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Guide to the

Emily Brontë collection of papers

1832-1848

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Summary

Creator: Bronte_, Emily, 1818-1848

Title: Emily Brontë collection of papers

Date: 1832-1848

Size: 28 items

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

Abstract: This is a synthetic collection consisting of pictorial works, manuscripts, and correspondence about the author.

Access: Restricted access.

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Creator History

Emily Brontë was a British poet and novelist. Born on July 30, 1818, she began writing poetry at the age of eighteen and continued throughout her life although the poems were not intended for publication. Her only novel, *Wuthering Heights*, was published in 1847.

Custodial History

The bulk of the materials is from W. T. H. Howe, and Henry W. and Albert A. Berg.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of pictorial works, manuscripts, and correspondence about the author. The collection includes an original water color drawing entitled, "Forget me not." There are also a number of holograph poems three of which; "Not many years but long enough to see," "Lady-bird! lady-bird! fly away home," and "On its bending stalk a bonny flower" have also been attributed to her sister, Charlotte. There are three poems in the collection also attributed to her brother, Patrick Branwell; "In glimpses of a spirit shore," "And all her tresses backward strayed," and "To the horse Black Eagle which I rode at the battle of Zamorna." The poem "There let thy bleeding branch alone" is also attributed to her sister, Anne. The correspondence consists of one letter written by Charlotte Bronte to Ellen Nussey relating to the death of the author.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence
Watercolors

Names

Bronte_, Emily, 1818-1848
Berg, Albert A., 1872-1950
Berg, Henry W., 1858-1938
Bronte_, Anne, 1820-1849
Bronte_, Charlotte, 1816-1855
Bronte_, Patrick Branwell, 1817-1848
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Nussey, Ellen

Container List

Manuscripts

Dated Manuscripts

"And like myself lone wholly [sic] lone." Holograph poem. 1841 Feb. 27 (1 item) (1 item)

Signed "Anne" On verso: Fragment of the New Testament in Latin in Emily Brontë's handwriting H.

At Castle wood. Holograph poem 1844 Feb. 2 (1 p) (1 p)

H.

"Buisy [sic] day has glided by" and "I know not how it falls on me", The. Holograph poems. The second dated June 3, 1839 1839 June 3 (1 p) (1 p)

H.

Chat, Le. Holograph 1842 May 15 (1 item) (1 item)

H.

"Evening sun was sinking down", The. Holograph poem 1836 Sept. 23 (ms.) ()

On sheet with her: "When day of beauty deck the vale." Holograph poem

"Heavens glory shone where he was laid". Holograph poem 1839 Dec. 19 (1 p) (1 p)

H.

"I'm happiest when most away" and "Weaned from life torn away".

Holograph poems. The second dated "February HG, 1838" 1838 Feb. (1 item) (1 item)

H.

"Loud without the wind was roaring". Holograph poem 1836 Nov. (ms.) ()

On sheet with her: "When day of beauty deck the vale." Holograph poem

"May flowers are opening". Holograph poem 1839 Jan. 25 (1 p) (1 p)

H.

Papillon, Le. Holograph. On first page: Devoir 1842 Aug. 11 (6 p) (6 p)

H.

"Starry night shall comfort bring", The. Holograph poem 1838 Nov. (ms.) ()

On sheet with her: "When day of beauty deck the vale." Holograph poem

[That word never]. "Not many years but long enough to see". Holograph poem. Also attributed to Charlotte Brontë. Dec. 23 (1 p) (1 p)

H.

"There was a time when my cheek burned". Holograph poem 1839 Oct. (1 p) (1 p)

H.

"Tis moonlight summer moonlight". Holograph poem 1840 May 19 (1 p) (1 p)

H.

"What winter floods what streams of spring". Holograph poem 1832 Mar. 27 (1 p) (1 p)

H.

"Wind was rough which tore", The. Holograph poem 1839 Nov. 23 (1 p) (1 p)

H.

Undated Manuscripts

Manuscripts (cont.)

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"All hushed and still within the house." Holograph poem n.d (1 p) (1 p)
H.

"Fall leaves fall die flowers away". Holograph poem n.d (ms.) ()
On sheet with her: "When day of beauty deck the vale." Holograph poem

"His land may burst the galling chain". Holograph poem n.d (2 p) (2 p)
H.

"In dungeons dark I cannot sing". Holograph poem n.d (ms.) ()
On sheet with her: "When day of beauty deck the vale." Holograph poem

"It is not pride it is not shame". Holograph poem n.d (1 p) (1 p)
H.

"Methinks this heart should rest awhile". Holograph poem n.d (1 p) (1 p)
H.

"She dried her tears and they did smile". Holograph poem n.d (1 p) (1 p)
H.

"Still beside that dreary water". Holograph poem n.d (ms.) ()
On sheet with her: "When day of beauty deck the vale." Holograph poem

"That dreary lake that moonlight sky". Holograph poem n.d (1 p) (1 p)
Pencil sketches on verso H.

"There let thy bleeding branch atone". Holograph poem. Also attributed to
Anne Brontë n.d (1 p) (1 p)
H.

"There swept adown that dreary glen". Holograph poem n.d (ms.) ()
On sheet with her: "When day of beauty deck the vale." Holograph poem

"Tis evening now the sun descends". Holograph poem n.d (1 p) (1 p)
H.

"Upon her soothing breast" and "I gazed within thine earnest eyes".
Holograph poems. n.d (1 p) (1 p)
H.

"When days of Beauty deck the vale". Holograph poem n.d (1 p) (1 p)
On same sheet with her: Evening sun was sinking down, Fall leaves fall die flowers away, In
dungeons dark I cannot sing, Loud without the wind was roaring, Starry night shall comfort
bring, Still beside that dreary water, There swept adown ... H.

Manuscripts related to Emily Brontë

Brontë, Charlotte. "Lady-bird! Lady-bird! Fly away home". Holograph
poem. Also attributed to Emily Brontë n.d (1 item) (1 item)
H.

Brontë, Charlotte. "On its bending stalk a bonny flower". Holograph poem.
Also attributed to Emily Brontë n.d (1 item) (1 item)
H.

Brontë, Patrick Branwell. "In glimpses of a spirit shore" and "And all her
tresses backward strayed". Holograph poems. Also attributed to Emily
Brontë n.d (1 item) (1 item)
H.

Brontë, Patrick Branwell. To the horse Black Eagle which I rode at the
battle of Zamorna. Holograph poem. Also attributed to Branwell Brontë n.d
(1 p) (1 p)
H.

Correspondence

Manuscript box Bronte, Charlotte. ALS to Ellen Nussey. Mutilated. Relates to the death of
Emily Bronte 1848 Dec. [22 (1 p) (1 p)

Pictorial Works

Oversize (+++) Forget me not. Original water color drawing (1 item) (1 item)
H.