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Guide to the

William Wordsworth collection of papers

1795-1897

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Summary

Creator: Wordsworth, William, 1770-1850

Title: William Wordsworth collection of papers

Date: 1795-1897

Size: 72 items

Source: This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources.

Abstract: This is a synthetic collection that includes manuscripts, a typescript, correspondence, and an undated notebook.

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Creator History

William Wordsworth was a British poet, essayist, playwright, and travel writer.

Custodial History

The bulk of the materials was formerly owned by W. T. H. Howe and Owen D. Young. Previous owners also include R. P. Graves and Frank V. Morley.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection that includes manuscripts, a typescript, correspondence, and an undated notebook. The manuscripts include holograph poems, as well as manuscripts by Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Thomas De Quincey, Lydia Howard H. Sigourney, Algernon Charles Swinburne, and others. The correspondence includes letters from the author, dating from [1795] to 1846, to Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Thomas De Quincey, Edward Moxon, Thomas Noon Talfourd, and others. Also present are letters relating to the author, dating from ca. 1818 to 1897, between various correspondents, including Hartley Coleridge, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Joseph Henry Green, Emile Hyacinthe Legouis, Sir Leslie Stephen, Dora Wordsworth, Dorothy Wordsworth, and others.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Notebooks

Names

Wordsworth, William, 1770-1850

Browning, Elizabeth Barrett, 1806-1861

Coleridge, Hartley, 1796-1849

Coleridge, Samuel Taylor, 1772-1834

De Quincey, Thomas, 1785-1859

Graves, R. P.

Graves, R. P.

Green, Joseph Henry, 1791-1863

Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)

Jackson, William, 1817?-1891?

Legouis, Emile, 1861-1937

Morley, F. V. (Frank Vigor), 1899-1980

Moxon, Edward, 1801-1858

Sigourney, L. H. (Lydia Howard), 1791-1865

Stephen, Leslie, 1832-1904

Swinburne, Algernon Charles, 1837-1909

Talfourd, Thomas Noon, 1795-1854

Wordsworth, Dora, 1804-1847

Wordsworth, Dorothy, 1771-1855

Young, Owen D., 1874-

Container List

Manuscripts and Typescripts

Manuscripts and Typescripts written by Wordsworth

Manuscript box	Composed at Grasmere while the author was engaged with his tract upon the relations of Great Britain. Poem, cut from a letter addressed to John Edwards...with note at head "I transcribe the following sonnet, to fill up the sheet" n.d. (1 p) (1 p) Published as: Composed while the author was engaged in writing a tract occasioned by the convention of Cintra. Y.
Oversize (+). In case	Descriptive sketches. Text and ms. transcription in Charles Eliot Norton's hand, of corrections by Wordsworth in the copy given by Dorothy Wordsworth to S.T. Coleridge and later owned by Prof. Henry R. Reed 1793 (57 p) (57 p) With: 3 p. of notes in C. E. Norton's hand, an ALS to him from his sister, Grace, and typescript copies of letters. Also Catalogue of the library of W.W.
Manuscript box	Excursion, The. Holograph n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf) H.
Manuscript box	[Extempore effusion upon the death of James Hogg]. Holograph copy of the poem dated "Park street, May 29 [18]36. 1836 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Y.
Manuscript box; in folder with his: [Extempore effusion... (1836)]	Extempore effusion on reading in a newspaper the notice of the death of the poet James Hogg. In Mary Wordsworth hand, sent to Mrs. Hughes; postmarked Jan. 30, 1837. 1887 Jan. 30 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Y.
Manuscript box	Extempore effusion on reading in a newspaper the notice of the death of the poet James Hogg. In Dora Wordsworth's hand, sent to Rev. R. Graves with signed note to him in Wordsworth's hand. n.d. (2 p) (2 p) R. P. Graves
Oversize (+)	"Hark! 'tis the thrush undaunted, undeprest". Written on the last page of an ALS to Sergeant Talfourd, postmarked, April 18, 1838. 1838 Apr. 18 (1 p) (1 p) In case with: Wordsworth, W. To the Duddon. Y.
Manuscript box	"In compliance with the request of Ellicott Cresson that a few words may be added to his album from my pen..." 1826 Sept. 11 (3 p) (3 p) Y.
Manuscript box	[Inscriptions supposed to be found in and near a hermit's cell]. First stanza. 1828 Oct. 26 (1 p) (1 p) Y.
Oversize (+). In: Album of letters and autographs	"I've heard of hearts unkind..." Holograph copy of a verse 1838 Feb. 18 (1 p) (1 p)
Oversize (+)	Lines, left upon a seat in a yew-tree which stands near the Lake of Esthwaite, on a desolate part of the shore yet commanding a beautiful prospect. Holograph of the first 32 lines of the poem. n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf) H.
Manuscript box	Miscellaneous autograph material 1837 Feb. 27 (1 item) (1 item) Signed H.

Manuscripts and Typescripts (cont.)

Manuscripts and Typescripts written by Wordsworth (cont.)

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| Manuscript box | [On a portrait of the Duke of Wellington, upon the field of Waterloo, by Haydon]. Sonnet, suggested by Haydon's picture of the Duke & Copenhagen on the field of Waterloo 20 years after the battle. n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Inscribed: Composed while ascending Helvellyn Monday Aug 31 1840. Reinscribed by WW; Given to me by my master mr. Haydon, Emily Schmack. Published as Poems, chiefly of early and late years, London, E. Moxon, 1842. |
| Manuscript box | On the projected Kendal & Windandermere [sic] railway. Sonnet and expanatory footnote, in the hand of an amanuensis 1844 Oct. 12 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed; footnote signed "W.W." by the amanuensis. Y. |
| Cased | Statement...that in consideration of the terms of the agreement of the same date, between Moxon and Wordsworth, Moxon be given preference in the publishing of any future edition of the works of Wordsworth.
Holograph 1836 June 25 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed. H. |
| Manuscript box | [To a child. Written in her album]. Holograph copy 1846 June 8 (1 p) (1 p)
H. |
| Oversize (+).
Bound by Riviere. | To the Dudden. Copy of the last 6 lines of the sonnet. 1826 Nov. 8 (1 v) (1 v)
Y. |
| Cased | To the sons of Burns, after visiting their father's grave August 1803. Written on the first leaf of an ALS from Eliza Fletcher to Gilbert Burns 1806 Nov. 10 (1 p) (1 p)
Y. |
| Manuscript box | Transcription of 8 lines from Spenser's Muiopotmos, or The fate of the butterflie, beginning "What more felicity can fall to creature" n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
"Transcribed from memory by Wm Wordsworth"; Y. |
| In case with his:
ALS to Thomas
Noon Talfourd... | "Why do good thoughts, involved or not, descend" 1840 Aug. 24 (1 p) (1 p)
H. |
| Manuscript box | [Written after the death of Charles Lamb]. 97 lines beginning with "O he was good, if ere a good man lived!" 1836 Jan. 14 (2 p) (2 p)
Y. |

Manuscripts and Typescripts relating to Wordsworth

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| Cased | Browning, E. B. An account of her first meeting with William Wordsworth, the first line "It was Wordsworth's own voice with his own soul in it"] n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
With: Browning, E. B. Sonnet on Mr. Haydon's picture of Mr. Wordsworth. 1842 |
| Cased | Browning, E. B. Sonnet on Mr. Haydon's picture of Mr. Wordsworth n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Y. |
| Cased | Browning, Robert. Notes, headed "Wordsworth" n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H. |
| Manuscript box | De Quincey, Thomas. Holograph fragment, paginated 14-15 n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
With: AL to [--?]. Feb. 26, 1838 on verso |
| Cased | Jarrell, Randall. [An analysis of why "particulars" should seem to people so much more effective than "universals"]. n.d. (1 v) (1 v)
With: 20 p. loosely inserted; Holograph list of books; [Little friend, little friend] draft of table of contents |
| Manuscript box | Sigourney, Lydia Howard Huntley. Wordsworth's birth-day n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Signed. With: ALS (incomplete) to [--?] on verso |

Manuscripts and Typescripts (cont.)

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| Oversize (+) | Swinburne, A.C. Wordsworth and Byron. n.d. (114 p) (114 p)
Jerome Kern (bookplate) |
| Manuscript box | [Tupper, M. F.]. Two holograph sonnets. n.d. (2 p) (2 p)
Signed "by the author of 'Proverbial philosophy'"; Y. |
| Correspondence | |
| Outgoing Correspondence | |
| Cased | Browning, Elizabeth Barrett. 2 ALS to 1842 Oct. 26 - 1844 Aug. 16 (3 p.; 1 p) (3 p.; 1 p)
With: Browning, E.B. Sonnet on Mr. Haydon's picture of Mr. Wordsworth. 1842. |
| Manuscript box | Coleridge, Samuel Taylor. ALS to ca. 1828 (1 p) (1 p)
Y. |
| Cased | De Quincey, Thomas. ALS to 1812 June 20 (3 p) (3 p)
H. |
| Oversize (+). In: Coleridge, S. T. Letter book, 1800. P. 98-101 | Fox, Charles James. Letter copied in Thomas Ward's hand to. "Sent with a copy of the Lyrical ballads, Decr. 1800" 1800 Dec. (4 p) (4 p) |
| Inserted on p. 111 of: Talfourd, Thomas Noon. Three speeches delivered in the House of Commons. London, 1840. | Graves, Rev. Robert Percival. ALS to the 1838 Apr. (3 p) (3 p) |
| Oversize (+) | Jackson, the Rev. William. 11 ALS to 1827 Nov. 28 - [1846] Mar (11 letters) (11 letters)
H. |
| Cased | Kenyon, John. ALS to 1838 Aug. 17 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
With: Browning, E. B. Sonnet on Mr. Haydon's picture of Mr. Wordsworth. 1842 |
| Manuscript box | Longman & Rees, Messrs. AL to 1800 Dec. 18 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Signature and p. 1-3 in Dorothy Wordsworth's hand. Y. |
| Manuscript box | Lowther, William, Lord Lonsdale. ALS to 1845 Jan. 28 (3 p) (3 p) |
| Cased | Mackenzie, R. Shelton. ALS to 1838 Jan. 26 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H. |
| Cased | Mathews, William. ALS to [1795] Oct. 24 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H. |
| Manuscript box | Merewether, Francis. Letter to. In the hand of Mary Wordsworth. [1828] June 22 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) |
| Manuscript box | Montagu, Basil. ALS to 1831 Oct. 22 (3 p) (3 p)
Y. |
| Cased | Moxon, Edward. ALS to 1826 Dec. 8 (3 p) (3 p)
H. |
| Cased | Moxon, Edward. ALS to 1835 Dec. 10 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H. |
| Cased | [Moxon], [Edward]. ALS to 1846 Aug. 14 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H. |
| Cased | [Moxon], [William?]. ALS to 1846 Aug. 6 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.; With Frank Fletcher bookplate |

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

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| Cased | Porter, R. Ker. ALS to 1832 Feb. 23 (3 p) (3 p)
H. |
| Oversize (+) | Reed, Henry R. Typescript copy of letter to 1837 Aug. 19 (2 p) (2 p)
With his: Descriptive sketches, 1793. [Typescript of text and ms. transcription in Charles Eliot Norton's hand] |
| Cased | [Ricketts], Anna. ALS to 1843 Oct. 13 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H. |
| Cased | Ricketts, [Ellen?]. ALS to 1842 Oct. 22 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H. |
| Cased | Rogers, Samuel. ALS to. With notation at end in the hand of the recipient
1838 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H. |
| Cased | Scott, John. ALS to 1815 May 14 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H. |
| Manuscript box | [Southey], [Robert]. AL to. With ms. note in Southey's hand dated, Keswick, May 17, 1834, written on the third page n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
H. |
| Cased | Talfourd, [Thomas Noon]. ALS to [1834?] Feb. 8 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H. |
| Oversize (+) | Talfourd, [Thomas Noon]. ALS to 1835 Jan. 1 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Y. |
| Oversize (+). In case with: Wordsworth, William. To the Dudden. | Talfourd, Thomas Noon. Last page of an ALS to. On which Wordsworth has written his sonnet, "Hark! 'tis the thrush undaunted and undeprest."
1838 Apr. 18 (1 letter) (1 letter) |
| Inserted in: Wordsworth, W. Ode, performed in the Senate-House, on the sixth of July, M.DCCC.XLVII. Cambridge, 1847 | Talfourd, Thomas Noon. ALS to n.d. Apr. 17 (3 leaves) (3 leaves) |
| Cased | Talfourd, [Thomas Noon]. ALS to n.d. June 24 (3 p) (3 p)
H. |
| Oversize (+) | Taylor, John. ANS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
With his: Lines, left upon a seat in a yew-tree |
| Manuscript box | Thelwall, Mrs. [John]. ALS to [1838] Nov. 16 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Y. |
| Oversize (+). In: Coleridge, S. T. Letter book, 1800, p. 102-103 | Wilberforce, William. Letter copied in Thomas Ward's hand to. Sent "with a copy of Lyrical ballads, Decr. 1800" n.d. (2 p) (2 p) |
| Manuscript box | [Wordsworth], [Christopher]. LS to. In his wife, Mary's hand. 1842 July 11 (3 p) (3 p)
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers |
| Manuscript box | [--?]. ALS to. With a copy in the hand of the recipient, of his reply, at the top of the letter 1817 June 24 (1 p) (1 p)
Y. |
| Oversize (+) | [--?]. Portion of AL to. Relating to the Kendal Advertiser. n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
With his: Lines, left upon a seat in a yew-tree |

Related Correspondence

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| Manuscript box | Coleridge, Hartley. ALS to Joseph Henry Green relating to his father, Samuel Taylor Coleridge; mentions Thomas De Quincey and William Wordsworth 1836 June 7 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) |
| Manuscript box | Coleridge, Samuel Taylor. AL to Joseph Henry Green. Mentions Charles Lamb and William Wordsworth. ca. 1818 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Signed with initials |
| Manuscript box
(Stephen, L.) | Legouis, Emile Hyacinthe. 2 ALS to Sir Leslie Stephen. Relate to William Wordsworth 1896 June 15 - 1897 Feb. 6 (2 leaves; 2 p) (2 leaves; 2 p) |
| Oversize (+) | Quillinan, Edward. ALS to [--?]. 1844 Dec. 26 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
With: Wordsworth, W. Lines, left upon a seat in a yew-tree |
| Manuscript box
(Wordsworth, W.) | Wordsworth, Dora. ALS to Richard Westhall Apr. 25 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) |
| Manuscript box | Wordsworth, Dorothy. ALS to Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Mentions her brother, William Wordsworth [1829] Nov. 14 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) |