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Guide to the

**Mary Russell Mitford collection of papers**

1828-1854

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## Summary

**Creator:** Mitford, Mary Russell, 1787-1855

**Title:** Mary Russell Mitford collection of papers

**Date:** 1828-1854

**Size:** 70 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, and portraits of the author.

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## Creator History

Mary Russell Mitford was an English poet, playwright, and short-story writer.

## Custodial History

Previous owners include William Deming and W. T. H. Howe.

## Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, correspondence by the author, and portraits of

the author. The manuscripts consist of her poems, as well as envelopes addressed in her hand. The correspondence consists of letters by the author, dating from [1829] to 1854, to Richard Bentley, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Richard Henry Horne, John Lucas, and others. There are letters to Mitford from Alexander Dyce and H. H. Milman dating from 1834 to 1854 or 1855.

## **Key Terms**

### **Names**

Mitford, Mary Russell, 1787-1855

Bentley, Richard, 1794-1871

Deming, William

Dyce, Alexander, 1798-1869

Hawthorne, Nathaniel, 1804-1864

Horne, R. H. (Richard H.), 1802-1884

Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)

Lucas, John

## Container List

### Manuscripts

#### Manuscripts written by Mitford

- Manuscript box Holograph fragment n.d. (1 item) (1 item)  
H.
- Manuscript box "I listen to soft harmonies." Holograph fragment of a poem n.d. (1 item) (1 item)  
H.
- Manuscript box On Mr. Lucas's portrait of the late Countess of Burlington. Holograph poem 1842 (1 p) (1 p)  
Signed. With her: ALS to John Lucas [probably late Nov. or early Dec., 1842]. B.
- Manuscript box To Mr. Lucas whilst sitting to him for my portrait. Holograph poem 1828 Dec. 30 (1 p) (1 p)  
Signed. B.
- Cased 5 envelopes addressed in her hand n.d. (5 items) (5 items)  
H.

#### Manuscripts relating to Mitford

- Manuscript box Kingsley, Charles. To the authoress of "Our village." Holograph poem 1853 (1 p) (1 p)  
Also published as "To Miss Mitford." H.

### Correspondence

#### Outgoing Correspondence

- Manuscript box Bennett, W[illiam] C[ox]. ALS to 1854 Nov. 9 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
H.
- Manuscript box Bentley, Richard. ALS to 1834 Nov. 4 (1 p) (1 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box Bentley, Richard. ALS to 1834 Nov. 18 (1 p) (1 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box Bentley, Richard. ALS to 1834 Dec. 1 (3 p) (3 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box [Bentley], [Richard]. ALS to 1835 Feb. 2 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
B.
- Manuscript box Bentley, Richard. ALS to. Slightly mutilated 1835 Feb. 26 (1 p) (1 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box [Bentley], [Richard]. ALS to 1846 July 1 (1 p) (1 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box [Bentley], [Richard]. ALS to [1852] Apr. 3 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
B.
- Manuscript box [Bentley], [Richard]. ALS to 1852 Apr. 6 (3 p) (3 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box Bentley, Richard. ALS to 1852 Apr. 9 (3 p) (3 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box [Bentley], [Richard]. ALS to 1852 Apr. 13 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
B.

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box [Bentley], [Richard]. ALS to 1852 Apr. 19 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
B.
- Manuscript box [Bentley], [Richard]. ALS to 1852 Dec. 9 (3 p) (3 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box [Bentley], [Richard]. ALS to 1853 Jan. 1 (7 p) (7 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box [Bentley], [Richard]. ALS to 1853 Mar. 14 (3 p) (3 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box [Bentley], [Richard]. ALS to 1853 Aug. 8 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
B.
- Manuscript box [Bentley], [Richard]. ALS to 1853 Aug. 13 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
B.
- Manuscript box Bentley, S[amuel]. ALS to 1834 Dec. 28 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
B.
- Cased Berkshire Chronicle. ALS to the editor 1834 June? (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
H.
- Manuscript box [Colburn?], [Henry]. ALS to [Richard Bentley's associate] 1830 Apr. 24 (3 p) (3 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box [Colburn?], Henry. ALS to [Richard Bentley's associate] 1830 Oct. 10 (1 p) (1 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box [Colburn?], Henry. ALS to [Richard Bentley's associate] 1830 Nov. 3 (3 p) (3 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box Colburn & Bentley, Messrs. AL in the third person to 1831 Feb. 13 (1 p) (1 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box Colburn & Bentley, Messrs. AL in the third person to 1832 Mar. 9 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
B.
- Manuscript box Gulson?, Mrs. ALS to. Date from postmark 1837 Sept. 12 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
H.
- Manuscript box Hawthorne, Nathaniel. ALS to 1852 Aug. 6 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
H.
- (Hawthorne,  
Sophia) Hawthorne, Nathaniel. Copy in the hand of Sophia Hawthorne of two  
letters from Mrs. Mitford to 1852 July 6, 1852 Aug. 6 (4 leaves) (4 leaves)  
H.
- Manuscript box Hawthorne, Nathaniel. ALS to 1853 Oct. (3 p) (3 p)  
Deming; Berg
- Manuscript box Hawthorne, [Nathaniel]. ALS to 1854 Jan. 21 (3 p) (3 p)  
Deming; Berg
- Manuscript box [Horne], [Richard Henry]. ALS to [1839] Aug. 5 (7 p) (7 p)  
H.
- Manuscript box Horne, Richard Henry. ALS to 1839 Nov. 14 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
With R. H. Horne's ms. note on envelope. H.
- Manuscript box Horne, [Richard Henry]. ALS to 1843 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
H.
- Manuscript box Horne, Richard Henry. ALS to 1845 Mar. 1 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
H.
- Manuscript box Horne, Richard Henry. ALS to 1845 May 21 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
H.

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box Horne, Richard Henry. ALS to 1845 Nov. 2 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
H.
- Manuscript box Horne, Richard Henry. ALS to 1847 Sept. 3 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
With continuation of letter of envelope flap. H.
- Manuscript box Horne, Richard Henry. ALS to 1848 Apr. 21 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
H.
- Manuscript box Horne, Richard Henry. ALS to 1848 Oct. 28 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
H.
- Manuscript box [Horne], [Richard Henry]. ALS to 1849 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
H.
- Manuscript box [Horne], [Richard Henry]. ALS to [1849] Feb. 28 (3 leaves) (3 leaves)  
H.
- Manuscript box Horne, [Richard Henry]. ALS to. On scrap of paper n.d. (1 item) (1 item)  
H.
- Manuscript box Joy, Miss. ALS to 1836 Dec. 24 (3 p) (3 p)  
With engraved portrait of M. R. Mitford attached to letter. H.
- Manuscript box Kingsley, Charles. ALS to n.d. (3 p) (3 p)  
Accompanied by portrait of Miss Mitford. H.
- Manuscript box Lovejoy, Mr. ALS to 1840? June 2 (3 p) (3 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box Lucas, John. ALS to. Paper watermarked 1828 n.d. (1 p) (1 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box Lucas, John. ALS to. Mutilated [1829] May 1 (1 item) (1 item)  
B.
- Manuscript box Lucas, John. ALS to 1842 (1 p) (1 p)  
Encloses her: On Mr. Lucas's portrait of the late Countess of Burlington. Holograph poem [1842] 1 p.; B.
- Manuscript box [Lucas], [John]. ALS to 1852 (3 leaves) (3 leaves)  
B.
- Manuscript box Lucas, [John]. AL to 1853 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
Signed with initials. B.
- Manuscript box Lucas, John, introducing Arabella Barrett. ALS to n.d. (3 p) (3 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box Lucas, John. ALS to n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
B.
- Manuscript box [Smith], Dora. ALS to 1847 Mar. 12 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
B.
- Manuscript box Stoddard, R[ichard] H[enry]. ALS to 1853 Aug. 29 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
H.
- Manuscript box Williams, Miss. ALS to 1837? Aug. 31 (3 p) (3 p)  
H.
- Manuscript box [--?]. ALS to n.d. (4 leaves) (4 leaves)
- Incoming Correspondence
- Manuscript box Dyce, Alexander. 2 ALS to Mitford between Nov. 1854 and Jan. 1855; [n.d. (2 leaves; 1 p) (2 leaves; 1 p)  
H.
- Manuscript box Milman, H. H. ALS to Mitford 1834 June 15 (3 p) (3 p)  
B.

### Portraits

- Manuscript box **Engraving of Miss Mitford.** n.d. (1 item) (1 item)  
Attached to ALS to Miss Joy, Dec. 24, 1836. 3 p.; H.
- Manuscript box **Portrait of Miss Mitford** n.d. (3 p) (3 p)  
With ALS to Charles Kingsley, [n.d.] 3 p.; H.