

Martha Shaw's Diary Househunting with Fanny in February 1850

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15 February 1850

The other family members stayed in Paris.

Left London and started for Bath by rail. Hanwell, Sunbury, Windsor, Reading, Chippenham, Box Hill, Bath. Omnibus to the White Hart. Went to every agent in Bath.

16 February 1850

Out to speak to agents early, but found them not open. Went in a Fly to see Rose Mount Lycombe. Then to Box (saw Middlehill). Keynsham. Train to Bristol. Did not stay there. Clifton. Train passed Bridgwater "there were reasons for my not stopping there". [She didn't say what they were]. Exeter. Fly to Clarence Hotel, Cathedral Yard.

18 February 1850

"Mail" to Bideford "New Inn".

19 February 1850

Went round in a gig with a man.

20 February 1850

Went back to Exeter by the "Mail" (didn't want to go to Barnstaple), and had fellow passengers. Arrived station. Bath.

21 February 1850

"Up hill and down dale in Bath. I had a chair for an hour". Bristol. Fly to Clifton, agents. Decided not to go to Cardiff. To station for Gloucester, 1st class.

22 February 1850

No houses in Gloucester. "We applied to auctioneers, haberdashers, fishmongers, stationers but no effect". Stroud. "Stringers Court Rodborough". Stroud at "George Inn".

23 February 1850

Stonehouse "Eastington Lodge". Station. Cheltenham.

25 February 1850

Sevenhampton. Birmingham. Leamington "Bath Hotel".

26 February 1850

Agents. Nothing suitable. "Fly to Warwick to sleep, but resolved instead to return to station to go to Gloucester. Hearts failed again, resolved to sleep at Kenilworth. Train to London.

2 March 1850

Train to Box. "Station Inn".

4.3.1850

Train to London.