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Guide to the

Baron Byron, George Gordon Byron collection of papers

1805-1969 [bulk 1805-1922]

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Summary

Creator: Byron, George Gordon Byron, Baron, 1788-1824

Title: Baron Byron, George Gordon Byron collection of papers

Date: 1805-1969 [bulk 1805-1922]

Size: 149 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 and correspondence, and four diaries kept from 1814 to 1816 by John Cam Hobhouse.

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Creator History

Familiarly known as Lord Byron, George Gordon Byron was an English poet, essayist, and dramatist.

Custodial History

Previous owners include Robert Charles Dallas, Henry R. M. Howard, W. T. H. Howe, Jerome Kern, Caroline Lamb, Elizabeth B. Pigot, Harry Bache Smith, Roderick Terry, and Owen D. Young.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and correspondence, and four diaries kept from 1814 to 1816 by John Cam Hobhouse. The manuscripts include poems, portions of poems, essays, and notes for work, some of which are copied in Caroline Lamb's and in an unknown hand, as well as essays in manuscript about the author by W. H. Auden, Leigh Hunt, A. C. Swinburne, and others. The correspondence comprises letters by the author, dating from 1805 to 1823, to Robert Charles Dallas, Leigh Hunt, E. Noel Long, John Murray, and others. Also included are letters relating to the author, dating from 1816 to 1969, between various correspondents, including Frances Burney d'Arblay, James Fenimore Cooper, Sir Edward Howard Marsh, Ethel Colburn Mayne, John Murray, Robert Southey, and others, as well as a number of forged letters to Charles Victor de Bonstetten, Thomas Hookham, Douglas Kinnaird, and an unidentified recipient. Also present are letters to Byron from Leigh Hunt, Prince Mavrocordato, and Sir Walter Scott, dating from January through March 1822.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence
Diaries
Forgeries

Names

Byron, George Gordon Byron, Baron, 1788-1824
Auden, W. H. (Wystan Hugh), 1907-1973
Bonstetten, Charles Victor de, 1745-1832
Broughton, John Cam Hobhouse, Baron, 1786-1869
Burney, Fanny, 1752-1840
Cooper, James Fenimore, 1789-1851
Dallas, Robert Charles, 1754-1824
Hookham, Thomas, 1738 or 1739-1819
Howard, Henry, 1757-1842
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Hunt, Leigh, 1784-1859
Kern, Jerome, 1885-1945
Kinnaird, Douglas, 1788-1830
Lamb, Caroline, Lady, 1785-1828
Long, E. Noel
Marsh, Edward Howard, Sir, 1872-1953
Mayne, Ethel Colburn, -1941
Murray, John, 1808-1892
Pigot, Elizabeth Bridget, 1783-1866
Scott, Walter, 1771-1832
Smith, Harry B. (Harry Bache), 1860-1936
Southey, Robert, 1774-1843
Swinburne, Algernon Charles, 1837-1909
Terry, Roderick T., 1849-1933
Young, Owen D., 1874-
John Murray (Firm)

Container List

Diaries

Broughton, John Cam Hobhouse, 1st baron. Holograph diaries. Contains material relating to Byron 1814 Jan. 3 - 1816 Apr. 5 (4 v. in 2 cases) (4 v. in 2 cases) Jerome Kern bookplate; Y.

Manuscripts

Manuscripts written by Byron

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Manuscript box | Autograph material: 1 holograph signature (1 item) (1 item)
Signed. Y.
Childe Harold's pilgrimage. Canto 3, stanza 1-3, 97-100 [ie. 115-118]
Holograph n.d (1 item) (1 item)
Jerome Kern bookplate; Y. |
| Manuscript box | [Childe Harold's pilgrimage. Canto 4, stanza 98] Holograph n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
With a ms. note beneath in S. L. Gower's hand and letter to him from Mrs. Barry presenting the fragment. Y. |
| Oversize (+) | "Curse of Minerva" [version of 312 lines]. Holograph 1811 Nov. 17 (17 p) (17 p)
With note signed RCD [Robert Charles Dallas] to whom Byron probably gave the ms. Dallas, R. C. |
| Oversize (+) | Curse of Minerva. Holograph. Miscellaneous notes relating to the ms. (26 items) (26 items)
B. |
| Oversize (+) | Don Juan. Cantos 14 and 15. Holograph 1814 Feb. 23 - 1823 Mar. 25 (49 p) (49 p)
Jerome Kern bookplate; Y. |
| Manuscript box. In his: AL to John Murray, postmarked Jan. 18, 1821 | Don Juan. Holograph of the 61st stanza of canto V (1 p) (1 p) |
| Oversize (+) | dream, The. Holograph. Inlaid ms. and text, privately printed for the author(?), on opposite pages; in binding supposed to have been executed especially for Byron by Burns and sons n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Foley, Jerome Kern bookplate; Y. |
| | English bards, and Scotch reviewers. Holograph n.d (1 item) (1 item)
H.
[episodes of Nisus and Euryalus, The] Holograph of lines 19-end of poem n.d (32 p) (32 p)
With ms. note by Elizabeth B. Pigot, who owned it. First published in "Hours of idleness," 1807. Jerome Kern book label; Elizabeth B. Pigot |
| Manuscript box | "Levati. Viaggi di Petrarca. Vol. 4, p. 323." Holograph notes n.d. (2 p) (2 p)
With ms. extract from Petrarch, regarding Marino Faliero, copied for Byron and to which reference is made. Y. |

Manuscripts (cont.)

Manuscripts written by Byron (cont.)

- Manuscript box Lines to be inserted after the line "The verse which Jeffrey praises in a pict." Holograph of 38 lines from "Hints from Horace" beginning "Again my Jeffrey!" and ending "renowned," and of accompanying footnote "To the Eclectic or Christian reviewers" n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Accompanied by ALS from Augusta Leigh presenting the ms. to Mrs. Heywood, Feb. 21, 1830. Y.
- Manuscript box [Marino Faliero] Note to the Doge's last speech. Holograph. Written on the last page of a printed folio gathering, headed Extrait de l'Ouvrage. Histoire de la Republique de Venise. Par P. Daru, 1819 n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
With Byron's ms. note on p. 1
- Mottos [sic] to the poems. Holograph n.d (3 p) (3 p)
H.
- Manuscript box On a royal visit to the vaults, an earlier version of Windsor poetics.
Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Y.
- Manuscript box On being asked ye "Origin of love." Holograph poem n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Y.
prayer of nature, The. Manuscript copy in a hand similar to Byron's with "The prayer of Nature. Byron. 29th Dec. 1806" in the same hand at the end. An added note in another hand, "Copied for Mr. Moore Jany(?) 25 1828." 1828 (1 item) (1 item)
H.
- Manuscript box Stanzas. Holograph poem n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Y.
"Through many a weary day gone by." Holograph poem. Incomplete. Consists of 7 stanzas, the penultimate having been cut off p. 3. n.d (3 p) (3 p)
Ms. copy of poem in the hand of Elizabeth B. Pigot (?) enclosed
- Manuscript box To the Po. Holograph poem 1819 June 2 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed with a flourish Y.
- Manuscript box (Browning, E. B.) Unidentified manuscripts. By Lord Byron, and two other verses. The second dated 1822 Apr. (2 items) (2 items)
From the circle of Elizabeth Barrett Browning
valentine, A. Holograph 1807 (5 p) (5 p)
H.
- Manuscript box Written on the opening of the Royal vaults at Windsor in the presence of H.R.H. the Prince Regent, an earlier version of Windsor poetics.
Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Y.
- Manuscript box "Yet feign would I resist the spell." Copy of the poem in Lady Caroline Lamb's hand with her ms. note, "These are the first lines Ld. Byron wrote to me-I had made him the present of a gold neck chain and those lines were written at the moment." (1 p) (1 p)
With: Lamb, Lady Caroline. Lines. Sent to Francis Russell, Jr. with the present of a stick--known by the anme of the fairies wand. Holograph. On p. 1. Lamb, Caroline

Manuscripts related to Byron

Manuscripts (cont.)

Manuscripts related to Byron (cont.)

Auden, W. H. [Essays (6)] Holograph. Relates to Andrei Voznesensky, E. R. Dodds, Byron, Goethe, and George Davis. Paginated at the Berg Collection n.d (1 v) (1 v)

Includes 2 unidentified verse fragments. Detailed list of contents laid in

Oversize (+) Hunt, Leigh. To the Right Honourable Lord Byron, on his departure for Italy & Greece. Holograph 1816 Apr. 13 (1 item) (1 item)
With: Byron, G. G. N. Byron, 6th baron. 3 ALS to John Murray, Oct. 2, 1813; [1813?]; Jan. 2, 1820

Oversize (+) Lamartine, A. M. L. de Prat de. Sur l'interpretation d'un passage sur 5[me] chant de Childe Harold. Holograph 1826 Jan. 12 (13 p) (13 p)
With: Byron, G. G. N. Byron, 6th baron. 3 ALS to John Murray, Oct. 2, 1813; [1813?]; Jan. 2, 1820

Oversize (+) Swinburne, A. C. Wordsworth and Byron. Holograph n.d. (114 p) (114 p)
Jerome Kern bookplate; Y.

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

Oversize (+) Alborghetti, Count. ALS to 1819 July 1 (2 p) (2 p)
Y.

Manuscript box Bonstetten, Charles Victor de. Forged AL to 1816 Nov. 22 (3 p) (3 p)
Signed "Byron". Roderick Terry bookplate; Howe

Oversize (+) Burges, Sir James Bland. ALS to 1816 Feb. 11 (1 item) (1 item)
With his: 3 ALS to John Murray. Oct. 2, 1813; Jan. 2, 1820; [1813?]

Manuscript box Byron, Catherine Gordon Byron, his mother. ALS to 1809 Mar. 6 (3 p) (3 p)
Y.

Manuscript box [Dallas], [R. C.]. ALS to 1808 Jan. 21 (1 item) (1 item)
Y.

Manuscript box [Dallas], [R. C.]. ALS to 1809 Feb. 6 (1 p) (1 p)
Y.

Manuscript box Dallas, R. C. ALS to 1809 Feb. 7 (1 item) (1 item)
H.

[Dallas], [R. C.]. ALS to 1811 Oct. 11 (1 item) (1 item)
H.

Manuscript box Drury, [Henry]. ALS to 1811 July 7 (1 item) (1 item)
Y.

Manuscript box [Foster, Jr.], [John]. Portion of AL to 1810 (1 p) (1 p)
With ms. note on verso in W. W. Currie's hand. Y.

[Gordon], Charles. ALS to. Second leaf mutilated 1805 Aug. 14 (1 item) (1 item)
Harry Bache Smith bookplate; H.

Oversize (+) Hancock, Charles. Copy in an unknown hand of extracts of 8 letters to. One extract undated. Original extracts were made by Hancock for Muir. 1824 Jan. 2 - 1824 Mar. 10 (1 v) (1 v)
With: Copy of a letter from Hancock to Muir, mentioning the extracts. June 1, 1824; also with Byron. 3 ALS to John Murray. Oct. 2, 1813; Jan. 2, 1820; [1813?]; and one letter from Prince Mavrocordato to Byron. Y.

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Oversize (+) [Harness], [William]. ALS to 1809 Mar. 18 (5 p) (5 p)
H.
- Manuscript box Hunt, John. ALS to 1823 Jan. 8 (3 p) (3 p)
Roderick Terry; Howe
- Manuscript box Hunt, John. ALS to 1823 July 14 (1 p) (1 p)
Y.
- Hunt, Leigh. ALS to 1823 [ie. 1822] Sept. 15 (1 item) (1 item)
H.
- Manuscript box Kinnaid, the Hon. Douglas. Forged AL to 1820 Apr. 25 (3 p) (3 p)
Signed "Byron". Roderick Terry bookplate; Howe
- (Byron) In:
Collection of 5
ALS of Lord
Byron, 4 to E.
Noel Long and 1
to E. B. Long
- Long, E. Noel. 3 ALS (slightly mutilated) and 1 AL (all after leaf 2 wanting)
to 1806 Aug. 9 - 1809 Feb. 23 (4 items) (4 items)
- (Byron) In:
Collection of 5
ALS of Lord
Byron, 4 to E.
Noel Long and 1
to E. B. Long
- Long, E[dward] B. ALS to 1809 Apr. 14 (1 item) (1 item)
- Oversize (+) In
volume labeled,
Byron. Autograph
letters to John
Murray & Sir J. B.
Burgess. Byroniana
- Murray, John. 3 ALS to 1813 Oct. 2 - 1820 Jan. 20 (3 items) (3 items)
Y.
- Manuscript box Murray, John. AL to. Includes the suppressed 61st stanza of Canto V of
Don Juan. Date at head of letter altered so that it is undecipherable 1821
Jan. 18 (1 item) (1 item)
Y.
- Manuscript box Murray[?], John. ALS to 1814 June 27 (1 p) (1 p)
- Oversize (+) Poetical Register. ALS to the editor 1815 Feb. 7 (1 item) (1 item)
B.
- Manuscript box Trelawny, Edward. ALS to 1822 Aug. 14 (1 p) (1 p)
Y.
- Manuscript box [--?]. Forged ALS to [1820?] Apr. 9 (1 item) (1 item)
Y.

Incoming Correspondence

- Manuscript box Hunt, Leigh. ALS to Byron 1822 Jan. 27 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Y.
- Oversize (+) Prince Mavrocordato to Byron (1 item) (1 item)
With: Copy in an unknown hand of extracts of 8 letters to Charles Hancock, Jan. 2, 1824 -
Mar. 10, 1824
- Manuscript box Scott, Sir Walter. ALS to Byron. Mutilated 1822 Mar. 28 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Y.

Related Correspondence

- Manuscript box
(Shelley) Byron, G., (forger). AL to Thomas Hookham (?) Relates to Shelley
forgeries 1845 Nov. 12 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed "G. B."; Roderick Terry; Howe

Correspondence (cont.)

Related Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box (Arblay) Byron, Sophia (Trevannion). AN in the third person to Frances Burney d'Arblay n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
- 1 v. (cased) and 3 folders in Manuscript box Collection of 5 ALS of Lord Byron: 4 to E. Noel Long and 1 to E. B. Long; and of ms. material relating to Lord Byron including: 12 letters from E. Noel Long to members of his family; 13 letters from his family; reminiscences of Lord Byron; lists, etc. (34 items) (34 items)
Henry R. M. Howard bookplate; Y.
- Cooper, James Fenimore. ALS to Lady William Russell. Refers to Moore's Life of Byron 1830 Mar. 15 (1 p) (1 p)
Y.
- Manuscript box Lovelace, Mary Caroline (Wortley), countess of. 2 ALS, 4 TLS to Sir Edward Howard Marsh. Relates to John Murray's edition of Byron's correspondence 1922 May 4 - 1922 June 3 (6 items in 2 folders) (6 items in 2 folders)
- Manuscript box Mayne, Ethel Colburn. 5 ALS to Sir Edward Howard Marsh.
Correspondence relates to Byron 1922 Apr. 28 - 1939 Nov. 9 (5 items) (5 items)
- Manuscript box Moore, Thomas. ALS to [John Murray] Relates to Lord Byron 1821 Oct. 13 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Murray, John. 5 ALS to Sir Edward Howard Marsh. Relates to Murray's edition of Lord Byron's correspondence 1922 May 18 - 1922 June 9 (5 items) (5 items)
- Piozzi, H. L. S. T. ALS to Sir James Fellowes. Mentions Lord Byron 1816 Feb. 21 (1 item) (1 item)
With: Piozzi, H. L. T. 22 ALS to Rev. Dr. Thomas Sedgwick Whalley. Jan. 5 [1789]-May 13, 1816. Y.
- Manuscript box Plomer, William. ALS to Lola L. Szladits. Relates to Lord Byron 1969 May 26 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Rossetti, W. M. ALS to [William D.] O'Connor. Mentions Harriet Beecher Stowe's attack on Lord Byron [1869] Nov. 20 (1 item) (1 item)
Enclosed: Rossetti's copy, 2 l., of passages from Anne Gilchrist's letters to him of June 22; 23 and July 11, 1869, published in 1870 as "A woman's estimate of Walt Whitman." Published text in May, 1870 Radical varies. Bliss Perry; Howe
- Southey, Robert. ALS to John Edmund Reade. Mentions Byron, Coleridge, Shelley 1838 June 12 (3 p) (3 p)
H.