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Pearce/Darwin Fox collection

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Pearce/Darwin Fox collection
<b>Reference code:</b>	RBSC-ARC-1721
<b>Date:</b>	1821-1935 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	7 cm of textual records
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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

The Reverend William Darwin Fox was born in April 23, 1805. He was second cousin to Charles Darwin and shared his interest in natural history. In addition to being a naturalist, Fox was also an entomologist, with a particular interest in collecting beetles. He is credited as the person who introduced Darwin to entomology and tutoring him in natural history. Fox and Darwin had quite a close relationship, maintaining regular contact through letters. These letters are considered important in understanding the life of Charles Darwin, as recognized by Darwin's sons and biographers.

Fox graduated from Cambridge in 1829. He was appointed vicar of Delamere, Cheshire in 1838 and remained there until 1873. He retired in 1873 and returned to the Isle of Wight where he died in 1880.

### Custodial history

This collection was purchased from Captain Christopher Pearce, a descendant of the Fox family and resident of Vancouver Island by the Woodward Library in 1970. The collection was transferred from Woodward Memorial Library to Rare Books and Special Collections in 2013.

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## Scope and content

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The collection is comprised of family records of the Darwin Fox family. Most of the collection consists of letters and observations, with a few photographs and newspaper clippings. The dates range between 1821 and 1935. There is a great variety of content and correspondents. The principal correspondents are William Darwin Fox (1805-1880) and his cousin Charles Robert Darwin (1809-1882). Others include the Rev. W.D. Fox, Henry Doubleday, William C. Hewitson and Richard Owen. Many of the letters are detailed accounts of supplies the various men have and need in their pursuit of "natural history". Much

of the discussions in the correspondence and the written observations concern insects, birds and eggs. In addition, there is correspondence relating to familial matters between family members.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Variations in title**: Formerly called the Fox/Pearce (Darwin) collection.

### Arrangement

The files are arranged in batches of letters and correspondence, interspersed with notes and observations. Some letters concern familial affairs, while others concern natural history and research. There are some photographs and newspaper clippings within the collection. The arrangement of the collection was inherited from the transfer from the Woodward Library and has not been rearranged in any way.

### Restrictions on access

Please note material in this collection will be provided one file at a time.

### Related material

Digitized materials available here: <http://digitalcollections.library.ubc.ca/cdm/landingpage/collection/darwin>

### Other notes

- **Publication status**: published
  - **Level of detail**: Full
  - **Status description**: Draft
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## Access points

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- Darwin, Charles, Robert, Sir (subject)
- Multiple media (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Family and personal life (subject)
- Environment (subject)

## Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-01	File - May 18, 1825 Dr. Hasper, Leipzig to Dr. Kennedy, Glasgow.	1825-05-18		
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-02	File - Mar. 19, 1831 Spurzheim, Johann Kaspar Derby to Dr. Kennedy,	1831-03-19		
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-03	File - Dec.17, 1821 Duke of Norfolk, Farnham, to Samuel Fox	1821-12-17		
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-04	File - Aug. 12, 1834 Emma Darwin [née Wedgwood], Derby, to Revd. W.D. Fox,	1834-08-12		
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-05	File - Oct. 24, 1835 Samuel Fox, No.11 Melville St., Edinburgh to Rev. William Darwin Fox.	1835-10-24		
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-06	File - Dec. 5, 1835 Basil Geo. Woodd, New Bond St., to (W. Darwin) Fox at Ryde,	1835-12-05		
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-07	File - Dec. 4, 1855 J. Lichfield to Rev. William Darwin Fox.	1855-12-04		
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-08	File - April 24, 1855 Lyon Playfair, Baron, 1818-1898, to Miss Fox.	1855-04-24		
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-09	File - June 7, 1858 N. Cardinal Wiseman, Leydon N.E. (?) to Rev. W. Darwin Fox,	1858-06-07		
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-10	File - June 8, 1856 Ch. Darwin, Down to W. Darwin Fox, Old Parsonage,	1856-06-08		
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-11	File - May 26, 1876 C. Darwin, c/o H. Wedgwood, Hopedene, Dorking to W. Darwin Fox	1876-05-26		
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-12	File - March 29, 1880 Charles Darwin, Down, Beckenham, Kent to Charles W. Fox,	1880-03-29		
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-13	File - March 10, 1880 Charles Darwin, Abinger Hall, Dorking to Ch. W. Fox,	1880-03-10		
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-14	File - Feb. 7, 1867 Charles Darwin, to Rev. W.D. Fox,	1867-02-07		
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-15	File - Feb. 13, 1882 E. Darwin, Down, Beckenham, Kent to Mrs. Hughes.	1882-02-13		
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-16	File - March 2, 1877 Erasmus Darwin, 6 Queen Anne St. to Mrs. Hughes.	1877-03-02		
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-17	File - Feb. 1, 1935 Hesketh Pearson, London to Rev. Gilbert B. Darwin Fox,	1935-02-01		
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-18	File - n.d. Notes of the Medusa.			
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-19	File - August 29, 1827 Notes on Craniology	1827-08-29		
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-20	File - Nature notes	1830-08-23 - 1831-09-12		
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-21	File - "A list of summer birds of passage". "Pernicious effects of Yew to Cattle".			
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-22	File - Anecdotes and jokes.			

RBSC-ARC-1721-1-23	File - Remedy for blistered feet. Illness called "diable au corps and inner achism" devil possessed.	
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-24	File - Notes on medical treatment.	
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-25	File - July 7 (?), 1832 (?) Epperstone near Nottingham, to Hewitson,	1832-07-07
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-26	File - Dec. 29, 1833 Henry Doubleday, 1808-1875, to [Rev. Wm. Darwin Fox?]	1833-12-29
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-27	File - Dec. 19, 1835 Henry Doubleday, Epping? to Rev. Wm. Darwin Fox,	1835-12-19
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-28	File - Mar. 16, 1835 Henry Doubleday, Epping to Rev. W.D. Fox,	1835-03-16
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-29	File - Sept. 18, 1835 W.C. Hewitson, Oatlands, to Rev. Fox.	1835-09-18
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-30	File - Jan. 29, 1835 William C. Hewitson, Newcastle to Rev. W.D. Fox,	1835-01-29
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-31	File - June 21, 1834 William C. Hewitson, Newcastle to Rev. W. Darwin Fox	1834-06-21
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-32	File - July 10, 1832 William C. Hewitson to Rev. W.D. Fox, Epperstone,	1832-07-10
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-33	File - Mar. 31, 1832 Willaim C. Hewitson, Newcastle to Rev. W.D. Fox,	1832-03-31
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-34	File - Dec. 27, 1830 William C. Hewitson, 32 Collingwood St., [Newcastle?]	1830-12-27
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-35	File - Jan. 5, 1832 William C. Hewitson, Newcastle on Tyne to Rev. W.D. Fox	1832-01-05
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-36	File - n.d. William C. Hewitson	
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-37	File - April 5, 1835 William Hewitson, Newcastle to Rev. W. D. Fox,	1835-04-05
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-38	File - June 7, 1836 William C. Hewitson, Bristol to Rev. W.D. Fox,	1836-06-07
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-39	File - List of eggs. H. Doubleday 3/15/35	1835-03-15
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-40	File - Rev. W.D. Fox List of eggs for Doubleday	
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-41	File - W.C. Hewitson(?) to W.D. Fox(?)	
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-42	File - List of eggs sent and list promised	
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-43	File - Observations of various birds	
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-44	File - n.d. Godfrey Howitt to Rev. W.D. Fox	
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-45	File - July 9, 1840 W. Hoy, Stoke, (Nayland?), to Wm. D. Fox	1840-07-09
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-46	File - July 26, 1840 W. Hoy, Stoke, (Nayland?) to Wm. Darwin Fox (?)	1840-07-26
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-47	File - Sept. 6, 1838 J. Howard Galton? to Revd. Wm. Darwin Fox	1838-09-06
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-48	File - April 26, 18?? Denmark Rd., Camberwell, Surrey to Rev. Wm. D. Fox	18??-04-26
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-49	File - Feb. 10, 1834 John D. Salmon, Thetford, Norfolk to William Darwin Fox	1834-02-10
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-50	File - March 13, 1835 John D. Salmon, Thetford to W.D. Fox, Esquire,	1835-03-13

RBSC-ARC-1721-1-51	File - July 13, 1835 John D. Salmon, Thetford to the Revd. W.D. Fox	1835-07-13
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-52	File - n.d. W.H. (Probably W. Hoy)	
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-53	File - March 24, 18?? Rd . Owen to ?	
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-54	File - Nov. 18, 1845 Rd. Owen to ?	1845-11-18
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-55	File - Sept. 9, 1861 Richard Owen, Manchester, to Mr. Price.	1861-09-09
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-56	File - June 26, 1880 Richard Owen to C.W. Fox?	1880-06-26
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-57	File - June 6, 1884 Richard Owen to an unknown woman	1884-06-06
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-58	File - May 2, 1872 A. Sedgwick, Trinity College, Cambridge.	1872-05-02
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-59	File - March ?, 1848 Edward Forbes	1848-03-01
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-60	File - June 6, 1868 Jno. O. Westwood	1868-06-06
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-61	File - "Notes of a Mesmeric Performance"	1872-03-14
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-62	File - Dec. 29, 1835 Dawson Turner, Yarmouth, to Elizabeth	1835-12-29
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-63	File - May 21, 1861 Charles. Babbage to Mrs. Frances J. Hughes,	1861-05-21
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-64	File - Nov. 28, 1834 Duke of Devonshire, London.	1834-11-28
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-65	File - May 2, 1845 C. Wheatstone, 20 Conduit Street, to Mrs. Davenport	1845-05-02
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-66	File - 3 scraps, names of people mentioned.	
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-67	File - July 14, 1880 Carl Haag, Ida Villa, Lyndhurst Road, Hampstead, to Charles W. Fox	1880-07-14
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-68	File - Miscellaneous notes on various subjects,	
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-69	File - July 22, 1871 Caricatures on Darwin from "Fun".	1871-07-22
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-70	File - Nov. 16, 1872 Caricatures of Darwin from "Fun".	1872-11-16
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-71	File - Photographs	
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-72	File - April 19, 1880 G. Batten, 7 Above Bar, Southampton, to C.W. Fox	1880-04-19
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-73	File - July 6, 1858 C. Darwin, Down, to Wm. Darwin Fox	1858-07-06
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-74	File - Feb. 14, 1878 Charles Darwin, Down, Beckenham, Kent, to Rev. W. Darwin Fox	1878-02-14
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-75	File - July 10, 1878 Charles Darwin, Down, Beckenham, to Revd. W. Darwin Fo	1878-07-10
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-76	File - August 28 Charles Darwin?, 36 Great Marlborough Street, London, to Wm. Darwin Fo	
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-77	File - Feb. 7, 1837 E. Bickersteth, Walton Rectory, Herts, to Rev. Prebendary Townsend	1837-02-07

RBSC-ARC-1721-1-78	File - July 17, 1867 Benjamin Disraeli, Downing Street, to Basil T. Woodd, Eq.	1867-07-17
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-79	File - 1853 The Phrenological and Mesmeric Chart, J.S. Butterworth	1853
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-80	File - Sketch. W.D. Fox	
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-81	File - Various Photograph	1862
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-82	File - Photograph - probably of W.D. Fox	
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-83	File - Sept. 16, 1878 Llewelyn Powell and David Thomas Powell, Cedar Lawn, Hampstead Heath, to Alex Pearce,	1878-09-16
RBSC-ARC-1721-1-84	File - Nov. 19, 1887 Newspaper cutting from the Times on "The Life of Darwin" taken from "Life and Letters of Charles Darwin,	1887-11-19