Summary

Creator: Scott, Walter, 1771-1832

Title: Sir Walter Scott collection of papers

Date: 1796-1931 [bulk 1797-1837]

Size: 55 items

Source: This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources. Barham's notebooks were a gift of Mr. & Mrs. Donald F. Hyde in honor of Dr. A. A. Berg.

Abstract: This is a synthetic collection that includes manuscripts, notebooks, correspondence, portraits of Scott, and drawings for his books, as well as legal and financial documents.

Access: Restricted access.

Conditions Governing Use: For permission to publish, contact the Curator, The Henry W. and Albert A. Berg Collection of English and American Literature.


Processing note: Processed by Staff; Machine-readable finding aid created by Lynn Lobash and Nina Schneider.

Creator History

Sir Walter Scott was a Scottish novelist, poet and literary biographer.

Custodial History

The bulk of the material is from Owen D. Young, W. T. H. Howe, Jerome Kern, William Winter, and

**Scope and Content Note**

This is a synthetic collection that includes manuscripts, notebooks, letters, portraits of Scott, and drawings for his books, as well as legal and financial documents. It also contains original water color drawings by T. Stothard and John Masey Wright for Scott's novels. Also included are two notebooks of Richard Harris Barham and a commonplace book of S. S. Hazlitt, both of which include poems by Scott. The correspondence includes letters, dating from 1796 to 1831, from Scott to James Ballantyne, Lord Byron, James Fenimore Cooper, John Gibson, Lady Anne Hamilton, Sir Robert Peel, Lady Shelley, Sarah Kemble Siddons, Robert Southey, and others. There are also letters from 1817 to 1931 relating to the author between various correspondents including Washington Irving, Henry Brevoort, W. Maxwell-Scott, Gabriel Wells, Algernon Charles Swinburne, and others.

**Key Terms**

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**
Commonplace books
Correspondence
Notebooks

**Names**
Scott, Walter, 1771-1832
Ballantyne, John, 1774-1821
Barham, R. H. Dalton (Richard Harris Dalton), 1815-1886
Berg, Albert A., 1872-1950
Berg, Henry W., 1858-1938
Byron, George Gordon Byron, Baron, 1788-1824
Collier, John Payne, 1789-1883
Cooper, James Fenimore, 1789-1851
Eccles, Mary Hyde
Hamilton, Anne, Lady, 1766-1846
Hazlitt, Sarah Stoddart
Hazlitt, William, 1778-1830
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Hyde, Donald Frizell, 1909-1966
Irving, Washington, 1783-1859
Kern, Jerome, 1885-1945
Lamb, Charles, 1775-1834
Lamb, Mary, 1764-1847
Maxwell-Scott, Walter, Sir, 1875-1954
Peel, Robert, 1723-1795
Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft, 1797-1851
Siddons, Sarah, 1755-1831
Smith, Harry B. (Harry Bache), 1860-1936
Southey, Robert, 1774-1843
Swinburne, Algernon Charles, 1837-1909
Wells, Gabriel, 1862-1946
Young, Owen D., 1874-
Container List

Manuscripts

Manuscripts written by Scott

Biographical sketch of Samuel Richardson n.d. (9 p) (9 p) Y.

Bizarro; a Calabrian tale of recent date n.d. (42 p) (42 p)

Cадzow Castle. Holograph poem 1802 July 29 (4 leaves) (4 leaves)
Bound with: Douglas, Lady Francis. The history of Cinderella; Scott, Sir Walter. 3 ALS to Lady Anne Hamilton. Y.

Bound in full calf by Riviere & son

Dance of death. Holograph draft of poem with the author's revisions n.d. (5 p) (5 p)
Jerome Kern bookplate; William Winter bookplate

At top of: his ALS to Charles Simpson, Ashestiel, Selkirkshire, Oct. 25, [1810]

[History of Scotland], holograph of p. 245-247, v. 1 of the 1830 edition n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Published as: Rokeby: a poem

Lawyer and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Being an excellent new song to the tune of "King John & the Abbot of Canterbury." Holograph poem n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Written on the occasion of Lord Melville's acquittal, 1806. Y.

Accompanying ALS to Croker, Abbotsford, Jan. 11, 1830

[Picts and round towers of Ireland] n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)


Siege of Malta, unfinished holograph n.d. (176 p) (176 p)
With transcript in an unknown hand, 394 p., and a typescript, signed and dated "C.S.F. August 1932," 256 p.; H.

[Siege of Malta?], holograph fragment n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Sinking curtain and the prompter's bell n.d. (2 p.) (2 p.)

[Tales of a grandfather]. Holograph n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Y.

Tales of a grandfather: 2 portions of holograph... n.d. (8 p.; 3 p) (8 p.; 3 p)

With signed ms. note by Dr. Brott "given to me by James Ballantyne, Edinbro. 1825"
Manuscripts written by Scott (cont.)

Manuscript box

Waverley, or 'Tis sixty years since n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Y.

Manuscript box

With six lines of unidentified holograph in Scott's hand on the verso. Morrison and Young

Manuscripts relating to Scott

Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Donald F. Hyde in honor of Dr. A. A. Berg

Cased Barham, R. H. Holograph notebook and commonplace book. Poems, anecdotes, jokes, etc. Includes some journal entries. Mentions Sir Walter Scott, p. 105; Dickens, p. 9, 98-99; Ainsworth, p. 77; and Ainsworth and Dickens, p. 14-15 1843 - 1845 (? (ca. 112 p) (ca. 112 p)
Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Donald F. Hyde in honor of Dr. A. A. Berg

Cased Hazlitt, S. S. Poetry commonplace book including poems by Thomas Campbell, S. T. Coleridge, Charles Lamb, Walter Scott and others, copied in the hand of Sarah Stoddart Hazlitt. n.d. (1 v) (1 v)
With William Hazlitt's ms. notes of speeches in the House of Commons; index at end in the hand of Charles Lamb. "This book belonged to Charles Lamb, Mary Lamb, Mrs. Sarah Stoddart Hazlitt, Mr. William Hazlitt, John Payne Collier, Harry B. Smith." S. Stoddart name label. Y.

Cased Lang, Andrew. Scott his own reviewer n.d. (13 p) (13 p)
H.

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

Adam, I[--?]. W[--?]. ALS to 1808 Jan. 12 (1 p) (1 p)

Anderson, [--?]. ANS to 1818 (1 p) (1 p)

Baillie, Mrs. Joanna. ALS to 1824 Jan. 28 (3 p) (3 p)

Ballantyne, James. ALS to 1800 Apr. 22 (3 p) (3 p)
With: Scott, Sir Walter. Holograph missive containing the terms of partnership agreement with James Ballantyne

Ballantyne, James. ALS to [1822] Nov. 1 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Y.

[Ballantyne], James. ALS to 1824? (1 p) (1 p)
Correspondence (cont.)
Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

[Ballantyne], James. ALS to 1825 (1 p) (1 p)

[Ballantyne], James. ALS to 1825 (1 p) (1 p)

Bernet (?), [--?]. ALS to 1831? Mar. 2 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Berwick, Rev. Mr. ALS to 1809 Aug. 17 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Bullock and Co. (?), Messrs. ALS to 1819 Sept. 19 (1 p) (1 p)

Bunbury, Sir Henry. ALS to [1826] Nov. 14 (1 p) (1 p)

Busk, Hans. ALS to 1819 Jan. 29 (1 p) (1 p)

Byron, Lord. ALS to 1822 Mar. 28 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Cadell, [Robert]. ALS to 1830 Oct. 3 (1 p) (1 p)

Cochrane, [--?]. ALS to [1829] Feb. 6 (1 p) (1 p)

Cooper, James Fenimore. ALS to [1826] Nov. 26 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
ANS at the head of letter in Cooper's hand. H.

Coutts, Mrs. Thomas. LS to 1821 June 11 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Croker, J. W. ALS to 1830 Jan. 11 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Ellis, George. ALS to 1808 Dec. 23 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Francois, Monsieur. ALS to 1823 Aug. 5 (1 p) (1 p)
Correspondence (cont.)
Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Gibson, John. ALS to 1826 Feb. 1 (1 p) (1 p)

Gibson, John. ALS to 1827 July 26 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Grant, Charles. ALS to 1820 Apr. 23 (1 p) (1 p)

Hamilton, Lady Anne. 3 ALS to 1802 Feb. 1 - 1802 Aug. 10 (3 letters) (3 letters)
Bound with: Cadzow Castle

Hamilton, Lady Anne. ALS to 1802 Feb. 23 (5 p) (5 p)

Hamilton, Thomas (?). ALS to [1826?] Dec. 24 (3 p) (3 p)

Innes, Gilbert. ALS to 1814 Oct. 8 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Fragment of letter, with signature, laid in

Jones, Richard Sainthill. ALS to 1813 Mar. 12 (3 p) (3 p)

Labouchere, I[--?] C[--?]. ANS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Laidlaw, William. ALS to [1818] June 2 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Lawrence, Sir Thomas. ALS to 1826 late Oct.] or [1826 Nov. (1 p) (1 p)

Longman, Messrs. ALS to 1813 Sept. 5 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Mason, W[--?] Shaw. ALS to 1824 Sept. 6 (1 p) (1 p)

Maturine, Mrs. ALS to [ca. 1824] Nov. 18 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Minto, Lady. ALS to 1808 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Montgomery, James. ALS to [1824] Jan. 4 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Moore, Thomas. 3 ALS to n.d.] - [1826] Nov. 15 (3 letters) (3 letters)

Mundell, Alexander. ALS to 1811 Nov. 4 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Correspondence (cont.)
Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

[Murray?]. [Hugh]. ALS to. "To Hugh Murray, esq." pencilled at foot of letter 1823 (1 p) (1 p)

Murray, [--?]. ALS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Peel, Robert. ALS to [1824?] July 12 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Peel, Robert. ALS to 1822 Sept. 13 (1 p) (1 p)

Raeburn the younger, Henry. 2 ALS to 1823 July 28 - 1823 Aug. 5 (1 p) (1 p)

Raeburn family. AL, in third person [1823] July 10 (1 p) (1 p)

Reynolds, Frederick. ALS to 1828 Feb. 18 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Richardson, John. 2 ALS to [1828] Dec. 6 - [1829] Aug. 27 (2 leaves; 1 leaf) (2 leaves; 1 leaf)

Rodwell and Martin, Messrs. ALS to 1819 June 15 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Rose, Rt. Hon. George. ALS to the n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Scott, Charles. ALS to his son [1829] Apr. 14 (1 p) (1 p)

Scott, Charles. ALS to his son 1829 July 29 (1 p) (1 p)

Scott, Mrs. Thomas. ALS to his sister-in-law [1822?] Dec. 29 (3 p) (3 p)

Scott, Mrs. Thomas. ALS to his sister-in-law [1824] Oct. 22 (3 p) (3 p)

Seward, Anna. ALS incomplete to. Contains ten stanzas of his poem Cadzow Castle. 1802 Aug. 16 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Sharpe, Charles Kirkpatrick. ANS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Shelley, Lady. ALS to [1828] June 7 (3 p) (3 p)

Siddons, [Sarah Kemble]. ALS to [1817] Feb. 16 (1 p) (1 p)
Y.

Y.

Siddons, [Sarah Kemble]. ALS to [1823] Apr. 25 (1 p) (1 p)
Y.

Simpson, Charles. ALS to [1810] Oct. 25 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Epitaph [written as inscription for the monument of Anna Seward in Lichfield cathedral] at top of p. [1]. Y.

Smith, Miss [-?-]. ALS to [1811] Apr. 5 (3 p) (3 p)

Southey, Robert. ALS to [1813] Sept. 1 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Southey, Robert. ALS to 1824 Sept. 26 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Taylor, William. ALS to 1796 [i.e. 1797] Jan. 22 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Thorpe, Thomas. ALS to 1831 May 16 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Train, Joseph. ALS to 1815 Jan. 18 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Treuttel and Wurtz. ALS to 1828 Mar. 12 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Wheeler, Mr. ALS to [1828] Aug. 2 (1 p) (1 p)
H.

Whitehead, John Clarke. ALS to. Submits his poem “The foray” to be set to music [1815?] Aug. 18 (2 p) (2 p)

[--?]. ALS to [1817?] May 23 (1 p) (1 p)
B.

[--?]. ALS to 1820 Nov. 2 (1 p) (1 p)

[--?]. ALS to [1824] Dec. 21 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Correspondence (cont.)
Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

[---?]. ALS to 1827 July 8 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

[---?]. ALS fragment to Nov. 25 (1 item) (1 item)

Letterbooks

Letter books. Containing 111 items, of which 50 are ALS to various correspondents, the last dated 1831. Also 3 holograph, 14 letters from various correspondents and 12 original water color and pencil drawings.

1797 - 1837 (2 v) (2 v)
B.

Related Correspondence

Feldborg, A. Anderson. ALS to Robert Southey. Relates to Sir Walter Scott. 1822 Nov. 14 (5 leaves) (5 leaves)

Irving, Washington. ALS to Henry Brevoort. Relates to Sir Walter Scott. 1817 Aug. 28 (4 leaves) (4 leaves)

Lockhart, John Gibson. Form ANS to Sir James Wright announcing the death of Sir Walter Scott. 1832 Sept. 21 (1 p) (1 p)

Rogers, Samuel. ALS to Joanna Baillie. Relates to J.G. Lockhart's Life of Scott. 1837 Apr. 1 (3 p) (3 p)

Scott, W. Maxwell. ALS to Gabriel Wells. Relates to Sir Walter Scott. 1931 May 8 (1 p) (1 p)

Scott, W. Maxwell. ALS to [Gabriel] Wells. Relates to Sir Walter Scott. 1931 May 12 (1 p) (1 p)

Stevens, P. P. ALS to Gabriel Wells. Relates to Sir Walter Scott. 1931 May 4 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Swinburne, Algernon Charles. ALS to [---?]. Mentions Sir Walter Scott, relates to Swinburne's Mary Stuart. 1882 Apr. 19 (2 p) (2 p)

Legal and Financial Documents

Legal Documents

Bond and assignation in security of half rights in the Waverley novels and other works... 1834 Feb. 6 - 1851 Feb. 21 (12 p) (12 p)

Indenture ... between Walter Scott and Longman, Hurst, Rees, & Orme, assigning to the publishers the copyright in The minstrelsy of the Scottish border, The lay of the last minstrel, and Ballads and lyrical pieces 1809 June 3 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Signed by Scott and O. Rees. Y.
Legal and Financial Documents (cont.)
Legal Documents (cont.)

Memorandum of agreement Feb. 2, 1819, between Scott and Archibald Constable & Co., conveying the copyrights of Waverley, Guy Mannering, Rob Roy, and other works 1819 Feb. 2 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Signed by Scott and Archd. Constable & Co.; With appendix, "Note of the payments as within covenanted."

Missive containing the terms of partnership agreement with James Ballantyne 1821 June 21 (3 leaves) (3 leaves)
Signed. With agreement to the terms signed by James Ballantyne and dated the same day of verso of last leaf. H.

Financial Documents

Promissory note for 250 [British pounds], made out to Scott by the firm of John Ballantyne and Co., endorsed by Scott 1814 May 16 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed. H.

Portraits and Pictorial Works

Portraits

Angus, W. Original water color portrait sketch of Sir Walter Scott n.d. (1 item)
(1 item)

Knight, J[--?] P[--?]. Original water color portrait sketch of Sir Walter Scott n.d. (1 item) (1 item)

Knight, J[--?] P[--?]. Proof engraving of his water color portrait sketch of Sir Walter Scott n.d. (1 item) (1 item)

Macrone, John. Pen-and-ink sketch of Sir Walter Scott 1837 (1 item) (1 item)
Scott's autograph cut from a letter dated 28 August [1825] and mounted below sketch; Y.

Mirbel, Mme. Lizinska Aimee Zoe (Rue de). Original water color portrait sketch of Sir Walter Scott. n.d. (1 item) (1 item)

Newton, Gilbert Stuart. Original pencil and crayon portrait sketch of Sir Walter Scott 1829 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed

Nicholson, William. Original water color portrait sketch of Sir Walter Scott n.d. (1 item) (1 item)

Raeburn, Sir Henry. Pencil portrait sketch of Sir Walter Scott n.d. (1 item) (1 item)

Pictorial Works

Scott, Sir Walter. Original water color drawing for Sir Walter Scott's Ivanhoe n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Published in: Ivanhoe
| books, 1797-1837. Vol. 2, no. 40 | |
| books, 1797-1837. Vol. 1, no. 58-60 | Stothard, T. 3 original water color drawings for Sir Walter Scott's Rokeby n.d. (3 items) (3 items) Published in: Rokeby |
| books, 1797-1837. Vol. 2, no. 43 | Stothard, T. Original water color drawing for Scott's Waverly, or 'Tis sixty years since 1823 (1 item) (1 item) Signed. Published in: Waverly |
| books, 1797-1837. Vol. 1, no. 63 | Wright, John Masey. Original water color drawing for Sir Walter Scott's Woodstock n.d. (1 item) (1 item) Published in: Woodstock |