.

My father & I went next day to
Northaw in Herts to stay with old
Mr. Trenchard. He did not stay long
in London but went to Hazely for
my sister Lucy's marriage with Wm.
Barnes in July. Old Mr. & Mrs. Barnes
& Miss Barnes came from Exeter, and
Archdeacon Barnes from Oxford married
them assisted by Mr. Birkett rector of Hazely.
A very large family at the wedding breakfast
in the new large room. Lord Northesk, the Rolls,
all my brothers & John Trenchard were there.



Old Beech
Lyndhurst

I went away with the Rolls, & their
little boy Johnny then 3 years old. We
went in an open phaeton with a
pair of post horses and slept at
Edgeworth Mr Hopkins house not
far from Cheltenham. Next day we
arrived at the Hendre which had now
been made a very pretty place with
nice gardens & terraces. He went to
Llanover to stay some days, and
to Llanarth to the Jones and to
Courtfield to the Vaughans &c.

I remained at the Hendre till
April 1841 when I was to return
to Preshaw to be bridesmaid to my
brother Williams wedding which was
to take place at Preshaw in Corhampton
Church. His bride Miss Jolliffe being an
orphan was brought to Preshaw to be
married. My uncle Swynfen took
charge of me on the journey. We
went by Coach to Chepstow, then in a
little open boat across the passage. It



Preshaw Garden

was very rough and poured with rain. The boatmen could not get quite to the land, but made us all passengers get out on a rock, and the coach for Bristol was to get to us through the mud. We got very wet & cold, when we got out of the Coach at Bristol we were to go to Bath by rail. We arrived at Bath at Lady Jarvis' very cold and wet. We slept there and in the morning went by railroad to Winchester, & from there in a fly. In the winter my father had a most alarming illness, and it was not expected that he could live. All of the family came to see as they feared the last of him, the Rolles Barnes, William Longs all came. He was ill for some months Dr Budd came & his fee was £60 for coming only once to look at him. My brother John was then engaged to marry Miss Stuart Dr Sumner Stuart daughter, then living at Southampton.



Soberton Church

so in the month of February 1842
I went to stay at the Thursts & went
to a Southampton Ball with them
At a dinner party before the Ball
I met Mr R. Bowden Smith to whom
I was married 7 years afterwards.
I did not notice him much but he
said often after we were engaged that
on that day when first he saw me he
would marry me & no one else, so
I suppose it was love at first sight.

My dear father recovered slowly
and in the summer we went to London
to John's wedding. We posted to
Lamborough & there the carriage was
put on the railroad and we went
first class in the train. My mother
was so frightened in the train, she
kept saying "Oh do let me out" it was the
1st time she had been in a train.

John & his bride went to Marwell to
live and he sold out of the Army
the 10th Hussars. In September we went to

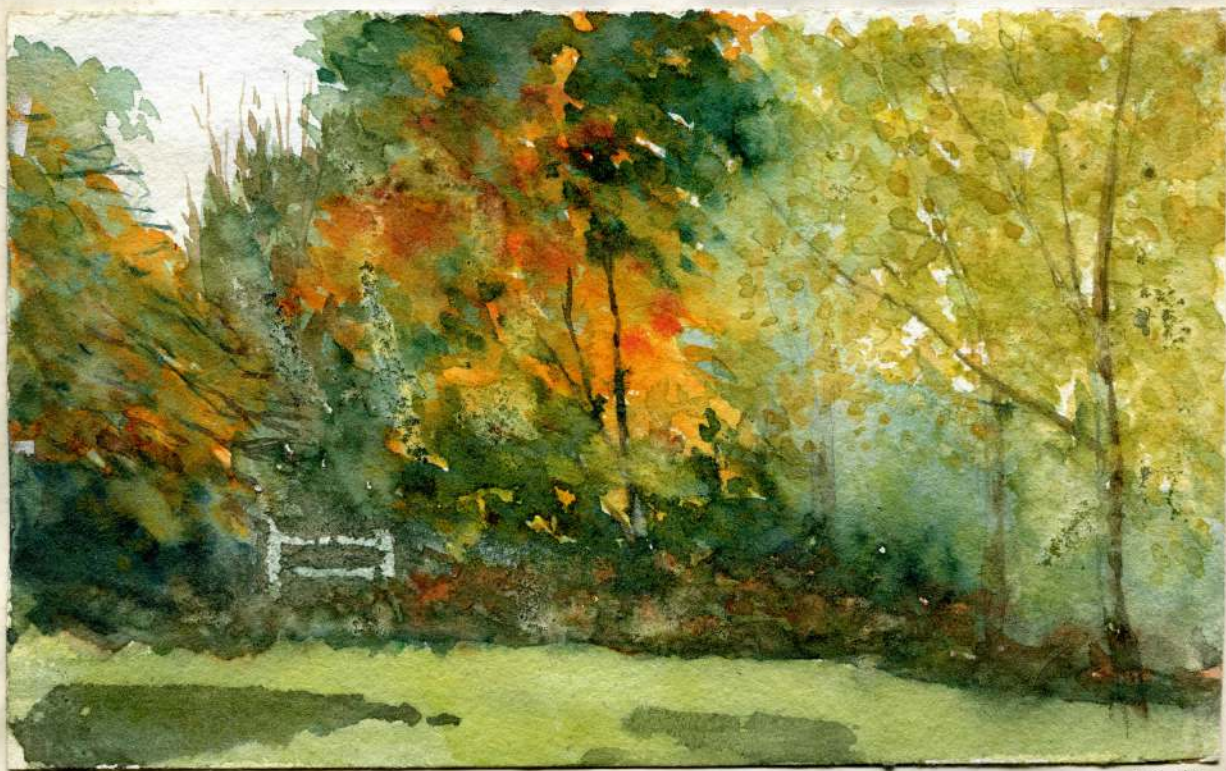


Cedar Tree at Preshaw

Haseley. 1843 My Uncle Lord Northesk
was married at Blendworth to Miss
Elliott, my mother went to the wedding.
In the summer my sister Lucy Barnes
was confined at Exeter, my mother went
to her, we went to Bath to stay with
William. In the autumn The Scots
Fusilier Guards came to Winchester, and
we knew Cap.^l Stephenson & afterwards
several more of the Officers. My brother
John's wife had a little girl who when
8 weeks old was overlaid by the nurse
and was found dead in the morning.

The Panderers at Northbrook let their
house to Mr & Mrs Kinderley and went
abroad themselves.

1844 We went to Southampton Ball on
4 January, then to a ball given by the
Scots Fusilier Guards on the 24th January, we slept
at the White Hart Winchester. We knew many
of the Officers, and I danced with Col. Robinson,
Mr Haygarth Hon Hew Duncan, Hon Cap Murray
Cap^l Stephenson, & Mr Hay, my father went to call



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Lyndhurst

at the Barracks on Col Robinson & Mr Robinson
I went with him, there was a parade in
the afternoon. My little baby cousin Lord
Rosehill was Christened in the Cathedral,
on Friday 26 Jan. we went to a grand luncheon
at the Deanery afterwards. Sir J. & Lady Campbell
came to stay, also Mr Shute and 2 daughters
for the Winchester Ball on Feb 1st. The snow
was very deep and it was very cold.
We knew more of the officers Cap^l Hunter Blair
Cap de Salis, & Cap. Seymour, they were all
very pleasant young men, & very fond of dancing.
There were many dinner parties and dances
got up for the officers; the 44th Reg^t was also
quartered at Winchester. 6th Feb^y Southampton
Ball, a very good one, many of the officers came
to it. 23rd Cap^m Stephenson came to stay some
days. The Scots Guards went away in
March, and we never saw Cap Stephenson
again, or any of the other officers.
Walter Long of Rode Ashton staid at Preshaw
& hunted with my brother. Mr Grant, ill
at Portsmouth 1 week in March.



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Hawk Hill Enclosure

1844

The Rolls arrived 24 April, the whole month had been very hot and fine. About this time the Scots Fusiliers went away from Winchester, and the Grenadier Guards came. The officers were Lord Paget, Captain Hamilton, Mr Montresor, Sir John Burgoyne, Mr Crichton Stuart, Mr Hope Vere, Captain Ince; these were all we knew. At the same time 49th Regiment was also quartered at Winchester, and they gave a grand Ball, we knew several officers of the 49th also. These were gay times; for every body in the neighbourhood wished to be kind & hospitable to the officers. There were many small dances and dinner parties. 27 May 1844 We went to avoy a place at Milford which Gen^l Shackway took, it was a pretty place near the sea. My aunt Lady Elizth Shackway was glad to be near her mother's old friend Mr. Whitby who lived at Arnewood. We went to see Mr. Whitby she showed us her silk worms, she had a room full of them,



and the silk cocoons they made she
had woven, & she shewed us the pieces
of silk. We did not much appreciate
the air of the room in which she
kept the silk worms, it was so hot
& did not smell nice. Mr^s Whitby's
daughter was very pretty & married
Mr. West who was said to be the
handsomest man in London at that
time. (Mr. Whitby would be proud
if she was alive now of her great
granddaughters the Princess Alice & the
Duchess of Westminster)

We went to Lord Stuart de Rothsay's place
a beautiful house, and a nice drive
to it. Another expedition was in a small
steamer to Yarmouth in order to see a house
Genl Thackeray wished to buy. He all voted
it a totally unfit place for my Aunt to
live in. He returned to Aubrey in an
open boat stopped at Hurst Castle saw the
little horrid room in which Charles 1st was
confined. The next two days were spent



at Pennington near Lynton where
W^m Powell and his daughters then
lived. Clara Powell spent all her time
saying her prayers, Dr Pusey was very
great in her estimation. However she did
play the harp very nicely in the evenings
I staid with her some time both days
in her room, she seemed to me quite a
saint. I think Foxlease was sold then
wh would account for their being at
Pennington. We were busy in June
at Preshaw with new bee hives, made
in boxes, and took the swarms, my
brother Walter & I managed them, & were
never stung. There was a great scarcity
of water both at Preshaw & Longwood
no rain had fallen for some weeks.

A picnic at Basing Park, a number
of the officers from Winchester came to
it took place in June. There were
great rejoicings when the rain came at
last in the end of the month.

July was a very gay month many



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good balls, and the Agricultural meeting at Southampton, The Rolls came + Mr W. Long of Rood Ashton. He enjoyed hearing the Guards Band playing, and there was a good display of flowers, the farm implements interested the gentlemen of the party. The meeting finished with a very good ball, the polka was just introduced & very few could dance it, so those ladies who knew ^{it} were in great requisition.

August 1st Went to Goodwood Races, a very long way to drive, the rain spoilt our view of the races, we were a large party two carriages full, Rolls, Lanes Ballards & Longs.

12 August Went to Littlegreen to Uncle John Carnegie, he took us next day to Fair Oak which house he had just bought to see the improvements he was making, altering all the rooms and building others. We went next



to Ryde starting at 10 a.m., arrived
at Southsea at 1 o'clock and went
to Mr Strong's. In the afternoon
went by steamer to Ryde to stay
with Mr Harcourt who had a nice
house there. We went to Cowes
Regatta Ball, Lady Otway, her
2 daughters & 2 sons dined at
Mr Harcourt's & went to the Ball
Mr Otway did not know any lady
who could dance the Polka except
myself, so I danced 6 times with
him. It was supposed that I was
engaged to him, and some ladies
spoke to my mother about it, but she
said as I had never seen him before
that evening it was not likely!!!

September. Mary Lindsay to be married
to Mr Gordon, Jane Lindsay staid at
Preshaw & at Tharwell, on the 25th September
we went to Rood Ashton for Walter Long's
coming of age fete on the 27th. A large party
in the house 40 to dinner. On the 30th

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Left Road Ashton, we travelled with
my father's four horses and remained at
Salisbury at Mottewoods that night.

1st October returned home stopped at
Romsey to view the Church. At Salisbury
we had been to the College to see the
Campbell Wyndham.

13th October went to Stanton staid there
2 days, then on to the Glendre, my
father never liked going more than
40 miles with the 4 horses in one
day. Private theatricals at the Glendre
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Preshaw Wood

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25th Nov. Went to Rowhams to stay with
Cap. & Mr^s Coll; for a Southampton Ball
There was another change of the Guards
who were quartered at Winchester.
Now we knew Mr^s Reeve, Mr^s Ellison
Mr^s Lyon, Mr^s Hotham, Cap. Cadogan
Mr^s Cust, Lord Stoppford &c.

Mr^s Crichton Stuart was gone, we knew
him very well, he was at that time
heir to the Marquis of Bute, but soon
afterwards the old Marquis married
again & had a son. I asked a lady
at a Southampton Ball if I should
introduce him to her daughter, she
said "I do not want them to know any
more poor Stuarts" but when I said
this young gentleman may be Marquis of
Bute some day she was very anxious
to know him.

December. We heard with sorrow that
Mr^s Knidwsey was thrown off his horse
out hunting & killed instantly.