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Guide to the

Samuel Richardson collection of papers

1746-1761

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Summary

Creator: Richardson, Samuel, 1689-1761

Title: Samuel Richardson collection of papers

Date: 1746-1761

Size: 20 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, as well as a pencil portrait of the author.

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Creator History

Samuel Richardson was an English novelist.

Custodial History

Previous owners include W. T. H. Howe and Owen D. Young.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and correspondence, as well as a pencil portrait

of the author. The manuscripts consist of essays and poems about the author by William Cowper, Lady Eliza Echlin, and Sir Walter Scott. The correspondence consists of letters, dating from 1746 to 1761, from the author to Elizabeth Carter and Lady Eliza Echlin. There are letters to Richardson from Elizabeth Carter, Colley Cibber, Edward Young and others, dating from 1749 to 1760.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Names

Richardson, Samuel, 1689-1761

Carter, Elizabeth, 1717-1806

Cibber, Colley, 1671-1757

Cowper, William, 1731-1800

Echlin, Elizabeth, Lady, 1704?-1782?

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

Scott, Walter, 1771-1832

Young, Owen D., 1874-

Container List

Manuscripts

Manuscripts written by Richardson

- Manuscript box "Dr. Cheyne, dated Jan. 21, 1742/3," "Extract from one of my letters to"
Holograph 1742 (1 p) (1 p)
On the verso is another holograph headed "Omitted in a letter to Mr. Hamlyn-1747"; Y.

Manuscripts relating to Richardson

- Manuscript box Cowper, William. Ode on reading Richardson's History of Sir Charles
Grandison. Holograph (?) copy of poem on p. 2-3 of his holograph (?) copy
of The four ages. A brief fragment of an extensive projected poem.
Possibly in Wiliam Hayley's hand? n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Y.

- Cased Echlin, Eliza, Lady. Lady Echlin's alterations for the improvement of
Richardson's Clarissa. Holograph. Mutilated n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
With: Richardson, Samuel. ALS to Lady Echlin, Feb. 14-18, 1755. 2 l.

- Manuscript box Scott, Sir Walter. Biographical sketch of Samuel Richardson. Incomplete
holograph n.d. (9 p) (9 p)
Y.

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

- Oversize (+) Carter, Elizabeth. ALS to 1753 Oct. 2 (3 p) (3 p)
H.
- Cased Echlin, Lady. LS to. With ms. corrections and additions in Richardson's
hand. Being "Some observations on Mr. Faulkner's State of the case
between him and me, as published by him, November 3." 1753 Nov. 24 (9 p) (9
p)
With: Richardson, Samuel. ALS to Lady Echlin, Feb. 14-18, 1755
- Cased Echlin, Lady. LS to. Relative to the case between Faulkner & Company
and himself 1754 Jan. 30 (1 item) (1 item)
With: Richardson, Samuel. ALS to Lady Echlin, Feb. 14-18, 1755
- Cased Echlin, Lady. ALS to 1755 Feb. 14 - 1755 Feb. 18 (1 item) (1 item)
Pencil portrait of Richardson mounted in volume. Y.
- Cased Echlin, Lady. ALS to 1755 Apr. 19 (1 item) (1 item)
With: Richardson, Samuel. ALS to Lady Echlin, Feb. 14-18, 1755
- Manuscript box [Echlin], [Lady Eliza]. ALS to 1756 Feb. 20 (1 item) (1 item)
H.
- Manuscript box [Echlin], [Lady Eliza]. ALS to 1756 Nov. 9 (1 p) (1 p)
Y.
- Manuscript box [Echlin?], [Lady Eliza]. ALS to 1758 June 23 (1 p) (1 p)
H.
- Cased Echlin, Lady. ALS to 1761 Apr. 5 (1 p) (1 p)
With: Richardson, Samuel. ALS to Lady Echlin, Feb. 14-18, 1755

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box Wescomb, Miss. ALS to 1746 Oct. 13 (1 item) (1 item)
Y.

Incoming Correspondence

Oversize (+) Carter, Elizabeth. ALS to Richardson 1753 Oct. 6 (3 p) (3 p)
With: Richardson, Samuel. ALS to Elizabeth Carter. Oct. 2, 1753. 3 p.

Manuscript box Cibber, Colley. ALS to Richardson 1749 [ie. 1750] Jan. 16 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Y.

Cased Letter to Richardson 1760 Sept. 4 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Signed Ethelinda, Charlotte and Henrietta. With: Richardson, Sameul. ALS to Lady Echlin.
Feb. 14-18, 1755

Manuscript box Young, Edward. 2 ALS to Richardson 1756 Apr. 27, 1758 May 21 (1 p. each) (1 p.
each)

Portraits

Cased Pencil portrait of Richardson mounted in volume n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
With ALS to Lady Echlin, Feb. 14-18, 1755. 2 l.; Y.