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Guide to the

John Ruskin collection of papers

1835-1914 [bulk 1855-1889]

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Summary

Creator: Ruskin, John, 1819-1900

Title: John Ruskin collection of papers

Date: 1835-1914 [bulk 1855-1889]

Size: 204 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 manuscripts, correspondence, portraits, and pictorial works.

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Creator History

John Ruskin was a British art critic, writer, lecturer and social commentator. Born on February 8, 1819, he published his first articles in *Architectural Magazine* under the pseudonym *Kataphusin* in 1837. He lectured at Oxford University as the Slade Professor of Fine Arts from 1870 to 1879 and then again from 1883 to 1884.

Custodial History

The bulk of the materials was previously owned by W. T. H. Howe, Owen D. Young, Violet Hunt, Herschel Jones, R. B. Adam, and [--?] Fayerweather, and Benjamin R. Tucker.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, correspondence, portraits, and pictorial works. The manuscripts include holograph poems and essays, as well as a manuscript, entitled "From Ruskin," by George Cram Cook in Cook's hand. The correspondence includes letters, dating from 1855 to 1889, from the author to Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Oscar Wilde, and others. Also present are letters relating to the author, dating from [1859] to 1914, between various correspondents, including Francesca Alexander, Eliza Callahan Cleveland, Jean Ingelow, Walt Whitman, and others. There are letters to Ruskin from George Cruikshank, William Holman Hunt, Jean Ingelow, and Oscar Wilde, dating from 1867 to 1884.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Names

Ruskin, John, 1819-1900
Adam, R. B. (Robert Borthwick), 1863-1940
Alexander, Francesca, 1837-1917
Browning, Elizabeth Barrett, 1806-1861
Cleveland, Eliza Callahan
Cook, George Cram, 1873-1924
Cruikshank, George, 1792-1878
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Hunt, Violet, 1862-1942
Hunt, William Holman, 1827-1910
Ingelow, Jean, 1820-1897
Jones, Herschel V. (Herschel Vespasian), 1861-1928
Rossetti, Dante Gabriel, 1828-1882
Stowe, Harriet Beecher, 1811-1896
Tucker, Benjamin Ricketson, 1854-1939
Whitman, Walt, 1819-1892
Wilde, Oscar, 1854-1900
Young, Owen D., 1874-

Container List

Manuscripts

Manuscripts written by Ruskin

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| <p>Oversize
(+)(Cruikshank).
In: Howell, C. A.
[Collection of
material relating to
the Grimm
brothers' "German
popular stories"]</p> | <p>Introduction for Hotten's 1868 edition of Grimm brothers' "German popular stories" Holograph 1868 (8 p) (8 p)</p> |
| <p>Manuscript box</p> | <p>Lines written near Mont Blanc. Manuscript (copy) of poem n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Came with Violet Hunt's correspondence</p> |
| <p>Cased</p> | <p>[Map of] England and Wales. 56 x 47 cm. Ruskin ms. note: "Drawn by me for my father to travel with, when I was just eleven years old. Signed J. Ruskin, Brentwood, 15th April 1885." 1885 Apr. 15 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed note. Herschel V.Jones; Jerome Kern bookplates. H.</p> |
| <p>Manuscript box</p> | <p>"Moon is up, the heaven is bright," The. Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
On verso of: Ruskin, John. Original signed pencil drawing entitled: Guttannen. Pass of St. Gothard</p> |
| <p>Manuscript box</p> | <p>"Thorn and meadow grass-sweet sister." Holograph poem n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Accompanied by transcript in the hand of George Allen, with his note: "This was composed by J. R. and given to Effie [Euphemia Chalmers Gray Ruskin] on her birthday May 7, 1847";
Y.</p> |

Manuscripts relating to Ruskin

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| <p>Manuscript box</p> | <p>Cook, George Cram. From Ruskin. Holograph copy of passage from John Ruskin(?) n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
On verso of p. 1 of his: A dog's mysterious death. Holograph short story</p> |
| <p>Oversize
(+)(Cruikshank)</p> | <p>Howell, C. A. [Collection of material relating to the Grimm brothers' "German popular stories, illus. By George Cruikshank, with introd. by John Ruskin" published by Hotten in 1868. Includes: holograph of Ruskin's introduction, 13 ms. letters, sketch, etc 1868 (1 v) (1 v)
Y.</p> |

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

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| <p>Manuscript box</p> | <p>Allen, George. ALS to Sept. 18 (2 p) (2 p)
Accompanied by: Allen, George. ALS to Benjamin Ricketson Tucker. Sunnyside, Orpington, Kent [Eng.] Aug. 12, 1875. 1 l.; From the Benjamin R. Tucker Collection</p> |
| <p>Manuscript box</p> | <p>Allen, [George]. AL to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
H.</p> |
| <p>Manuscript box</p> | <p>Barraud, Herbert R. ALS to 1882 Apr. 30 (3 p) (3 p)</p> |
| <p>Manuscript box</p> | <p>[Brown], [Rawdon]. ALS to 1877 Jan. 12 (5 p) (5 p)
With John Ruskin's photograph. H.</p> |

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box Browning, Elizabeth Barrett. ALS to 1855 Mar. 4 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Y.
- Manuscript box Browning, Elizabeth Barrett. ALS to [1855] Apr. 6 (3 p) (3 p)
Y.
- Manuscript box Browning, Elizabeth Barrett. ALS to [1855] June 19 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Y.
- Manuscript box Browning, Elizabeth Barrett. ALS to 1855 July 16 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Y.
- Manuscript box Browning, Elizabeth Barrett. ALS to 1855 July 17 (1 p) (1 p)
Y.
- Manuscript box Browning, Elizabeth Barrett. ALS to [1855] July 20 (1 p) (1 p)
Y.
- Manuscript box Browning, Elizabeth Barrett. ALS to 1855 Oct.? (4 leaves) (4 leaves)
Y.
- Manuscript box Browning, Elizabeth Barrett. ALS to [1857] Oct. 25 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Y.
- Manuscript box Browning, Elizabeth Barrett. ALS to 1858 Oct. 24 (3 p) (3 p)
Y.
- Manuscript box Browning Elizabeth Barrett, and Robert Browning. ALS to 1859 Jan. 15 (2
leaves) (2 leaves)
Y.
- Manuscript box Browning, Elizabeth Barrett. ALS to [1860] Nov. 5 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Y.
- Manuscript box Browning, Elizabeth Barrett. ALS to 1860 Nov. 25 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Y.
- Manuscript box Browning, Elizabeth Barrett. ALS to [1861] May 13 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Accompanied by 2 leaves of E. B. Browning's "notes" with ms. note on back in Robert
Browning's hand, "Found inside a letter from Ruskin"; Y.
- (Browning, R.)-A. Browning, Robert. ALS to 1855 Dec. 2 (6 leaves) (6 leaves)
Inserted in:
[Patterson, W. F.]
The lady and the
saints. London,
1839
- Manuscript box Browning, Robert. ALS to n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Y.
- Manuscript box Caine, Sir Hall. ALS to 1879 Dec. 27 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Carlyle, Thomas. ALS to Feb. 3 (1 p) (1 p)
Y.
- Manuscript box Cleveland, Eliza Callahan. ALS to. Relates to Francesca Alexander 1883
Aug. 30 (1 p) (1 p)
Fayerweather; Berg
- Manuscript box Daniell, James L[--?]. ALS to 1879 Apr. 23 (2 p) (2 p)
- In: Album of
autographs,
mostly 19th
century
Manuscript box Davidson, Mr. ALS to 1885 July 10 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Frith, [--?]. ALS to 1878 Dec. 4 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box Furnivall, Frederick James. ALS to [1853] Oct. 16 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

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| Manuscript box | Gale, [Frederick?]. ALS to 1878 Dec. 29 (3 p) (3 p) |
| Oversize (+) | Harris, Frederick. 9 ALS to 1885 Nov. 28 - 1887 Mar. 24 (9 letters) (9 letters)
Portrait of Ruskin with his autograph, inserted |
| Inserted in: Dame Wiggins of Lee. Orpington, Kent: G. Allen, 1885. Copy 1 | Hooper, W. H. 3 ALS to 1885? (3 letters) (3 letters)
With copy of Ruskin's additional stanzas for Dame Wiggins of Lee which appear on p. 3 and 4 and the four concluding lines of the stanzas on p. 9 of the printed work |
| Manuscript box | Hooper, William. ALS to 1860 June 13 (1 p) (1 p)
H. |
| Oversize (+)(Cruikshank, G.). In: Howell, C. A. [Collection of material relating to the Grimm brothers' "German popular stories"] | Howell, Charles A. 3 ALS to 1867 Nov. 11 - 1868 Apr. 29 (3 letters) (3 letters) |
| Manuscript box | Hunt, Alfred William. 2 ALS to [1864], [n.d] (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | Hunt, Margaret Raine. ALS to. Correspondent is Violet Hunt's mother [1879] May 29 (3 p) (3 p) |
| Manuscript box | Hunt, Violet. ALS to 1883 June 12 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Oversize (+) | Laing, J. J. 24 ALS to. [1853?] Jan. 26 - 1860 Mar. 21 (24 letters) (24 letters)
B. |
| Cased | Pall Mall gazette. ALS to the editor [W. T. Stead] 1889 May 28 (2 p) (2 p) |
| Manuscript box | Rossetti, Dante Gabriel. ALS to 1855 May (1 p) (1 p)
R. B. Adam; Young |
| Manuscript box | Stowe, [Harriet Beecher]. ALS to 1857 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H. |
| Inserted in: Wilde, Oscar. The happy prince and other tales. London, 1888. Copy 1 | Wilde, Oscar. ALS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | [--?], Albert. Letter (copy?) to 1887 June 6 (3 p) (3 p)
Came with Violet Hunt's correspondence |
| Manuscript box | [--?]. Draft of an AL to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Y. |
| Incoming Correspondence | |
| Manuscript box | Cruikshank, George. ALS to Ruskin 1867 June 21 (3 p) (3 p)
Y. |
| Manuscript box | Hunt, William Holman. ALS to Ruskin 1884 June 15 (4 leaves) (4 leaves) |
| Manuscript box | Ingelow, Jean. 12 ALS to Ruskin n.d.] - 1867 June 12 (12 letters in 4 folders) (12 letters in 4 folders) |
| Inserted in Wilde's The happy prince. London, 1888. Copy 2 | Wilde, Oscar. ALS to Ruskin n.d. (2 leaves) (2 leaves) |

Related Correspondence

Correspondence (cont.)

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- Manuscript box Alexander, Francesca. 76 ALS to Eliza Callahan Cleveland. Contains references to John Ruskin and letters to Sarah Perkins Cleveland and one from Francesca Alexander's mother L. G. Alexander to George Washington Doane 1859 Dec. 25] - 1908 Apr. 23 (16 folders) (16 folders)
Fayerweather; Berg
- Manuscript box Bathgate, W[?] J[?]. Copy in an unknown hand of a letter to Walt Whitman. Mentions John Ruskin's interest in Whitman 1880 Jan. 31 (3 p) (3 p)
With: Whitman, Walt. ANS to William D. O'Connor. Camden, Sept 22 [1882]
- Manuscript box Ingelow, Jean. 3 ALS to Miss Agnew. Relates to John Ruskin n.d. (1 leaf; 3 p.; 2 p) (1 leaf; 3 p.; 2 p)
- Manuscript box Ingelow, Jean. 2 ALS to Joan Ruskin Severn. Relates to John Ruskin n.d. (4 leaves; 3 p) (4 leaves; 3 p)
- Manuscript box (Ruskin) Letters, ALS, TLS, etc from various publishers, etc. to the firm of A. P. Watt & Son as literary agent for the Literary Trustees of John Ruskin. 1914 (14 letters in 2 folders) (14 letters in 2 folders)
- Manuscript box (Ruskin) Lodge, Sir Oliver Joseph. ALS to Alfred William Hunt(?). Relates to John Ruskin. Enclosure wanting 1885 Oct. 27 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Riley, William Harrison. Copies in an unknown hand of 3 letters to Walt Whitman. Mention John Ruskin's interest in Whitman 1879 Mar. 5 - 1879 Apr. 4 (5 p.; 3 p.; 4 p) (5 p.; 3 p.; 4 p)
With: Whitman, Walt. ANS to William D. O'Connor. Camden, Sept 22 [1882]
- Manuscript box (Ruskin) Sewell, R[?]. ALS to Eliza Callahan Cleveland. Incomplete. Describes a visit with John Ruskin and lists paintings seen in his house n.d. (5 leaves) (5 leaves)

Portraits and Pictorial Works

Portraits

- Manuscript box (Ruskin, J.) Burton, W. Portrait of John Ruskin; proof of engraving. With Ruskin's (?) holograph notes indicating changes to be made n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Signed "Burton fec"; B.
- Oversize (+) Portrait of Ruskin n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Signed. With: 9 ALS to Frederick Harris. Coniston, Lancashire, Nov. 28, 1885-March 24, 1887. B.

Pictorial Works

- Manuscript box [Design with compass]. Inscribed by Violet Hunt: "We were taught use of compass by Ruskin" n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Violet Hunt
- Cased Original pencil sketch. 22 x 14 cm. 1872 (1 item) (1 item)
H.
- Manuscript box Original pencil drawing entitled: Guttannen. Pass of St. Gothard. 17 x 26 cm. Dated "1835. Signed 1885" 1835 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed. H.