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Guide to the

Percy Bysshe Shelley collection of papers

1809-1908

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Summary

Creator: Shelley, Percy Bysshe, 1792-1822

Title: Percy Bysshe Shelley collection of papers

Date: 1809-1908

Size: 93 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, correspondence, and financial documents.

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Creator History

Percy Bysshe Shelley was a British poet, novelist, essayist, literary critic, and translator.

Custodial History

The bulk of the materials was formerly owned by W. T. H. Howe and Owen D. Young. A number of letters were previously owned by T. Roderick Terry and contain his bookplate. The April 23, 1810 letter to Edward Fergus Graham contains Harry Bache Smith's bookplate.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection that includes manuscripts, correspondence, and financial documents. The manuscripts include a holograph of an essay by Shelley and a transcription of a Shelley poem in Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley's hand. Also included are manuscript materials by Leigh Hunt and Humbert Wolfe relating to Shelley. The financial documents include bank drafts, one of which is a forgery. The correspondence includes letters, dating from 1809 to 1822, by the author to Claire Claremont, Edward Fergus Graham, Leigh Hunt, and others, as well as a copies of letters in Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley's hand to her from Shelley. Also included are letters relating to the author, dating from 1838 to 1908, exchanged between various correspondents including Richard Garnett, Herbert Jones, Thomas Holcroft, Lady Jane Shelley, Spencer Shelley, Charles Fairfax Murray, H. Buxton Forman, Paola Clairmont, Henry Roderick Newman, Susan Shelley, Rosamund Dent, and others. The correspondence also includes an inventory of letters and notes pertaining to the estate of Claire Claremont with certificate of their sale by Paola Clairmont to Henry Roderick. There is a letter to Shelley from Thomas Hookham, dated Dec. 13, 1816.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Forgeries

Names

Shelley, Percy Bysshe, 1792-1822

Clairmont, Claire, 1798-1879

Clairmont, Paola, 1825-1891

Dent, Rosamund

Forman, H. Buxton (Harry Buxton), 1842-1917

Garnett, Richard, 1835-1906

Holcroft, Thomas, 1745-1809

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

Hunt, Leigh, 1784-1859

Jones, Herbert

Murray, Charles Fairfax, 1849-1919

Newman, Henry Roderick, 1843-1917

Shelley, Jane Gibson Shelley, Lady, d. 1899

Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft, 1797-1851

Shelley, Susan

Smith, Harry B. (Harry Bache), 1860-1936

Terry, Roderick T., 1849-1933

Wolfe, Humbert, 1885-1940

Young, Owen D., 1874-

Container List

Manuscripts

Manuscripts by Shelley

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| Cased | Elysian fields, The. Holograph n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
H. |
| Manuscript box | To the L--d C--r [Lord Chancellor]. Copy of the poem in Mary W. Shelley's hand n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Y. |

Manuscripts relating to Shelley

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|----------------|---|
| Manuscript box | Hunt, Leigh. Giafar. To Percy Bysshe Shelley. Holograph poem n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
First published with title Jaffar in The New monthly magazine, Feb., 1850. Y. |
| Manuscript box | Wolfe, Humbert. Shelley. Holograph draft. n.d. (5 p) (5 p)
With ms. note: "Everyman 11/3/33"; accompanied by two leaves extracted from an unidentified ed. Of Hogg's Life of Percy Bysshe Shelley. Published in preface to The life of Percy Bysshe Shelley, London, J. M. Dent, 1933. |

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| Manuscript box | Brookes, Messrs. ANS to 1817 Apr. 21 (1 p) (1 p)
Y. |
| Manuscript box | Brookes, Messrs. ALS to 1822 Feb. 20 (1 p) (1 p)
Y. |
| Manuscript box | Clairmont, Claire. ALS to 1821 Feb. 16 (1 p) (1 p)
With: two drafts on Messrs. Brookes for Mr. Clairmont and Claire Claremont, dated Feb. 9 and March 12, 1816, the signatures of both being cancelled. Draft to Miss Clairmont a forgery? Y. |
| Cased | Graham, Edward Fergus. ALS to. With postscript in Elizabeth Shelley's hand 1810 Apr. 23 (4 p) (4 p)
Harry Bache Smith bookplate; H. |
| Manuscript box | Graham, Ed[ward] [Fergus]. ALS to. Date from postmark 1811 Feb. 13 (1 p) (1 p)
Y. |
| Manuscript box | Graham, [Edward Fergus]. ALS to 1811 June (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
With nine lines of verse from Shelley's translation of the Marseillaise on verso of second leaf.
Y. |
| Cased | Graham, Edward. AL in verse to 1811 (3 p) (3 p)
Frederick Locker's autograph. H. |
| Oversize (+) | Hunt, Leigh. ALS to. Bound by Wood. 1818 Dec. 12 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Herbert S. Leon bookplate. H. |
| Manuscript box | Hunt, Leigh. ALS to [1822?] Feb. 17 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Y. |
| Manuscript box | Longman, Messrs. ALS to 1809 May 7 (3 p) (3 p)
Y. |

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Inserted in:
Shelley, P. B. The
Cenci. Italy, 1819.
Copy 1

Ollier, Messrs. [Charles and James]. ALS to 1821 Mar. 4 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
With accompanying ALS, presenting Shelley's letter, from Thomas F. Kelsall to Capt. Maxse,
May 3, 1869; accompanying sheet postmarked "Mr. 22, 1821"

Inserted in:
Shelley, P. B. St.
Irvine. London,
1811. 1st ed., 1st
issue. Copy 2

Parker, Robert. AN in the third person to his uncle 1810 Dec. 18 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box

Peacock, Thomas Love. ALS to 1819 June (3 p) (3 p)
Y.

Manuscript box

Philipps, Janetta. ALS to 1811 May (3 p) (3 p)
Y.

Manuscript box

Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft. Copy in Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley's hand
of an ALS and an AL to her. 1822 Apr., 1822 July 4 (1 p.; 1 leaf) (1 p.; 1 leaf)
Y.

Manuscript box

Whitton, W. AL in the third person to 1811 Oct. 22 (1 p) (1 p)
Y.

Incoming Correspondence

Manuscript box
(Shelley)

Hookham, Thomas. ALS to Shelley 1816 Dec. 13 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
R. Van Whitall; Young

Related Correspondence

Manuscript box
(Shelley)

Byron, G., forger. AL to Thomas Hookham (?) relating to Shelley forgeries.
1845 Nov. 12 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Signed "G. B."; Roderick Terry, Howe.

Manuscript box
(Shelley)

Clairmont, Paola. 15 ALS (1 incomplete) to H. Buxton Forman [1879] May 26
- [1890 May 22 (15 letters in 8 folders) (15 letters in 8 folders)
With: ALS from Forman to Clairmont at end of her letter to him, dated Oct. 22, 1881 in folder
2. Removed from cased labeled: Shelley letters. Correspondence of Buxton Forman; H.

Manuscript box
(Shelley)

Clairmont, Paola. ANS, on calling card to Mr. N[ewman?] n.d. (1 card) (1 card)
With inventory of Shelley letters. Removed from cased labeled: Shelley letters.
Correspondence of Buxton Forman; H.

Manuscript box
(Shelley)

Clairmont, W. N.[?] ALS to H. Buxton Forman 1886 Feb. 3 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Removed from cased labeled: Shelley letters. Correspondence of Buxton Forman; H.

Manuscript box
(Shelley)

Dent, Rosamund. 2 ALS to H. Buxton Forman 1908 June 19, 1908 June 23 (2
letters) (2 letters)
With envelopes. Removed from cased labeled: Shelley letters. Correspondence of Buxton
Forman; H.

Inserted in:
Thoreau, H. D. A
week on the
Concord and
Merrimack rivers.
Boston, 1849.
Copy 5

Froude, James A. 2 ALS to [R. H. Horne]. Letter of Sept. 20 relates to
Shelley. 1870 Sept. 14, 1870 Sept. 20 (1 leaf each) (1 leaf each)

Manuscript box

Garnett, Richard. 7 ALS to Herbert Jones relating to lecture on Shelley by
Garnett and to Lord Leighton's house; letter of April 7, 1899, mentions
Andrew Lang 1898 Mar. 29 - 1900 June 6 (7 letters in 1 folder) (7 letters in 1 folder)

Correspondence (cont.)

Related Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box (Shelley) Holcroft, Thomas. ALS to ["G. Byron"?] relating to Shelley forgeries 18]46 Aug. 15 [ie. 1846 Sept.] 15 (3 p) (3 p)
Roderick Terry; Howe.
- Manuscript box (Shelley) Holcroft, Thomas. ALS to [Thomas Hookham?] relating to Shelley forgeries 1846 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Roderick Terry; Howe
- Inserted in:
Shelley, P. B. The Cenci. Italy, 1819.
Copy 1
Kelsall, T. F. ALS to Captn. Maxse relating to Shelley's letter to Messrs. Ollier, March 4, 1821 1869 Mar. 3 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Shelley) Murray, Charles Fairfax. 8 ALS to H. Buxton Forman. One undated 1879 July 10 - [1879 Aug. 29 (8 letters in 8 folders) (8 letters in 8 folders)
Removed from cased labeled: Shelley letters. Correspondence of Buxton Forman; H.
- Manuscript box (Shelley) Newman, H. R. 12 ALS to H. Buxton Forman. One undated 1879 Jun 18 - 1880 May 14 (12 letters in 6 folders) (12 letters in 6 folders)
With ALS from Paola Clairmont to Forman on 2nd leaf of letter dated [Sept. 29? 1879].
Removed from cased labeled: Shelley letters. Correspondence of Buxton Forman; H.
- Manuscript box (Shelley) Rossetti, W. M. ANS to [H. Buxton Forman?] 1888 Nov. 29 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Removed from cased labeled: Shelley letters. Correspondence of Buxton Forman; H.
- Manuscript box (Shelley) Shelley, Jane, Lady. 2 ALS to Spencer Shelley [1867] June 9, 1867 June 23 (2 letters) (2 letters)
Removed from cased labeled: Shelley letters. Correspondence of Buxton Forman; H.
- Manuscript box (Shelley) Shelley, Susanna. 7 ALS to H. Buxton Forman 1908 May 22 - 1908 July 6 (7 letters in 3 folders) (7 letters in 3 folders)
Most with envelopes. Removed from cased labeled: Shelley letters. Correspondence of Buxton Forman; H.
- Manuscript box Southey, R. ALS to John Edmund Reade. Mentions Byron, Coleridge and Shelley 1838 June 12 (3 p) (3 p)
H.
- Manuscript box (Shelley) Tilley, V. 3 ALS to [Spencer] Shelley 1867 June 6 - 1867 June 11 (3 letters) (3 letters)
Removed from cased labeled: Shelley letters. Correspondence of Buxton Forman; H.

Portraits

- Manuscript box "P. B. Shelley 1798". Original pencil portrait of Shelley. 1798 (1 item) (1 item)
Y.

Financial Documents

- Manuscript box Draft for five pounds on Messrs. Brookes & Co. for Mr. Clairmont. Holograph 1816 Feb. 9 (1 item) (1 item)
Cancelled signature. With: Shelley, P. B. ALS to Claire Clairmont. Pisa [Feb. 16, 1821]. Y.
- Manuscript box Draft for twenty pounds on Messrs. Brookes & Dixon for Miss [Claire] Clairmont. Holograph. A forgery 1816 Mar. 12 (1 item) (1 item)
Cancelled signature. With: Shelley, P. B. ALS to Claire Clairmont. Pisa [Feb. 16, 1821]. Y.

Financial Documents (cont.)

Inserted in:
Shelley, P.B. An
address, to the
Irish people.
Dublin, 1812.

Draft from Shelley to Messrs. Ollier & Co., or bearer, on Messrs. Brookes
Co. Holograph 1817 Oct. 18 (1 item) (1 item)

Manuscript box

Draft for ten pounds to Messrs. Ollier and Co. on Messrs. Brookes and Co.
Holograph 1818 Jan. 16 (1 item) (1 item)

Y.