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[Numbers in square brackets at the end of some entries are the original accession numbers given to the items by the museums service. Some topographical prints also have the PRD numbers in a further set of brackets (see Handlist of topographical prints)]

1. Household accounts, entries by Sarah Ponsonby. 1791-1800 (1 vol). [1983. 154]  
  
Correspondence and papers  
  
Lease 8 January 1794
2. (i) Edward Edwards of Pengwern, Llangollen, gent.  
(ii) Lady Eleanor Butler and Sarah Ponsonby, spinster of Plas Newydd.  
  
Pen y Maes field, adjoining Plas Newydd, Llangollen.  
  
Term: 99 years  
Rent: £1.11s. 6d yearly  
  
[1983. 155]
3. Letter from the ladies to Robert F Greville, Kings Mews, London: general news and [John] Evans map. 6 June 1795 [1983. 108]
4. Llangollen Vale with other poems by Anna Seward London 1796 (1 vol., printed) ['Llangollen Vale' dedicated to the Ladies] [1983. 149]
5. Two letters, one from Lady Eleanor Butler and one from Sarah Ponsonby [both written by Sarah Ponsonby] to Robert F Greville, London: soliciting a place for 'poor Mr Smith' either in Ireland or the Indian service. 1 September and 9 December 1797 (2 items) [1983. 109,110a and b]
6. Note from Madame de Genlis accompanying a gift of verses, music and romance 'sur un enfant' n.d. [c.1800] (1 item, French) [1983. 112]
7. Letters from Sarah Ponsonby to Mrs Parker, Sweeney Hall, Oswestry, 1809-16 [numbered 1-61]; 33 illustrations including watercolours, mostly by Miss Parker [afterwards Lady Leighton]; newspaper article 'the story of the Ladies of Llangollen' [c.1830]. 1809-35 (1 vol, partially indexed) [1984. 35.1]

8. Letters from Sarah Ponsonby to Mrs Parker, Sweeney Hall, Oswestry, 1816-31 [numbered 62-131]; 22 illustrations including watercolours by Miss Parker, and prints of local scenes, Kilkenny, Ireland and the Duke of Wellington, Mss copies of poems, memorial inscriptions of Lady Eleanor and Sarah Ponsonby, etc. 1816-35. (1 vol, letters 78-110 indexed) [1984.35.2]
9. Letters from Sarah Ponsonby to Mrs Parker, Sweeney Hall; thanks for return of books; visits to Sweeney Hall; visit by the Parkers to Plas Newydd. 1811-20 (4 items, originally loose in No 8)
10. Probate of the will (19 July 1808) of Mary Caryll of Plas Newydd, Llangollen, spinster. 13 April 1810. [1983. 157]
11. Letter from the Ladies of Llangollen (written by Sarah Ponsonby) to Mrs Williams, Gwersyllt Park: thanks for pineapples, accept invitation to Gwersyllt, Mrs Hurst's situation and thanks for plants from Miss Currie. 24 November 1818 [1983. 313.3]
12. Note signed by Captain James Watkinson, concerning half-notes deposited by James Bryant for passage and ship's provisions, with bank notes (right-hand halves only). 1818 (6 items) [1983. 160-1]
13. Note from the Ladies inviting Revd Jones to tea at Plas Newydd. 19 May 1821 [1983. 111]
14. 'A view from the window at Plas Newydd given me at Llangollen by Lady Eleanor Butler January 7 1828. Being as she said within a few days of the fiftieth year she had lived there'. 1828 [illustration missing] [1984. 32]
15. Probate of the will (13 May 1823) of Lady Eleanor Butler of Plas Newydd. 11 December 1829.
16. Probate of the will (4 February 1830) of Sarah Ponsonby of Plas Newydd, spinster. 26 December 1831. [1983. 158]
17. Sale catalogue of contents of Plas Newydd. 13 August 1832. [1983. 159]
18. A short memoir of the Ladies of Llangollen. by Revd J Prichard. n.d. [c. 1900] (1 vol, printed by the Seren Office, Bala) [1984. 27]
19. List of parish documents in safe (Llangollen parish) with Mss additions on one copy. n.d. [c. 1914] (5 items, printed)
20. Sale particulars (illustrated) and plan of Plas Newydd and the Hermitage. 20 May 1919 (2 copies) [1983. 104, 1984. 31]

21. Sale particulars (illustrated) of Plas Newydd. n.d. [1932] [1984. 29]
22. Sale catalogue of the contents of Plas Newydd. 23-4 November 1932 [1984. 30]
23. Catalogue of exhibits at Plas Newydd and list of donors. Volume presented to the museum in memory of Captain Llewellyn Jones, killed at Ypres, 1917. 1934 (1 vol) [1984. 20]
24. Receipt counterfoils for articles donated to Plas Newydd Museum. 1934-66 (1 vol) [1984. 19]

Topographical prints

25. Line engraving of the west view of Valle Crucis Abbey by S & N Buck, published in S & N Buck: Views of all the Castles. 9 April 1742 [1983. 215] [496]
26. Line engraving of 'View of Dinas Bran castle in the County of Denbigh'. published in Modern Universal British Traveller. 1779 [1983.229] [113]
27. Line engraving of Plas Newydd, Llangollen by W Thomas, published by I Sewell, Cornhill. 1 April 1794 [1983. 266] [341]
28. Aquatint of Llangollen Vale by J Bluck after J C Ibbetson c. 1795. [1983. 220] [257]
29. Line engraving of Llangollen by J Widnell after E Dayes, and relevant text from the The Itinerant number XLVIII, published by J Walker, 16 Rosomans Street, London. 1799 [1983. 218 &232] (2 copies, one with text)
30. Lithograph of Vale of Llangollen from Barbers Hill, by Newman & Co after H Smyth. n.d. [c. 1800] [1983. 223] [225]
31. Line engraving of the Pillar of Eliseg by F Cary after D Parkes, published in the The Gentleman's Magazine 1809. 25 June 1808 [1983. 303] [322]
32. Aquatint of Pontcysyllte Aqueduct by F Jukes after J Parry, published by Clay & Scriven, Ludgate Hill, London. 16 November 1808 [1983. 216] [358]
33. Line engraving of Plas Newydd by W Woolnoth after J P Neale, published by John Harris, St Paul's Churchyard. 1 May 1813 [1983. 287] [350]
34. Drawing in pastels of ? Plas Newydd, showing the back of the house. n.d. [c.1820] [1983. 231]

35. Plas Newydd and Valle Crucis Abbey drawn and engraved by S & G Nicholson, and dedicated to the Ladies of Llangollen. 1824 (1 vol) [1983. 105]
36. Line engraving of Valle Crucis Abbey by J C Varrall after J M W Turner, R A, published by Robert Jennings, Poultry. 1 March 1828 [1983. 211] [466]
37. Line engraving of Chirk Aqueduct by T Barber after H Gastineau, published by Jones & Co, Temple of the Muses, Finsbury Square, London. 1830 [1983. 227] [18]
38. Line engraving of Llangollen Church by C Mottram after H Gastineau, published by Jones & Co, Temple of the Muses, Finsbury Square, London. 1830 [1983. 265] [254]
39. Line engraving of the Vale of Llangollen, with Dinas Bran in the distance, by B Sands after C Marshall, published in The Gallery of Modern British Artists. 1834 [1983. 228] [234]
40. Line engraving of Llangollen Vale from the Tower, Wynnstay Park by W Radclyffe after David Cox, published in T Roscoe: Wanderings and Excursions in North Wales 1836 [1983. 221] [230]
41. Line engraving of Llangollen by J T Willmore after J M W Turner, R. A. published by Longman & Co Paternoster Row. 1837 [1983.222] [213]
42. Coloured lithograph of Plas Newydd by W L Walton after Edwin W Jacques ; Hullmandel & Walton Lithographers, published by T Catherall, bookseller, Chester. 1847 [1983. 286] [352]
43. Lithograph of Plas Newydd by W L Walton after Edwin W Jacques, printed by C Hullmandel. n.d. [1850] [354] [later version of 42]
44. Lithograph of town and vale of Llangollen [by G Hawkins after G Pickering, published by T Catherall]. 16 August 1850 [1983. 264] [221]
45. Line engraving of 'Pont y Casullte aqueduct in the vale of Llangollen, Denbighshire. This aqueduct 1007 feet in length carries the waters of the Ellesmere Canal over the River Dee' after T H Shepherd, published in T Dugdale, England and Wales Delineated. 1854-60 [1983. 226] [362]
46. Line engraving of Llangollen (bridge, and Dinas Bran in background) published by T Catherall, Chester. c. 1860 [1983. 212] [199]
47. Watercolour of Llangollen Canal and bridge over River Dee. n.d. [c. 1880] [1983. 230]

48. Drawing of Llangollen bridge and High Street, by Bertha Gorst. 1919 [1983. 225]

49. Plas Newydd, reproduced from an etching by Bertha Gorst. n.d. [c. 1920] (2 versions) [1983. 310, 311.1]

Topographical photographs

50. Photograph of Llangollen. 1860 [1983. 219]

51. Photograph of Plas Ifa, Llangollen [c. 1865] [1983. 242]

52-5. Photographs of Plas Newydd n.d. [post 1890] - 1963

52. Exterior showing left front of old house and gable end of new wing. [c. 1895] [1983. 275]

53. Exterior views of the front of the house [c. 1896] (3 items, glass fronted) [1983. 270,273, 1984. 25]

54. Interior. [c. 1900] (2 items, one with broken glass front) [1984. 26]

55. Demolition of the west wing. 1963 (6 items) [1983. 309, 1-6]

56. Photographs of Valle Crucis. n.d. [c. 1900] (4 items) [1983. 213-14 and 281. 1-2]

57. Photographs of Llangollen U.D.C and officials (identified) at the opening of Plas Newydd, May 1933 [1983. 238]

58. Photograph of members of Llangollen U.D.C. at the opening of the new water works by Ivor Rowlands J.P. and Chairman. 21 November 1935 [1983. 237]

59. Photograph of historical pageant at Plas Newydd, performed by members of Llangollen Women's Institute. July 1936 (6 items, framed together) [1983. 239]

Miscellaneous prints and photographs

60. Coloured copy of Sir Joshua Reynold's portrait of Master Philip Yorke. [c. 1750] [1983. 276]

61. Portrait in oil, on canvas of Isabella, Countess of Howth (nee King) sister of Edward, Earl of Kingston, and wife of Thomas ['William' on back of portrait] Earl of Howth by S Butler Breman R.H.A, Cork. n.d. [c. 1770] (oval 275 x 228) [1983. 306]

62. Black and white copies of Lady Leighton's portrait of the Ladies of Llangollen. n.d. [c. 1850] (3 items, 2 glass fronted) [1983. 252-4]

63. Pirated version of Lady Leighton's portrait of the Ladies of Llangollen, with greyhound, taken from drawing by Lady Leighton. n.d. [c. 1850] [1983. 257]
64. Set of four cartoons of a chess game in progress (pencil) n.d.[c. 1850] [1983. 283]
65. Lithograph of 'Edward Morgan' and 'Jenny Morgan' by E Walker after T C Rowland, published by T Catherall, Eastgate Row, Chester. n.d.[c.1850] (2 items) [1983. 243-4]
66. Coloured prints of Welsh costume n.d. [c. 1850] (2 items) [1983. 279-80]
67. Photograph of a portrait of Thomas Jones (Taliesin o Eifion, 1820-76) 1856 [1983. 240]
68. Photograph of group of people (some in national costume, and some members of the Gorsedd) at the base of Donkey Hill. n.d.[c. 1920] [1983. 305] (originally framed with wood made from the casing of the organ of Bangor cathedral, which featured in a story by Twm o'r Nant)
69. Photograph of Llangollen pageant, Lady Howard de Walden, Barbara Coward and Gwenllian Llwyd in foreground. 1929 [1983. 235]