GEORGIANA CAVENDISH

Jacob Kisić

Famous painting of Georgiana by Thomas Gainsborough
Early Life

June 7th 1757

Family

John Spencer & Margaret Georgiana Spencer

Their role in society

The acquisition of titles in the Spencer family

Meeting the Duke, 1772

Married, June 7th 1774
What was it like being married to the Duke?

Scandals (before the marriage...she has more tea, don’t worry)

Children

Exile and Return (1791-1793)
SCANDALS

The 5th Duke of Devonshire

Lady Elizabeth Foster

The Duchess of Devonshire
LE MÉNAGE-À-TROIS CÉLÈBRE AND CHARLES GREY

- Love Triangle between Lady Elizabeth Foster, The 5th Duke of Devonshire and the Duchess
  - Gossip
  - Results
- The affair between the Duchess and Charles Grey
  - Gossip
  - Results
INFLUENCE IN SOCIETY

Politics: 1778-1793

One of the most influential women in politics of the 18th century

Involvement in the Whig Party (anti-crown and liberty against tyranny)

Support of James Fox

Election of 1784
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Science:

Established with Thomas Beddoes the Pneumatic Institution in Bristol
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Fashion:
- "Feather Headdress Affair"
- Hats!
- Dresses!
- Salon
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Literature:

- Published poems from childhood
- Walpole: “easy and prettily expressed, though it does not impress much”
- *Emma; Or, The Unfortunate Attachment* A Sentimental Novel 1773
- *The Sylph* 1778
- *Memorandums of the Face of The Country in Switzerland* 1799
- *The Passage of the Mountain of Saint Gothard* 1799
Their liberty requir'd no rites uncouth,
    No blood demanded, and no slaves enchain'd;
Her rule was gentle and her voice was truth,
    By social order form'd, by laws restrain'd.

We quit the lake—and cultivation's toil,
    With nature's charms combin'd, adorns the way,
And well earn'd wealth improves the ready soil,
    "And simple manners still maintain their sway.

Farewell Helvetia! from whose lofty breast,
    Proud Alps arise, and copious rivers flow;
" Where, source of streams, eternal glaciers rest,
    "And peaceful science gilds the plains below.

Oft
THE DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE IN FILM

• The Divine Lady
• Berkeley Square
• The House in the Square
• The Duchess


