Summary

Creator: Hunt, Leigh, 1784-1859

Title: Leigh Hunt collection of papers

Date: 1772-1883 [bulk 1813-1859]

Size: 151 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 and correspondence.

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

Leigh Hunt was an English poet, essayist, literary critic, journalist, translator, editor and prose writer during the early nineteenth century. He spent two years in prison, from 1813 to 1815, after slandering the Prince Regent in an Examiner editorial. Hunt was the editor of the Examiner from 1808 until 1821.

Custodial History

The bulk of the materials was previously owned by W. T. H. Howe and Owen D. Young. The Hunt family
letters were previously owned by E. P. Gaston.

**Scope and Content Note**

This is a synthetic collection that includes manuscripts and correspondence by, to, and about Hunt and the Hunt family. The manuscripts include holographs of poems; notes; "Recollections and Memorandums Written during my Imprisonment in Surrey Jail"; an account of an amateur performance at Manchester for the benefit of Leigh Hunt; a manuscript poem by Charles Lamb in Lamb's hand; a translation by Hunt of Torquato Tasso's poem, "Amyntas"; and miscellaneous autograph material. The correspondence includes letters, dating from 1806 to [1859], from the author to Arthur Brooke, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Lord Byron, Henry Colburn, John Forster, R. H. Horne, Marianne Hunt (Leigh Hunt's wife), Henry Moxon, Charles Ollier, Edmund Ollier, and others. The correspondence also includes letters relating to the author, dating from 1772 to 1883, between various correspondents including William Harrison Ainsworth, Thornton Leigh Hunt, George Henry Lewes, A. S. Procter, and Mrs. Russell Sturgis, as well as letters to and from members of the Hunt family, relations in America and others, most of the letters relating to property at Port Royal near Philadelphia, left to Leigh Hunt and his brothers through his mother, Mary Shewall. There are letters to Hunt from Robert Browning, Lord Byron, Charles Dickens, John Hunt, John Keats, Charles Lamb, Walter Savage Landor, Percey Bysshe Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin Shelley, William Makepeace Thackeray, and others dating from 1813 to 1859.

**Key Terms**

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Correspondence

**Names**

Hunt, Leigh, 1784-1859
Ainsworth, William Harrison, 1805-1882
Brooke, Arthur
Browning, Elizabeth Barrett, 1806-1861
Browning, Robert, 1812-1889
Byron, George Gordon Byron, Baron, 1788-1824
Colburn, Henry, 1855
Dickens, Charles, 1812-1870
Forster, John, 1812-1876
Gaston, E. P
Gaston, E. P.
Horne, R. H. (Richard H.), 1802-1884
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Hunt, John, 1775-1848
Hunt, Marianne Kent, 1787-1857
Hunt, Thornton Leigh, 1810-1873
Keats, John, 1795-1821
Lamb, Charles, 1775-1834
Landor, Walter Savage, 1775-1864
Lewes, George Henry, 1817-1878
Moxon, Henry
Ollier, Charles, 1788-1859
Ollier, Edmund, 1827-1886
Procter, Anne Benson, 1799-1888
Shelley, Percy Bysshe, 1792-1822
Sturgis, Julia Overing Boit
Thackeray, William Makepeace, 1811-1863
Wollstonecraft, Mary, 1759-1797
Young, Owen D., 1874-
## Container List

### Manuscripts

**Manuscripts written by Hunt**

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<th>Manuscript box</th>
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<tr>
<td>Autograph material, misc.: two wrappers, one with signature, and 3 envelopes with his initials</td>
<td>n.d. (5 items) (5 items)</td>
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<td>One signed wrapper, 3 envelopes with initials. H.</td>
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**Regular & Oversize (+)**

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<td>Abou Ben Adhem. Holograph copy of the poem</td>
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<td>Inscribed by Harriet (?) Martineau, 1844</td>
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<td>Dreams on the borders of the land of poetry. Holograph</td>
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<td>With: ALS to Lord Holland. Chelsea, July 5 [n.y.]</td>
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<td>Giafar. To Percy Bysshe Shelley. Holograph poem</td>
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<td>First published with title Jaffar in The New Monthly Magazine, Feb., 1850. Y.</td>
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<td>Jar of honey: Chapter 12, A. Holograph, the first page wanting</td>
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<td>&quot;Look up once more and feel his flame revive&quot;. Incomplete holograph poem</td>
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<td>Memorandum of an agreement for publishing between Leigh Hunt and J. and Charles Whiting of Beaufort house. Holograph</td>
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<td>Notes of a lover of books. Garth &amp; other lettered physicians.</td>
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**Inserted in:** Hunt, Leigh, comp. Readings for railways. London [1849] Copy 1

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<td>Of love to God and man.</td>
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<td>Recollections &amp; memorandums written during my imprisonment in Surrey jail [14th to 19th March, 1813]. Holograph</td>
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Manuscripts (cont.)
Manuscripts written by Hunt (cont.)

Manuscript box

To Hampstead: Winter has reached thee once again at last. Holograph poem. 1814 Nov. (1 p) (1 p)
First published in The Examiner, Dec. 18, 1814, as "Sonnet to Hampstead. IV"; H.

Inserted in his: Men, women, and books. London, 1847. V. 2

Oversize (+)

To Hampstead. Holograph poem. 1815 May (1 p) (1 p)

Inserted in his: Men, women, and books. London, 1847. V. 1


Cased

Translation of The jealousy of Orlando, from Ariosto's Orlando. Incomplete holograph. n.d. (9 p) (9 p)

Manuscripts relating to Hunt

(Dickens)

Amateur performance at Manchester for the benefit of Leigh Hunt. Statement of account. 1847 Aug. 25 (1 item) (1 item)

Manuscript box

[Lamb, Charles]. To my friend, The Indicator. Holograph poem to Leigh Hunt. n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Signed with "****", Y.

Cased


Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

Oversize (+)

[Adams], Junius Redivius [William Bridges]. ALS to 1831 Dec. 1 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
With: ALS to Lord Holland. [Chelsea] July 5 [n.y.]

Oversize (+)

[Adams], [Sarah] Flower [Mrs. William Bridges]. 2 ALS to Feb. 7; Feb. 12 (7 p.; 2 leaves) (7 p.; 2 leaves)
With: Hunt, Leigh. ALS to Lord Holland. Chelsea, July 5 [n.y.]

Cased

Bentham, Jeremy. ALS to 1831 May 26 (3 p) (3 p)

H.

Oversize (+)

Blanchard, Laman. AN to n.d. (1 letter) (1 letter)
With: ALS to Lord Holland. [Chelsea] July 5 [n.p.]

Cased

[Bowring], Dr. Bowring [Sir John]. 2 ALS to 1830 Dec. 21 - 1831 Feb. 10 (3 p) (3 p)

H.

Cased

Brooke, Arthur. ALS to 1823 Apr. 9 (3 p) (3 p)

H.

Manuscript box

Brooke, Arthur. ALS to 1825 Mar. 12 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

H.

Manuscript box

Brooke, Arthur. ALS to 1833 Jan. 11 (1 p) (1 p)

H.
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<th>Browning, Mrs. E. B. Copies, in unknown hand, of 5 letters of Leight Hunt: 1 to 1858 Nov. 26 - 1859 Jan. 27 (7 p) (7 p) With: 1 ALS to C. Knight, 3 ALS to Frederick Locker-Lampson. H.</th>
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<td>Bryon, Lord. ALS to 1822 Jan. 27 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Y.</td>
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<td>Chatelain, Chevalier Jean Baptiste Francois Ernest de. ALS to May 26 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.</td>
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<td>Colburn, [Henry]. AL, in the third person, to 1825 May 28 (1 p) (1 p) B.</td>
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<td>Colburn, [Henry]. Draft of a letter to Jan. 15 (3 p) (3 p) H.</td>
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<td>Cunningham, Peter. ALS to [1845] June 17 (1 p) (1 p) H.</td>
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<td>Dalby, Mr. ALS to [1859] June 6 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.</td>
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<td>Dodd, James. ALS to Feb. 14 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.</td>
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<td>Forster, John. ALS to. Relates to Thackeray's Vanity fair [1847?] Dec. 7 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.</td>
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<td>Harral, Horace. ALS to Apr. 2 (1 p) (1 p)</td>
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<td>Holland, Lord. ALS to July 5 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) With: Ivory miniature, wash drawing, and engravings of Hunt. Y.</td>
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<td>Horne, R. H. ALS to 1837 July 19 (2 p) (2 p) H.</td>
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<td>Hunt. 75 manuscript letters to and from members of the Hunt family, relations in America and others, most of the letters relating to property at Port Royal near Philadelphia, left to Leigh Hunt and his brothers through his mother, Mary Shewall. 1772 - 1883 (75 letters) (75 letters) Some signed. E. P. Gaston; Howe.</td>
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<td>Hunt, Marianne. ALS incomplete to his wife 1806 Feb. (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.</td>
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<td>Hunt, Marianne. 4 ALS to his wife 1813 Apr. 26 - 1813 June 7 (4 letters) (4 letters) The first letter with postscript to his son Thornton, on last leaf; Y.</td>
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Oversize (+)

Hunt, Marianne. 8 ALS to his wife 1813 May 4 - 1813 June 11 (8 letters) (8 letters)
With his: ALS to Lord Holland. [Chelsea] July 5 [n.y.]

Manuscript box

Hunt, Marianne. ALS to his wife 1829 Oct. 8 (2 p) (2 p)
H.

Manuscript box

Hunt, Marianne. ALS to his wife 1832 Aug. 10 (1 p) (1 p)
H.

Manuscript box

Hunt, Marianne. ALS to his wife [1852?] June 23 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.

Manuscript box

Hunt, Marianne. ALS to his wife [1852?] June 25 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.

Manuscript box

Hunt, Marianne. ALS to his wife [1852?] July 8 (2 p) (2 p)
H.

Manuscript box

Hunt, Marianne ALS to his wife Aug. 30 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.

Manuscript box

Hunter, John. ALS to Aug. 2 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.

Oversize (+)(Dickens)-B. In:

Kitton, F.G.
Copy 2, v. 2

Oversize (+)(Dickens)-B. In:

Kitton, F.G.
Copy 2, v. 2

Manuscript box

Jones, W[--?]. ALS to July 5 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Oversize (+)(Dickens)-B. In:

Kitton, F.G.
Copy 2, v. 2

Oversize (+)(Dickens)-B. In:

Kitton, F.G.
Copy 2, v. 1

Manuscript box

Kaye, J[--?] W[--?]. ALS to Feb. 10 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Oversize (+)(Dickens)-B. In:

Kitton, F.G.
Copy 2, v. 2

Manuscript box

[Latimer?], [Isaac]. ALS to [1857?] Apr. 25 (1 p) (1 p)
H.

Manuscript box

Lumley, G[--?]. ALS to [1842] May 18 (1 p) (1 p)

Oversize (+)(Dickens)-B. In:

Kitton, F.G.
Copy 2, v. 1

Manuscript box

Mathews, Mrs. Charles. 2 ALS to 1837 Dec. 7, 1837 Dec. 9 (5 p.; 1 p) (5 p.; 1 p)
With: ALS to Lord Holland. [Chelsea] July 5 [n.y.]

Oversize (+)

Morgan, Mr. ALS to 1828 Nov. 25 (1 p) (1 p)
With: LS to Lord Holland. [Chelsea] July 5 [n.y.]

Manuscript box

Moxon, Henry. ALS to [1833] Aug. 16 (1 p) (1 p)
H.

Oversize (+)(Dickens)-B. In:

Kitton, F.G.
Copy 2, v. 1

Manuscript box

Moxon, Henry. ALS to Jan. 7 (3 p) (3 p)

Oversize (+)(Dickens)-B. In:

Kitton, F.G.
Copy 2, v. 1

Cased

Ollier, Charles. ALS to 1840 Mar. (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.
Correspondence (cont.)
Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Cased
Ollier, Charles. ALS to 1836 Jan. 28 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.

Manuscript box
Ollier, Charles. ALS to 1822 July 16 (1 p) (1 p)
H.

Manuscript box
Ollier, Edmund. ALS to 1820 July 10 (1 p) (1 p)
With: ALS to Lord Holland. Chelsea, July 5 [n.y.]

Manuscript box
Wilson, John. ALS to Aug. 2 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
With: ALS to Lord Holland. Chelsea, July 5 [n.y.]
Guide to the
Leigh Hunt collection of papers

Oversize (+) In:
Moran, Mrs. E. R.
Album of autographs and sketches
--?. ALS to 1846 Sept. 22 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Cased
[--?]. ALS to Jan. 4 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.

Manuscript box
[--?]. ALS to June 4 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

[--?]. ALS to July 28 (3 p) (3 p)

Oversize (+)
[--?]. ANS to Sept. 26 (1 p) (1 p)
With: ALS to Lord Holland. Chelsea, July 5 [n.y.]

Manuscript box
[--?]. ALS to Mentions John Keats Nov. 19 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Incoming Correspondence

Manuscript box
Ainsworth, W. H. ALS to Hunt 1843 Dec. 13 (3 p) (3 p)
H.

Cased
Browning, Robert. ALS to Hunt Aug. 20 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Harry Bache Smith bookplate; H.

Manuscript box
Bulwer-Lytton, Edward George Earle Lytton, 1st baron Lytton. AL to Hunt May 28 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed “Edw. Lytton Bulwer”

Cased
Byron, George Gordon Noel Byron, 6th baron. ALS to Hunt. Actual date 1822 1823 Sept. 15 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.

Cased
Campbell, Thomas. ALS to Hunt 1826 Aug. 11 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.

Cased
Carlyle, Thomas. ALS to Hunt 1850 June 17 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.

Inserted in his: Leigh Hunt and Harold Skimpole. [n.d.]
Dickens, Charles. ALS to Hunt 1859 June 23 (1 p) (1 p)

Dickens, Charles. ALS to Hunt n.d. (3 p) (3 p)

Manuscript box
Hunt, John. ALS to his brother Leigh Hunt 1823 (3 p) (3 p)
H.

Manuscript box
Hunt, John. ALS to his brother Leigh Hunt 1824 Dec. 21 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.

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Hunt, John. ALS to his brother Leigh Hunt 1836 June 30 (3 p) (3 p)
H.

Manuscript box
Hunt, John. ALS to his brother Leigh Hunt 1837 Aug. 12 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.

Manuscript box
Hunt, John. ALS to his brother Leigh Hunt 1837 Sept. 20 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Pencil tracing laid in H.

Manuscript box
Hunt, John. ALS to his brother Leigh Hunt. Mutilated 1839 Aug. 31 (1 p) (1 p)
H.
Hunt, John. ALS to his brother Leigh Hunt n.d. (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.

Hunt, John. ALS to his brother Leigh Hunt n.d. (3 p) (3 p) H.

Hunt, Marianne. ALS to her husband 1835 Aug. 22 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.

Hunt, Marianne. ALS to her husband [1813] [May] 7 - [1813][May] 9 (3 p) (3 p) H.

Keats, John. ALS to Hunt 1820 Aug. (1 p) (1 p) Y.

Lamb, Charles. 2 ALS to Hunt 1826 May 4, [1827] [Dec. 11? (1 p. each) (1 p. each) H.


Procter, Bryan Waller. 2 ALS to Hunt [1835]. 1855 Oct. 2 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)

Severn, Joseph. ALS to Hunt 1823 June 26 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.

Severn, Joseph. ALS to Hunt 1824 May 20 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.

Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin. ALS to Hunt n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Shelley, Percy Bysshe. ALS to Hunt 1821 Feb. 17 or [1822?] Feb. 17 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Y.

Shelley, Percy Bysshe. ALS to Hunt 1818 Dec. 22 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Herbert S. Leon bookplate; H.

Thackeray, William Makepeace. ANS to Hunt. Date should read 1848 1847 Jan. 3 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) H.

Thackeray, William Makepeace. ALS to Hunt 1847 July? (1 p) (1 p) H.

Thackeray, William Makepeace. ALS to Hunt 1847? (1 p) (1 p) H.

Ainsworth, William Harrison. ALS to [--?] relating to Leigh Hunt 1859 Aug. 4 (3 p) (3 p)

Lewes, George Henry. 7 ALS to Thornton Leigh Hunt ca. 1849 (7 letters in 1 folder) (7 letters in 1 folder) With: 5 ALS to Thornton Leigh Hunt from Larken Edmund Roberts; ANS by George Henry Lewes in one of Edmund R. Larken’s letters.

Procter, A. S. ALS to Mrs. Russell Sturgis regarding Leigh Hunt and Nathaniel Hawthorne. 1855 Oct. 2 (2 p) (2 p) Deming; Berg

Wilkie, Sir David. [Hunt, Leigh], Original water color portrait n.d. (1 item) (1 item) Measures 19.5 x 12.5 cm.; with: Hunt, Leigh. ALS to Lord Holland. Chelsea, July 5 [n.y.]. Y.