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Guide to the

Walter Savage Landor collection of papers

1778-1929 [bulk 1808-1864]

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Summary

Creator: Landor, Walter Savage, 1775-1864

Title: Walter Savage Landor collection of papers

Date: 1778-1929 [bulk 1808-1864]

Size: 241 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.

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Creator History

Walter Savage Landor was an English poet, playwright, novelist, and translator.

Custodial History

Previous owners include William Harris Arnold, Robert Browning, Rashleigh E. H. Duke, Emanuel Hertz, W. T. H. Howe, Richard Robert Madden, and John Quinn.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and correspondence. The manuscripts include

holographs of poems, essays, riddles, and "imaginary conversations," as well as manuscripts of essays and poems about the author by Richard Henry Horne, Edmund Clarence Stedman, and Algernon Charles Swinburne. The correspondence includes letters from the author, dating from [1795] to [1864], to Lady Marguerite Blessington, Robert Browning, Charles Dickens, Elizabeth Landor, Henry Eyres Landor, Anthony Rosenhagen, Arthur de Noé Walker, and others. There are also letters relating to the author, dating from 1778 to 1929, between various correspondents including Sir Sidney Colvin, Countess Ellen Conyngham, Elizabeth Landor, Henry Eyres Landor, Robert Eyres Landor, Walter Landor, George Moore, Robert Southey, and others. There are letters to Landor from Robert Browning, William Cyples, Charles Dickens, Robert Southey, and members of the Landor family including Charles Savage, Elizabeth, Henry Eyres, and Julia Elizabeth, dating from 1815 to 1858.

Key Terms

Names

Landor, Walter Savage, 1775-1864
Arnold, William Harris, 1854-1923
Blessington, Marguerite, Countess of, 1789-1849
Browning, Robert, 1812-1889
Colvin, Sidney, 1845-1927
Conyngham, Ellen, Countess of
Cyples, William, 1831-1882
Dickens, Charles, 1812-1870
Duke, Rashleigh Edward Hungerford, 1855-
Hertz, Emanuel, 1870-1940
Horne, R. H. (Richard H.), 1802-1884
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Landor, Charles Savage
Landor, Elizabeth Savage
Landor, Henry Eyres
Landor, Robert Eyres, 1781-1869
Landor, Walter
Madden, Richard Robert, 1798-1886
Moore, George, 1852-1933
Quinn, John, 1870-1924
Rosenhagen, Anthony
Southey, Robert, 1774-1843
Stedman, Edmund Clarence, 1833-1908
Swinburne, Algernon Charles, 1837-1909
Walker, Arthur de Noe_

Container List

Manuscripts

Manuscripts written by Landor

- Inserted in his:
Gebir, Count
Julian and other
poems. London,
1831. Copy 1
- Inserted in his:
Dry sticks.
Edinburgh, 1858.
Copy 3
- Manuscript box
- Manuscript box
- Inserted in his:
The Hellenics.
New ed., enl.
Edinburgh, 1859.
Copy 3
- Oversize (+)
- Manuscript box
- Manuscript box
- Inserted in his:
Imaginary
conversations of
literary men and
statesmen.
Second series.
London, 1829.
Copy 2, v. 1
- Cased
- Manuscript box
- Manuscript box.
In: (Blessington,
M.) Letters, or
portions of letters
(copies only) to
Lady Blessington
from W. S. Landor
- Manuscript box
- "And falser and more violent." Holograph poem n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- "Certain fruit in France contains", A. Holograph riddle n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
- Cupid and Pan. Holograph poem n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.
- Departure. Holograph poem Oct. 25 (1 p) (1 p)
Enclosed in ALS to [Robert Southey?] [Oct. 25 [n.y.]] 1 p.
- Diana and her nymphs. Holograph 1859 Oct. 25 (3 p) (3 p)
- Dry sticks fagoted (1858). Hellenics (1859). Heroic idylls (1863). Forty-nine
holograph poems n.d. (1 v) (1 v)
With 55 additional poems of which 40 are apparently unpublished and 15 published in The
Poetical works of Walter Savage Landor, edited by Stephen Wheeler, 3 v., Oxford, 1937;
typescripts inserted opposite each page; Includes his: 15 ALS to A. Walker. Rashleigh E. H.
Duke bookplate
- [Hellenics of Walter Savage Landor] Dryope. Holograph n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.
- [Hellenics of Walter Savage Landor] Pan and Pitys. Holograph n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
H.
- Imaginary conversations: Emma and her parents. Holograph n.d. (1 leaf) (1
leaf)
- Imaginary conversations: Garibaldi and Bosco. Holograph n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.
- [Imaginary conversations] John of Gaunt and Joanna of Kent. Holograph
n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
With a mounted slip. William Harris Arnold; Howe
- [Imaginary conversations] Rhadamistus and Zenobia. Manuscript copy in
an unknown hand n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
Differs from text as published in: Landor, W. S. Complete works. Edited by T. E. Welby and S.
Wheeler. London, 1927-1936. Vol. 1, p. 270-273. From the collection of Richard Robert
Madden
- Miscellaneous holograph notes n.d. (9 p) (9 p)
H.

Manuscripts (cont.)

Manuscripts written by Landor (cont.)

- Manuscript box My sister Elizabeth. Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Signed. Published in *The Examiner*, Dec. 2, 1854, and in Stephen Wheeler's edition of the *Poetical Works* (1937) III, p. 157
- Cased [Parable] Holograph n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Signed. H.
- Manuscript box (Landor, W. S.) Parliamentary Survey at Lambeth. V. 2, p. 67. Prebend. de Tachbrooke Com. Warr. [Co. Warwickshire] A survey of the prebend and parsonage of Tachbrooke. April 6, 1650. Ms. copy of property evaluation n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box [Pericles and Aspasia] Anaxagoras to Pericles. Holograph n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
H.
- Manuscript box Petition to Queen Victoria, following the Crimean war, asking that "as much favor may be shown toward Poland as toward Turkey." Holograph draft 1856? (1 p) (1 p)
H.
- Manuscript box Pisistratos and Solon. Holograph n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
With a mounted slip. H.
- Manuscript box [Poemata et inscriptiones] Holograph notes n.d. (2 p) (2 p)
Robert Browning's copy; Removed from his: *Poemata et inscriptiones*. Londini, 1847
- Oversize (+) Poemata et Inscriptiones (1847). Hellenics (1859). Heroic Idyls (1863).
Forty-six holograph poems n.d. (1 v) (1 v)
Mounted on p. 12-14 are six printed pages numbered 59-64 with the author's ms. corrections, from an unidentified edition
- Manuscript box Pomponius Atticus to C. Julius Caesar. Holograph n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Pythagoras and a priest of Isis. Holograph n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
With two mounted slips. H.
- Oversize (+) Savonarola e il priore di S. Marco. Holograph n.d. (6 p) (6 p)
Robert Browning's autograph. H.
- Manuscript box. In: (Blessington, M.) Letters, or portions of letters (copies only) to Lady Blessington from W. S. Landor
Search after honour. Manuscript copy of the poem in an unknown hand n.d. (4 p) (4 p)
Differs from the text as published in: Landor, W. S. *Complete works*. Edited by T. E. Welby and S. Wheeler. London, 1927-1936, vol. 15, p. 136-138. From the collection of Richard Robert Madden
- Written on leaf 2 of: Landor, W. S. ALS to Mrs. [Robert] Southey. Jan. 5, 1842
"Thou in this wide cold church art laid." Holograph poem 1842 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Inserted in: Landor, W. S. *The works of Walter Savage Landor*. London, 1846. Copy 1, v. 1
To Andrew Jackson, president of the United States. Holograph n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Oversize (+) Written on p. 1-3 of: Landor, W. S. ALS to [Leigh Hunt] [n.d.]
To Joseph Ablett, esqr. of Llambedr Hall, Derbyshire. Holograph poem n.d. (2 p) (2 p)

Manuscripts (cont.)

Manuscripts written by Landor (cont.)

- Manuscript box To Zoe. Holograph 1808 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
William Harris Arnold, Howe
- Manuscript box
(Landor, W. S.) Warwickshire wood. Accounts. Accounts of sales, 1747-1753. Manuscript
transcript n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscripts relating to Landor
- Enclosed in an
envelope bearing
Horne's ms. notes Horne, R. H. Walter Savage Landor. Portion of holograph n.d. (2 leaves) (2
leaves)
With Elizabeth Barrett Browning's ms. interpolations on Landor, 2 p., pasted on Horne's ms.;
also an autobiographical fragment in Landor's hand, undated, 1 p., pasted on Horne's ms.
- Cased Stedman, E. C. Walter Savage Landor. Holograph n.d. (69 p) (69 p)
H.
- Manuscript box Swinburne, Algernon Charles. [Song for the centenary of Walter Savage
Landor. Stanzas 48-50] Holograph poem n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
On verso his: Les infiniment petits. Holograph poem in French, undated. 1 p.

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

- Manuscript box Athenaeum. ALS to the editor 1844? (1 p) (1 p)
Emanuel Hertz; H.
- Inserted in his:
The poems of
Walter Savage
Landor. London,
1795 [Athenaeum]. 2 ANS [to the editor] n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
- In case with his:
Moral epistle.
London, 1795 Atlas. ALS to the editor [1855] Mar. 9 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.
- Manuscript box Azelio [ie. Marchese d'Azeglio], Marquis. ALS to the [1860?] Oct. 27 (1 p) (1 p)
H.
- Manuscript box [Birch], [William John]. ALS to 1840 (3 p) (3 p)
H.
- Inserted in:
Landor, W. S.
Pentameron and
Pentalogia.
London, 1837.
Copy 1 Blessington, Lady. ALS to 1840 Sept. 28 (3 p) (3 p)
With poem "Envoi" on p. 3
- Inserted in:
Landor, W. S. A
satire on satirists.
London, 1836 Blessington, Lady. ALS to 1849 Jan. 21 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Inserted in:
Blessington, M. P.
F. G., countess of.
The idler in Italy.
London, 1839-
1840. Vol. 1 Blessington, Lady [Marguerite]. ALS to n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Boyce, J. B. ALS to [1838?] Mar. 10 (1 p) (1 p)
H.
- Inserted in: Milton,
John. The poetical
works. London,
1836 Brickman, Captain. ALS to [1858] Sept. 13 (2 p) (2 p)

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Inserted in:
Landor, W. S.
Gebir. London,
1798. Copy 1
- Manuscript box.
In: (Blessington,
M.). Letters, or
portions of letters
(copies only) to
Lady Blessington
from W. S. Landor
- Inserted in his:
Dry sticks.
Edinburgh, 1858.
Copy 2
- Oversize (+)
- Cased
- Manuscript box
- Inserted in:
Landor, W. S.
Pericles and
Aspasia. London,
1836. Copy 2, v. 1
- Manuscript box
- Cased
- Manuscript box
- Oversize (+)
- Manuscript box
- Cased
- Oversize (+)
- Manuscript box
- Manuscript box
- Manuscript box
- Manuscript box
- Browning, Robert.. ALS to. [Dated in Browning's hand "June 26, 1864"]
1864 (1 p) (1 p)
- Bulwer [Rosina Doyle Wheeler Bulwer-Lytton, afterwards Lady Lytton],
Mrs. Copy of letter in an unknown hand to 1836 ca. Apr (5 p) (5 p)
From the collection of Richard Robert Madden
- Cadell & Davies, Messrs. ALS to June 4 (1 p) (1 p)
- Cadell, Messrs. T., and W. Davies. ALS to [1795] Feb. 19 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
With AL from [Messrs. Cadell and Davies] to Landor, giving an estimate for published his
poems [Feb.(?) 1795] on p. 3. H.
- Dickens, Charles. ALS to n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
With: Blessington, Marguerite, countess of. ALS to Charles Dickens. Nov. 17, 1841. H.
- Duke, Ellen (Landor). ALS to [1864] July 3 (3 p) (3 p)
[Fields], [James T.]. ALS to [1860] Apr. 10 (1 p) (1 p)
- Forster, [John]. ALS to n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
William Harris Arnold; H.
- Fox, Mrs. C. ALS to 1837? Dec. 18 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Hare, Julius Charles. Copy in the hand of James Augustus Hessey of a
letter to 1825 ca. Apr. 15 (3 p) (3 p)
Accompanied by: Hare, Julius Charles. ALS to John Taylor. [Between March 16 and 24, 1825]
2 l. Relates to W. S. Landor and Thomas de Quincey
- Hodgson, Mrs. ALS to 1834? (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.
- Hodgson, Mrs. ALS to 1838 Dec. 5? (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
William Harris Arnold; H.
- [Holyoake], [Austin]. ALS to [1859] June 1 (1 p) (1 p)
With ms. note by George Jacob Holyoake on verso; with: Landor, W. S. Mr. Landor's remarks
on a suit preferred against him. [London, 1859]
- [Holyoake], [George Jacob]. ALS to 1859 Mar. - 1859 June (1 p) (1 p)
With his: Mr. Landor's remarks on a suit preferred against him. [London, 1859]
- [Hunt], [Leigh]. ALS to n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
With poem "To Joseph Ablett..." on p. 1-3; H.
- "Illustrated London News." ALS "To the editor of the" n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
H.
- James, George Payne Rainsford. ALS to [1836] Jan. 18 (3 p) (3 p)
H.
- Landor, Arnold S. ALS to [1847] Oct. 6 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Landor, Charles Willson. ALS to n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box Landor, Elizabeth (Savage). 8 ALS to 1808 July 12] - [1829] July 8 (8 letters in 2 folders) (8 letters in 2 folders)
- Manuscript box Landor, Ellen. 2 ALS to [1830] July 6, [1833] Jan. 19 (3 p. each) (3 p. each)
- Manuscript box Landor, Elizabeth. 15 ALS to [1831] Nov. 4 - [1840] Aug. 20 (15 letters in 3 folders) (15 letters in 3 folders)
- Manuscript box Landor, Henry Eyres. 10 ALS to 1825 Dec. 19] - [1855 Aug. 19 (10 letters in 2 folders) (10 letters in 2 folders)
- Manuscript box Landor, Henry Eyres. Copy of letter to. In the H. E. Landor's hand 1847 Sept. 8 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Landor, Robert Eyres. ALS to 1813 May 8 (1 p) (1 p)
Partially published in R. H. Super's *Walter Savage Landor*, New York, 1954
- Manuscript box [Linton], [Eliza Lynn]. ALS to [1860?] Dec. 31 (1 p) (1 p)
H.
- In case with:
Landor, W. S. On
Kossuth's voyage
to America [1851]
- Mackenzie, Kenneth. ANS to 1854 Dec. (1 p) (1 p)
John Quinn bookplate; H.
- Inserted in his:
Cameos. Boston,
1874. Copy 4
- Power?, Miss. ANS to 1846? Sept. 2 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Rosenhagen, Anthony. 15 ALS to 1846 Jan. 7] - [1853] Aug. 16 (15 letters in 3 folders) (15 letters in 3 folders)
- Manuscript box Southey, Caroline Bowles. ALS to 1840 Sept. 14 (3 p) (3 p)
- Inserted in:
Landor, W. S.
Gebir. London,
1798. Copy 3
- Southey, Mrs. Robert. ALS to 1842 Jan. 15 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
With ms. poem "Thou in this wide cold church art laid" on leaf 2
- Manuscript box [Southey?], [Robert]. ALS to. Sending holograph poem "Departure," to Southey's daughter Katherine and "her amiable sister," Oct. 25 [n.y.] 1 p.
n.y. Oct. 25 (3 p) (3 p)
William Harris Arnold; Howe
- Manuscript box Stopford, Laura (Thullier). ALS to 1842 after June? (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box [Trollope], [Theodosia] Garrow. ALS to 1840 Jan. 20 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.
- Inserted in:
Landor, W. S.
Poetry. London,
1802. Copy 2
- [Trollope], [Theodosia] Garrow. ALS to 1840? (3 p) (3 p)
- Oversize (+) Walker, Arthur de Noé. 15 ALS to n.d. (15 letters) (15 letters)
With his: *Dry sticks fagoted*. (1858). *Hellenics* (1859). *Heroic idylls* (1863). 49 holograph poems
- In: Album of
letters and
autographs
- [--?]. ALS to [1836?] Aug. 13 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box [--?]. ALS to [1858] Feb. (3 p) (3 p)
H.
- Inserted in:
[Landor, W. S.]
Terry Hogan.
London, 1836
- [--?]. ALS to Jan. 3 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box [--?]. ALS to Feb. 8 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box [--?]. ALS to Mar. 3 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.
- Manuscript box [--?]. ALS to [1858] Mar. 18 (3 p) (3 p)
H.
- Manuscript box [--?]. ALS to Aug. 31 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box [--?]. ALS to Dec. 21 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Encloses 1 p. of the correspondent's previous letter, dated Dec. 20 [n.y.] two words of which Landor was unable to decipher. H.
- Manuscript box [--?]. ALS to. Regarding the value of autographs n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.
- Manuscript box [--?]. ALS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
H.

Incoming Correspondence

- Manuscript box Browning, Robert. ALS to Landor 1846 June 25 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.
- (Landor) Inserted in his: The island. Hanley, 1857
Cased Cycles, William. ALS to Landor 1858 Mar. 1 (7 p) (7 p)
- Dickens, Charles. ALS to Landor 1840 July 26 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.
- Manuscript box Dickens, Charles. ANS to Landor n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Y.
- Manuscript box (Landor, W. S.) Landor, Charles Savage. Letter (copy) to his brother, Walter Landor 1838
July 26 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Landor, Elizabeth (Savage). Letter (copy) to Walter Landor 1808? (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Landor, Henry Eyres. 16 ALS to his brother Walter Landor 1847 June 14 -
1855 June 21 (16 letters in 3 folders) (16 letters in 3 folders)
- Manuscript box (Landor, W. S.) Landor, Julia Elizabeth Savage. Copy of letter to her father Walter Landor,
in the hand of her uncle Henry Eyres Landor Aug. 8 (1 p) (1 p)
On p. 1: Landor, Henry Eyres. ALS (copy) to Walter Savage Landor, Aug. 21, 1855. 2 p.
- Oversize (+). In his: Joan of Arc. Bristol, 1796.
Copy 4 Southey, Robert. Copy in an unknown hand, of part of letter to Landor 1815
Feb. 3 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
With Richard Brudenell Exton's signed ms. Note, dated 1851

Related Correspondence

- Manuscript box (Landor, W. S.) Auson, G. W. ALS to Mr. Shirley 1847 July 5 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Includes clipping about Shakespeare's birthplace
- Manuscript box (Landor, W. S.) Conyngham, Ellen (Merretto) Conyngham, countess. 4 ALS to Elizabeth
(Savage) Landor 1778 Aug. 8 - 1814 Jan. 14 (4 letters) (4 letters)
- Manuscript box (Landor, W. S.) Conyngham, Ellen (Merretto) Conyngham, countess. 2 ALS to Dr. Walter
Landor 1785 Dec. 10, 1786 Jan. 22 (1 p.; 3 p) (1 p.; 3 p)
With AL draft reply in hand of Dr. Walter Landor, dated March 3 [1786] on p. 3 of ALS of Jan.
22, 1786
- Manuscript box (Landor, W. S.) Elton, O. ALS to [Rashleigh E. H.] Duke. Relates to Walter Savage Landor
1912 Jan. 15 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Correspondence (cont.)

Related Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box Hare, Julius Charles. ALS to John Taylor. Relates to W. S. Landor and Thomas de Quincey 1825 Mar. 16] - [1825 Mar. 24 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Accompanies: Landor, W. S. Copy in the hand of James Augustus Hessey of a letter to Julius Charles Hare [ca. April 15, 1825]
- Manuscript box Hare, J. C. ALS to John Taylor. Relates to W. S. Landor [1825] Apr. 6 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Stevenson, R. L.) Jenkin, Fleeming. ALS to Sir Sidney Colvin. Letter relates to W. S. Landor 1881 Aug. 2 (4 leaves) (4 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Landor, W. S.) Landor, Elizabeth (Savage). ALS to Henry Eyres Landor 1819 May 17 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Landor, Henry Eyres. ALS to Elizabeth Savage Landor n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Landor, Robert Eyres. ALS to Elizabeth (Savage) Landor 1816 Jan. 18 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box Landor, Robert Eyres. 25 ALS to Henry Eyres Landor 1815 Sept. 12] - [1856 Jan (25 letters in 5 folders) (25 letters in 5 folders)
- Manuscript box Landor, Walter. ALS to Henry Eyres Landor. 1850 Apr. 23 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Moore, George. LS to Sir Sidney Colvin. Mentions W. S. Landor and Stevenson [1917] Apr. (1 p) (1 p)
H.
- Manuscript box Moore, George. LS to Sir Sidney Colvin. Mentions W. S. Landor and Stevenson 1917 Mar. 15 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.
- Manuscript box Southey, Robert. ALS to [--?] Mentions W. S. Landor 1832 June 23 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Taylor, John [1781-1864]. 25 ALS to Julius C. Hare 1823 Mar. 4 - [1825] Apr. 25 (25 letters in 25 folders) (25 letters in 25 folders)
With Hessey's "Memorandum of expenses incurred on account of Landor's Imaginary conversations."; H.
- Manuscript box (Landor, W. S.) Wheeler, Stephen. ALS to [Rashleigh E. H.] Duke. Relates to Walter Savage Landor 1929 July 27 (1 p) (1 p)