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Carl H. Pforzheimer Collection of Shelley and His Circle

Guide to the

Robert Metcalf Smith manuscript material

1945-1950

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Summary

Creator: Smith, Robert Metcalf, 1886-1952

Title: Robert Metcalf Smith manuscript material

Date: 1945-1950

Size: 9 items

Abstract: Robert Metcalf Smith, American professor and scholar of English literature. · To Clinton N. Rutan of New Jersey : 9 items : -- 1 typescript letter signed : 18 May 1945 : (S'ANA 0947b1) : 1 page (partial sheet) : from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. (printed stationery) : begins, "What about the Severn you had on your list for me?" With the stamped, postmarked envelope. -- 1 typescript letter signed : 22 Oct 1945 : (S'ANA 0947b2) : 1 page (single sheet) : from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. (printed stationery) : begins, "I have delayed answering your kind letter about as long as you have delayed at times answering my letters"; mentioning Mary Shelley manuscript letters in Rutan's possession and Rutan's work on Harriet Shelley, "... rehabilitating her from the ravages of Mary and Lady Shelley." With the stamped, postmarked envelope. -- 1 typescript letter signed : 27 Oct 1945 : (S'ANA 0947b3) : from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. (printed stationery) : begins, "I am glad you see signs of a possibility of returning to Shelley soon..."; expressing his opinion of Mary Shelley's character, including, "Mary, among her other accomplishments, was a liar and a cat -- and a bitch -- no wonder the circle despised her." With the stamped, postmarked envelope. -- 1 envelope (empty) : [postmark 27 Nov 1945] : (S'ANA 0947b4) : printed Lehigh University envelope with typed address and cancelled stamp. -- 1 typescript letter signed : 18 Jul 1947 : (S'ANA 0947b5) : from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. (printed stationery) : begins, "I have not replied to your last letter -- not in imitation of your lapses into long silences, but because I wonder whether they indicate that you have or have not found out whether Harriet drowned herself in November or December." With the stamped, postmarked envelope. -- 1 typescript letter signed : 6 Nov 1947 : (S'ANA 0947b6) : 1 page (single sheet) : from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. (printed stationery) : begins, "I am moved by your note to exclaim as Lear did: 'Have I caught thee? He that parts us shall bring a brand from heaven' etc." With the stamped, postmarked envelope. -- 1 autograph letter signed : 19 Aug 1948 : (S'ANA 0947b7) : 2 pages (single sheet) : from Maplecroft Manor, Bancroft P.O., Middlefield, Massachusetts : begins, "No. I never received any letter from you after you left Bethlehem ..."; including, "All I know about Audrey Wurdemann is that she is married to a very clever poet and Jew and both must have an eye out for the dollar. They claim the Shelley line, or at least she does" With the stamped, postmarked envelope. -- 1 autograph letter signed : 18 Aug 1949 : (S'ANA 0947b8) : 2 pages (double sheet) : from Maplecroft

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