

[Note: Diana Beaumont (1796-1872), the daughter of Mrs Diana, kept a journal for several years. It mostly consists of terse entries regarding who was visiting, and journeys they took, but some entries are of wider interest concerning important family events.]

12 Jun 1823 Diana Beaumont

[Note: The extracts given here concern the termination of TW Beaumont's engagement to Elizabeth Swinburne. Rather than create a separate entry for each day's short entry they are grouped here into batches by calendar month]

1823 June 12th. Wentworth came to announce his engagement to Miss Elizabeth Swinburne.

13. We all went to see the Swinburnes.

14. The Swinburnes came to call upon us.

17. We went to a small Party at <Kenthall> House.

22. Edward gazetted as Cornet in the 16th Hussars.

27 F. I went down to the Inn in Richmond Hill with Papa –

30. Richard comes down.

2 Jul 1823 Diana Beaumont

2 July Marie & Edward came down & we lunched on the Thames – a lovely delightful day –

4. I returned from Richmond – Sophy went there

Su 6th. Sophy returned on account of her Cough & Marie went there.

11th. Papa & Marianne came up.

16th. Mama & I went to <Almacks>

17. Mama & I went to the Bachelors Ball – amusing but comical - <One> of the Lady Greys danced with <Conlon> the Opera <Dame> a Quadrille –

19. Henry came from Hoyland –

21. M. We all went down to Hastings.

22. Richard came down to us –

25. I went with Richard & Henry to the Crowhursts – pretty Twins –

27. Went to the Fish Ponds & took Harriet Popham.

29. Sophy rode her new Horse & liked it –

1 Aug 1823 Diana Beaumont

Aug 1 Fri. Richard rode with me to draw at Crowhurst

4. Richard & Henry left us to go to the <Lakes> previous to going on the Moors –

8 I drew at the White Rock. Edward left London for Ireland
11th. We all left Hastings having had very bad weather. Arrived in Town –
14 Arrived at Bretton –
15. Mama received a letter from Sir J Swinburne Saying that Wentworths marriage was broken off with his Daughter.
16. Mama Sophy & I went to dine & stay all night at Cannon Hall –
19. Su Mrs Lee & Cousins came to us –
25 Monday The Stanhopes dined with us –
26. Cousins left us –

6 Sep 1823 Diana Beaumont

September 6. Richard & Henry came home from Bradley – Mr <Parns>, Jane & Harriet & Mr Lee came –
7. They left us –
8th. Mama, Sophy & I went to Grove –
9. Tues. The Stapleton Park Races. Mr Trevor thrown from his horse, much hurt, <...>
10 days & died –
10th. We returned to Bretton –
14th. We went to Doncaster Races – Ric'd & Henry with us –
19th. We returned –
21 Su. Mama heard from Wentworth respecting Lady S. Mama went off to Bradley with Bird, William & Richd - Wrote to give our Lodgings at York to the Lees –
26. Fri Wentworth, William, Richard, Mr Bird came here from Bradley –

6 Oct 1823 Diana Beaumont

6 October Mond – Mama came from Northumberland - I passed a wretched fortnight –
7th. It was agreed we were to make a trip to the Continent –
15th. Wed My Brothers leave for London. Marie Sophy & I go to take leave of the Lees –
20th. Mond We leave Bretton for London – and leave Papa & William –
21 Tues. Arrived in London –
28 Tue – Wentworth and Richard left Town for Northumberland -
31. Friday – We left Town & slept at Canterbury –

1 Nov 1823 Diana Beaumont

[Note: After crossing the Channel the Beaumonts travelled through France and Italy. In December Diana's brother Wentworth left for England from Rome in December, and

Richard in January, after which parting Diana wrote 'now indeed I feel deserted'. She continued on the tour with her sister and mother, through Italy and Switzerland then returned to Dover on 20 Aug 1824, nine months after they departed.]

1. Nov. Arrived at the Albion Hotel Ramsgate.

3 Mon. A Ball at the Albion.

5. Went to Broadstairs & Margate

11. Left Ramsgate for Dover, where we met Wentworth & Richard we put up at Mrs Paques the York Hotel.

Wed 12 Nov. Crossed from Dover to Calais in the Arrow Steam Packet in 3 hours & a half – our Party consisting of Mrs B. Self & 2 Sisters Wentworth & Richard – 2 Maids (Fletcher & Blacke) one Man & the Courier Reynard & Wentworth's two Servants –

13 Jul 1829 Diana Beaumont

[Note: The extracts given here concern the death of her father, Colonel Thomas Richard Beaumont.]

13 July 1829 Papa left Town with Mr <Chilners>

14 We left London at 8 O'Clock & got to Grantham at 10

15 We left at 8 & got to Bretton at 5. Dined at Doncaster . Found Pap at Bretton

17 Richard arrived. Mr Chilner left us.

29 Wed. Papa got much worse. We wrote to Wentworth & Edward & sent to Grove

30 Th. Mrs Lee came

31 Fri My Father died at 9 o'clock in the evening. My uncle came in the morning

3rd Aug Monday. Edward came

5 Wed. Mr Bird came

6 Wentworth came

10 Monday. Mr Rogers came. The Will was read in the afternoon

11 Tuesday My father was buried in Bretton Chapel. Wentworth left in the afternoon

23 Jun 1831 Diana Beaumont

[Note: The extracts given here concern the death of her mother Diana. Rather than create a separate database entry for each day's short entry they are grouped here into batches for the months of June, August and September.]

June 1831 23 Sat. Jane Beaumont got a little Girl at 2 o clock in the Mornng.

Dr Crowther came to see Mama -

25. Mond. Mr Hay came to see Mama –

28. Thurs <Waterton> & Mr Ord called. <Marie> & Richard went to Mrs <Blackfield>

29 Fri. Mrs Lee left

6 Aug 1831 Diana Beaumont

Augst 6 Saturday Harriet & I went to Walton to see Mr <Waterton's> Pictures.

9 Tuesday – Mama went to bed, pretty well: having been twice out in the carriage.

10 Wed: Mama died at a little after one o clock, in the night.

Mr Lee came & Edward came –

11th Thu: Lees went away.

12 Fri: Wentworth ill at Worthing – Birch returned at 6 in the Evening-

13. Sat. Henry came –

17 Mr Bird came

19 – Fri: The Lees came again – Mr Crawhall & Rogers.

20. Sat. My Mother was buried at 10 o Clock – We waited till the Post came in & then hearing that Wentworth was still ill & not able to come down, the Will was read by Rogers in my Sitting Room. The Lees – T Crawhall – Brackenridge – Richd. – Edwd. Henry and Myself & Sisters present.

22 Mond. The Lees left.

26 Fri. Edward came back to us.

27 He left

28. Edward goes to London –

31. Wed. All the Household received <warning> from Wentworth – We engaged two of the Footmen - <...> -

6 Sep 1831 Diana Beaumont

6. Sep. Edward came from <Finingly> - having seen Wentworth in Town –

8. He left us.

10 Mrs <Blackfield> called & dined with us.

12. Richard leaves us for London & Worthing.

13. We left Bretton with great regret – arrived at < Finingly > found Edward had sprained his knee –

15 Left <Finingly> at 10 – Slept at Wansford –

16. Arrived in Portman Square.

26. Mon Wentworth came to Town from Worthing.