Summary

Creator: Southey, Robert, 1774-1843

Title: Robert Southey collection of papers

Date: 1793-1959 [bulk 1798-1839]

Size: 106 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, an undated commonplace book, and an undated notebook.

Access: Restricted access.

Physical Location: *Z-10373 [Microfilm]

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

Creator History
Robert Southey was the poet laureate of England from 1813-1843, an essayist, and an early leader of the "Lake School" of radical poets.
**Custodial History**
The bulk of the materials was previously owned by W. T. H. Howe and Owen D. Young. Former owners also include Roderick Terry, Frank Fletcher, Katharine Southey, and Caroline Bowles.

**Scope and Content Note**
This is a synthetic collection that includes manuscripts, correspondence by and about the author, an undated commonplace book, and an undated notebook. The manuscripts consist of holograph poems and portions of novels. The correspondence includes letters from the author, dating from [1794] to 1839, to Joseph Cottle, John Abraham Heraud, Edward Moxon, Edith Fricker Southey, and others. Also present are letters relating to the author, dating from ca. 1816 to 1959, between various correspondents including Richard Brudenell Exton, Charles Southey, W. H. Somerton, Caroline Southey, Lord Ashley, earl of Shaftesbury, and others. There are letters to Southey from Joanna Baillie, George Howland Beaumont, George Canning, A. Anderson Feldborg, Samuel Carter Hall, Benjamin Robert Haydon, William Hayley, Robert Sheldon MacKenzie, Lord Ashley, earl of Shaftesbury, Caroline Bowles Southey, Charles Lamb, Walter Savage Landor, Sir Walter Scott, William Wordsworth, and others, dating from [1798] to 1839.

**Key Terms**

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

**Names**
Southey, Robert, 1774-1843
Baillie, Joanna, 1762-1851
Beaumont, George Howland, Sir, 1753-1827
Canning, George, 1770-1827
Cottle, Joseph, 1770-1853
Exton, Richard Brudenell
Feldborg, A. Andersen (Andreas Andersen), 1782-1838
Fletcher, Frank, 1870-1954
Hall, S. C. (Samuel Carter), 1800-1889
Haydon, Benjamin Robert, 1786-1846
Hayley, William, 1745-1820
Heraud, John A. (John Abraham), 1799-1887
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Lamb, Charles, 1775-1834
Landor, Walter Savage, 1775-1864
Mackenzie, R. Shelton (Robert Shelton), 1809-1880
Moxon, Edward, 1801-1858
Scott, Walter, 1771-1832
Shaftesbury, Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of, 1801-1885
Somerton, W. H. (William Henry)
Southey, Caroline Bowles, 1786-1854
Southey, Charles Cuthbert, 1818 or 1819-
Southey, Edith Fricker, 1774-1837
Southey, Katharine
Terry, Roderick T., 1849-1933
Wordsworth, William, 1770-1850
Young, Owen D., 1874-
Container List

Manuscripts
Manuscripts written by Southey

Manuscript box

Cased

In: Barham, R.H.
Holograph notebook and commonplace book, 1836-1843, p. [92]-[95]
With R. H. Barnham's ms. note: "Additional stanzas to the Devil's walk from Southey's own ms. as enclosed by Mrs. S. to Mrs. Hughes and copied from it by myself". Poem as originally published is composed of stanzas by S.T. Coleridge and by Southey. 12 stanzas correspond to stanzas 33-43, 49-54 (with variations) in his: Poetical works. London, 1838, vol. 3. Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Donald F. Hyde in honor of Dr. A. A. Berg

Manuscript box
Draft for fifty pounds on John Ballantyne for Mrs. Sarah Fricker Coleridge, Holograph 1811 June 3 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Signed

Manuscript box
Faded flower. Sonnet. To a frog. 1793 Dec. (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Signed

Oversize (+).
In his: 74 ALS to various correspondents
"Grateful o streamlet was thy cooling wave". Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Oversize (+).
In his: 74 ALS to various correspondents
ivy, The. Holograph poem. n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Signed with initial R.

Manuscript box
[Joan of Arc]. Fifteen holograph lines n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
With one line of verse on back of second page. Y.

Oversize (+)
Joan of Arc. Portions of the manuscript. 1796 (222 p) (222 p)

Cased

Manuscript box
"L. which you see here / Is the carriage wherein we travelled." Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Last of the family, The. Holograph poem 1798? (2 p) (2 p)

Oversize (+). In his: 74 ALS to various correspondents
Last year's register. Holograph notes n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
"Life of John Newton". Holograph notes for a projected work on Newton n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
H.
Cased
With: Frank Fletcher bookplate. Frank Fletcher bookplate; H.

Cased
Note. Holograph. Regards an insertion in a proof or manuscript n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Signed in his hand "Autograph of Robert Southey"; H.

Manuscript box
Local difference of day & night [and] Table mountain translation of two passages from Karl Peter Thunberg in the hand of Southey. n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.

Cased
Miscellaneous holograph notes concerning his novel "The doctor". n.d. (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
With: 3-line Latin translation from Ovid in Southey's hand, headed Robert Southey and dated Nov. 14, 1827. H.

Cased
Notes from Monson, in the hand of Southey. Holograph n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
H.

Oversize (+). In his: 74 ALS to various correspondents
Notes on the works of John Taylor. Holograph. n.d. (9 p) (9 p)

Cased
Ode, written on the first of January, 1794. Holograph poem 1794 Jan. 1 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.

Cased
Ode written in January 1814. Holograph poem. 1814 Jan. (7 p) (7 p)
Accompanied by the printed text. A. M. Broadley; Jerome Kern bookplates; Y.
"Off Belem there lies as brave a ship." Holograph poem n.d. (3 p) (3 p)

Manuscript box
[On the Peninsular war]. Holograph fragment of 4 lines n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
With: Katharine Southey's authenticating ms. note on verso

Manuscript box
"Peninsular war" fragment. Holograph n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
H.

Manuscript box
Poems, including "Mysterious are the ways of Providence" and "Lines written in very early youth to Mrs. Coleridge," copies in the hand of Caroline Southey. n.d. (21 p) (21 p)
H.

Oversize (+). In his: 74 ALS to various correspondents
Quotation. Holograph 1835 July (1 p) (1 p)
Signed

Manuscript box
Quotations and notes, Miscellaneous. In holograph n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Signed (?)

Ruined cottage, The. Holograph poem 1798? (2 p) (2 p)
Roderick Terry bookplate; H.
Manuscripts (cont.)
Manuscripts written by Southey (cont.)

Sailor's mother, The. Holograph poem 1798? (3 p) (3 p)

Two holograph fragments. n.d. (2 p) (2 p)

Manuscripts relating to Southey


Hunt, Leigh. About Ben Adhem. Holograph copy of the poem written on the recto of a leaf removed from an autograph album belonging to Mrs. Hall n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

On the verso of the leaf is a 6-line verse by Dickens, signed "Boz"; a 4-line verse signed by Southey, dated Oct. 22, 1836; a 14-line verse signed by T. C. Grattan, dated Feb. 4, 1839; and an ANS by Amelia Opie dated May 16, 1832. H.

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

Manuscript box

Ainsworth, W.H. ALS to 1828 Feb. 21 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

B.

Manuscript box

[Barton], [Bernard]. ALS to 1820 Oct. 25 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

H.

Manuscript box

Bedford, Horace. ALS to. [n.p. "rec'd Aug. 5, 1794" pasted in corner] [1794]

Aug. 5 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box

[Bell], [Andrew]. ALS to 1815 Sept. 6 (1 p) (1 p)

H.

Oversize (+). In

his: 74 ALS to various correspondents

Bell, Andrew. ALS to 1831 Nov. 8 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Oversize (+). In

his: 74 ALS to various correspondents

Biddlecombe, Charles. 17 ALS to. 1 letter mutilated 1797 Dec. 24 - 1807 July 10 (17 letters) (17 letters)

Oversize (+). In

his: 74 ALS to various correspondents

Bowring, John. ALS to 1824 July 20 (3 p) (3 p)

Manuscript box

Busk, H[ans]. ALS to 1819 May 21 (1 p) (1 p)

H.

Manuscript box

Cattermole, Rev. Richard. ALS to the 1826 May 2 (1 p) (1 p)

H.

Manuscript box

Cottle, Mr. [Joseph]. ALS to 1797? (1 p) (1 p)

H.
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<td>[Croker], [John Wilson]. ALS to 1814 Dec. 6 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)</td>
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<td>[Dibdin?], Thomas Frognall. ALS to 1829 Sept. 3 (1 p) (1 p)</td>
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<td>Dockray, Benjamin. ALS to 1831 July 6 (1 p) (1 p)</td>
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<td>Dymond, William Dymond. ALS to 1829 Dec. 9 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)</td>
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<td>Oversize (+). In his: Joan of Arc. Bristol, 1796. Copy 4</td>
<td>Landor, Walter Savage. Copy of part of a letter in an unknown hand 1815 Feb. 3 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)</td>
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Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Moxon, Edward. ALS to 1835 Sept. 19 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

H.

Manuscript box

[Peachy], [G.]. Fragment of a letter to 1824? (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

H.

Manuscript box

a publisher, ALS to. Relates to the translation of Feddei Bulgarin’s Ivan Vejeeghen 1830 June 8 (3 p) (3 p)

Manuscript box

Q[-?], E[-?]. ALS to 1830 Apr. 17 (3 p) (3 p)

Manuscript box

a Quaker. ALS to 1820 Dec. 1 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

With Caroline Bowles Southey’s marginal ms. note

Manuscript box

Reade, John Edmund. ALS to. Mentions Byron, Coleridge and Shelley 1838 June 12 (3 p) (3 p)

H.

Oversize (+). In his: 74 ALS to various correspondents

Rouse, Robert. ALS to 1826 Mar. 29 (1 p) (1 p)

H.

Manuscript box

Seward, [Anna]. ALS to 1808 Apr. 29 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

H.

Manuscript box

Shaftesbury, Anthony Ashley Cooper, 7th earl of. 35 ALS to 1829 June 25 - 1834 May 12 (35 letters in 35 folders) (35 letters in 35 folders)

Manuscript box

Simpson, Samuel. ALS to. In verse 1826 Nov. 15 (1 p) (1 p)

H.

Cased

Southey, Caroline Bowles. Ms. copy of portions of about 27 letters addressed to her by Robert Southey, in the hand of Caroline Bowles Southey 1824 - 1837 (27 p) (27 p)

H.

Oversize (+). In his: 74 ALS to various correspondents

Southey, Edith Fricker. ALS to his wife 1801 Apr. 17 (3 p) (3 p)

Southey, Edith Fricker. ALS to 1831 June 7 (1 item) (1 item)

Southey, Edith Fricker. ALS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Southey, Henry Herbert. 14 ALS to his brother. One letter mutilated 1804 Jan. 23 - 1839 Mar. 19 (14 letters) (14 letters)

Oversize (+). In his: 74 ALS to various correspondents

Southey, Thomas. ALS to his brother 1819 Sept. 7 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box
Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Stanhope, Philip Henry Stanhope, 5th earl of. ALS to 1831 Apr. 3 (1 p) (1 p)

Taylor, Henry. ALS to 1830 Sept. 23 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

T[aylor], H[enry]. ALS to 1838 Jan. 6 (1 p) (1 p)

Taylor, William, Jr. ALS to 1798 Dec. 30 (3 p) (3 p)
With holograph poems “The last of the family” and “The ruined cottage” on p. 1-3. Roderick Terry bookplate; H.

Oversize (+)

Taylor, William, Jr. ALS to 1798 Dec. 27 (3 p) (3 p)

Oversize (+). In his: 74 ALS to various correspondents

Various correspondents, 74 ALS to. Chiefly to Joseph Cottle, his brother Henry Herbert Southey and to literary friends. Cataloged separately under correspondence [1797] - [1839] (1 v. (bound)) (1 v. (bound)) Y.

Oversize (+)

[Warter], [Edith May] Southey. ALS to his daughter 1820 Apr. 25 (3 p) (3 p)

H.

Westall, William. 6 ALS to 1821 Jan. 20 - 1832 Feb. 20 (6 letters) (6 letters)

Wilberforce, Robert. 2 ALS to 1833 Sept. 17, 1835 Oct. 31 (1 p.; 2 leaves) (1 p.; 2 leaves)

Wilberforce, William. 19 ALS to 1816 July 16 - 1825 Mar. 25 (19 letters in 4 folders) (19 letters in 4 folders)

Oversize (+). In his: 74 ALS to various correspondents

[?]. ALS to. Mutilated 1809 Dec. 27 (3 p) (3 p)

[?]. Lord. ALS to 1819 Dec. 8 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

[?]. ALS to 1830 May 31 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

[?]. ALS to 1832 Jan. 10 (3 p) (3 p)

H.

[?]. ALS to 1833 June 15 (1 p) (1 p)

[?]. ALS to. Mentions Walter Savage Landor 1832 June 23 (1 p) (1 p)

[?]. ALS to. Relates to William Cowper 1836 June 21 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

[--?]. ALS to 1837 Nov. 24 (1 p) (1 p)

[?]. ALS to 1838 Apr. 20 (3 p) (3 p)

Y.

In: Album of autographs, mostly 19th century

[?]. ALS to 1839 Jan. 4 (1 p) (1 p)
Enclosing contribution for the Church missionary society and the Society for the propagation of the Gospel.

Y.

Incoming Correspondence

Baillie, Joanna. ALS to Southey [1813] Oct. 21 (3 p) (3 p)
Correspondence (cont.)
Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

Beaumont, George Howland. ALS to Southey 1807 Dec. 8 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Canning, George. ALS to Southey 1812 June 4 (3 p) (3 p)

Collection of 53 ALS to Southey with five to other correspondents, of which one relates to him. 1 volume. Letter 34

Cased

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

Hall, Samuel Carter. ALS to Southey Apr. 4 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Haydon, Benjamin Robert. ALS to Southey 1818 Dec. 2 (3 p) (3 p)

Hayley, William. ALS to Southey 1803 May 27 (1 p) (1 p)

Lamb, Charles. ALS to Southey 1798 Nov. 3 (3 p) (3 p)
Y.

Lamb, Charles. ALS to Southey [1799] Apr. 20 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
With extract from "The Witch" H.

Lamb, Charles. ALS to Southey 1804 Nov. 7 (1 p) (1 p)
Y.

Landor, Walter Savage. ALS to [Southey?]. Sending holograph poem "Departure" to Southey's daughter Katherine "and her amiable sister" Oct. 25 (3 p) (3 p)
William Harris Arnold; Howe
Correspondence (cont.)
Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

Lockhart, John Gibson. 2 ALS to Southey 1831 May 2, 1832 Sept. 21 (2 p.; 1 p) (2 p.; 1 p)

Lockhart, C[--?] Sophia Scott. ALS to Southey Jan. 11 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

McKenzie, Robert Sheldon. ALS to Southey 1839 Jan. 12 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Scott, Sir Walter. 2 ALS to Southey [1813] Sept. 1, 1824 Sept. 26 (1 leaf; 2 leaf) (1 leaf; 2 leaf)

Shaftesbury, Anthony Ashley Cooper, 7th earl of. ALS to Southey [1830] Sept. 12 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

B.

Shaftesbury, Anthony Ashley Cooper, 7th earl of. ALS to Southey Feb. 8 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Southey, Caroline Bowles. ALS to Southey 1836 Oct. 9 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Stael-Holstein, Ann Louise Germaine Necker, baronne de. ALS, in the third person, to Southey n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Wordsworth, William. AL to Southey n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
With ms note in Southey's hand dated Keswick, May 17, 1834, written on the third page [sic].

H.

Related Correspondence

Broome, C.B.F. 3 ALS to her daughter, Marianne Francis [1816?] - [1830? (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
With ALS from Broome's cousin Sarah Burney [Payne] Monday, Aug. 24 on leaf 2 and Oct. 20 [1822] 2 leaves; Dec. 1-5 [1830?] 1 leaf, with copy of Southey's epitaph on Clement Francis on leaf 2
Correspondence (cont.)
Related Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box
June 27 (1 p) (1 p)
With TL (carbon) reply


Exton, Richard Brudenell. Letter (holograph copy) to Charles Cuthbert Southey. Relates to Robert Southey. 1851 Aug. 27 (1 p) (1 p)

Somerton, W[--?] H[--?]. ALS to Richard Brudenell Exton. 1851 Nov. 11 (3 p) (3 p)

Southey, Caroline. ALS to Lord Ashley, earl of Shaftesbury. Relates to Robert Southey. 1840 June 20 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
B.

Southey, Charles Cuthbert. ALS to Richard Brudenell Exton. Relates to Robert Southey. 1851 Aug. 21 (3 p) (3 p)

Telford, Thomas. ALS to J[--?] Richman. Writer is Southey's friend and travel companion 1830 Nov. 12 (1 p) (1 p)

Unidentified letters. AL to Madame J. de Montalt 1854 Jan. 8 (3 p) (3 p)
Came with fragmentary R. Southey material