

YORKSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETYESHTON HALL, GARGRAVE, PLANS ETC.

These plans show proposed additions and alterations to Eshton Hall made between 1825 and 1841 by Matthew Wilson to the designs of the architect Francis Webster of Kendal. On Francis Webster's death c. 1830 the business was continued by his son George. The plans are of particular importance as they show the planning of the accommodation for the famous library of Frances Mary Richardson Currer (1785 - 1861), Matthew Wilson's half-sister. [See Dictionary of National Biography]. Matthew Wilson's accounts for these building works are in the Bradfer-Lawrence papers (MD 335) For a description of Eshton Hall and Miss Currer's library and portrait see T.F.Dibdin Bibliographical, Antiquarian and Picturesque Tour of the Northern Counties of England and Scotland, 1838, Vol. II.

PLANS OF ESHTON HALL BY FRANCIS WEBSTER

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| 1 | Plan of the ground or principal floor, showing the proposed additions and alterations
Paper. Coloured | 1825 |
| 2 | Design for the glazing and finishing of the interior of the octagon light over the great staircase.
Paper. Coloured | 1826 |
| 3 | Plan at full size for one of the angle compartments of the staircase ceiling, details of stucco mouldings etc.
Paper. Colour wash | n.d.[c.1826] |
| 4 | Photograph of section of the library and plan of the ceiling. Shows bookcases, colour of decorations, view from window etc. | n.d.[c.1826] |
| | Plan of library ceiling.
Paper. Colour wash | 1825 |
| 6 | Photograph of section of the drawing room and plan of the ceiling. Shows supplementary bookcases, colour of decorations etc. | 1826 |
| 7 | Profile of the lower compartment of the doorcase
Paper | 1825 |
| 8 | Architrave or moulding at full size for the door jambs
Paper. Colour wash | 1825 |
| 9 | Detail of the cornice at full size for | 1826 |

the upper or Ionic compartment of the doorcase.

Paper. Colour wash

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| 10 | Capital of the pilasters at full size for the Ionic compartment of the doorcase.
Paper. Colour wash | 1826 |
| 11 | Plan of one of the capitals at full size for the external Ionic pilasters of the upper compartment of the doorcase.
Paper. Colour wash | 1826 |
| 12 | Plan of the hall ceiling and of the cornice at full size for the entrance hall.
Paper. Colour wash | 1826 |
| 13 | Section showing the four sides of the entrance hall and billiard room with plan of ceiling. Shows decorative features.
Paper. Coloured | 1826 |
| 14 | Plan of the ceiling for the entrance hall.
Paper. Colour wash | 1827 |
| 15 | Detail of unidentified mouldings. | n.d.[c.1826] |

PLANS OF ESHTON HALL BY GEORGE WEBSTER

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| 16 | Ground plan showing the proposed alterations and additions.
Paper. Coloured | 1833 |
| 17 | Chamber plan showing proposed additions and alterations.
Enclosed 'Mr. Webster First plans for new offices etc.'
Paper. Coloured | 1833 |

OTHER PLANS OF ESHTON

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| 18 | Plan of ground floor of Eshton Hall, notes 'modern system of central heating and electric lighted'.
Linen. Coloured | n.d. |
| 19 | Eshton Hall School: sketch plan of proposed gymnasium (plan, section and elevation).
Paper. Coloured | 1961 |

FRANCES MARY RICHARDSON CURRER

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| 20 | <u>C.J. Stewart A Catalogue of the Library Collected by Miss Richardson Currer at Eshton Hall, 1833 with illustrations</u> |
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of Eshton Hall. Inscribed 'The Revd. Richard Polwhele, with Miss Currer's Compts.'

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| 21 | Photograph of portrait of Frances Mary Richardson Currer [by Masquerier] | n.d.[c.1813] |
| <u>22</u> | Obituary notice (copy) of Frances Mary Richardson Currer | n.d.[1861] |