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Sir Leslie Stephen collection of papers

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Summary

Creator: Stephen, Leslie, 1832-1904

Title: Sir Leslie Stephen collection of papers

Date: 1859]-1939

Size: 849 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, a notebook for 1903 and 1904, and portraits.

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Creator History

Sir Leslie Stephen, the father of Virginia Woolf and Vanessa Bell, was an English literary editor, literary critic, essayist, and biographer.

Custodial History

Previous owners include Julia Prinsep Jackson Duckworth, Hugh Walpole, and Owen D. Young.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, correspondence, a notebook for 1903 and 1904, and portraits. The manuscripts include essays, lists, and miscellaneous materials. The bulk of the collection consists of letters from the author, dating from [1859] to 1901, to Robert Browning, Sir Hall Caine, Moncure Conway, Thomas Hardy, Stella Duckworth Hills, Margaret Raine Hunt, Maria Pattle Jackson, Sir Leslie's wife Julia Prinsep Stephen, the literary agency T. Fisher Unwin, and others, as well as letters relating to the author, dating from 1862 to 1939, between various correspondents, including Julia Margaret Cameron, Aubrey Thomas De Vere, Thomas Hardy, William Holman Hunt, Maria Pattle Jackson, Virginia Woolf, and others. There are letters to Sir Leslie from Charles Francis Adams, Robert Williams Buchanan, Julia Margaret Cameron, Charles Darwin, Francis Ysidro Edgeworth, Henry James, James Russell Lowell, Charles Eliot Norton, George Smith, Baron Hallam Tennyson, Thomas Whittaker, and others, dating from 1866 to 1902.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence
Notebooks

Names

Stephen, Leslie, 1832-1904
Adams, Charles Francis, 1835-1915
Browning, Robert, 1812-1889
Buchanan, Robert Williams, 1841-1901
Caine, Hall, Sir, 1853-1931
Cameron, Julia Margaret, 1815-1879
Conway, Moncure Daniel, 1832-1907
Darwin, Charles, 1809-1882
De Vere, Aubrey, 1814-1902
Duckworth, Stella
Edgeworth, Francis Ysidro, 1845-1926
Hardy, Thomas, 1840-1928
Hunt, Alfred William, Mrs., 1831-1912
Hunt, William Holman, 1827-1910
Jackson, Maria Pattle
James, Henry, 1843-1916
Lowell, James Russell, 1819-1891
Norton, Charles Eliot, 1827-1908
Smith, George, 1824-1901
Stephen, Julia Duckworth, 1846-1895
Tennyson, Hallam Tennyson, Baron, 1852-1928
Walpole, Hugh, Sir, 1884-1941
Whittaker, Thomas, 1856-1935
Woolf, Virginia, 1882-1941
Young, Owen D., 1874-

Container List

Manuscripts

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Cased | Memoranda end 1903. Holograph notebook. Last entry dated Feby. 04 1903 - 1904 (1 v) (1 v) |
| Manuscript box | Miscellaneous manuscript material n.d. (5 items) (5 items)
Came with the Sir Leslie Stephen correspondence to his wife Julia Prinsep (Jackson) Stephen |
| Oversize (+) | Science of ethics. Holograph. Preface at end of v. 2, ahead of Conclusion.
Bound n.d. (2 v) (2 v)
With Hugh Walpole's ms. inscription, dated July, 1940, on front fly-leaf. Hugh Walpole's bookplate |
| Manuscript box
(Stephen, L.) | Cambridge university. Trinity college. Mr. Duckworth's account with the Rev. V. H. Stanton, Midsr. 1889. Printed form filled out in ms. for George Herbert Duckworth 1889 Sept. 30 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed by Edmund H. Parker for John Mortlock & co.; Inscribed at top: "With Mr. Stanton's compliments"; Came with Sir Leslie Stephen's correspondence with his second wife, Julia Prinsep Jackson Duckworth |
| Manuscript box
(Lowell, J. R.) | Lowell memorial committee. Ms. list of names. Sir Leslie Stephen's (?) list for the James Russell Lowell memorial window in Westminster Abbey chapter house n.d. (2 p) (2 p)
With ms. notes on St. Botolph and St. Ambrose and artist's plan for window design; a letter from the glass painter to Sir Leslie Stephen, Dec. 2, 1893; also, reprint of G. G. Bradley, Dean of Westminster's letter to the Times, June 5, 1891 |
| Manuscript box
(Stephen, L.) | Unidentified manuscripts. "I know a street in Seville town." Manuscript poem in an unidentified hand n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Sir Leslie Stephen's correspondence with his second wife, Julia Prinsep Jackson |

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

- | | |
|--|---|
| Manuscript box | Browning, Robert. ALS to. Relating to Elizabeth Barrett Browning's works 1874 Jan. 29 (2 p) (2 p) |
| Manuscript box | Caine, Sir Hall. ALS to 1882 Dec. 27 (3 p) (3 p) |
| Manuscript box | Champneys, Mrs. ALS (draft) 1878 May 25 (3 p) (3 p) |
| Manuscript box | Conway, Moncure. ALS to 1893 Apr. 22 (4 leaves) (4 leaves)
Y. |
| Manuscript box | [Fields?], [Annie Adams]. ALS (copy?) to Mrs. Field. Mentions James Russell Lowell 1890 June 16 (3 p) (3 p) |
| (Hardy) In: A sheaf of Victorian letters written to Thomas Hardy | Hardy, Thomas. ALS to 1888 Jan. 10 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) |
| Manuscript box | Hills, Stella Duckworth. 2 ALS to his step-daughter 1897 Apr. 10, 1897 Apr. 13 (3 p. each) (3 p. each) |
| Manuscript box | Hunt, Margaret Raine. 2 ALS to 1875 Mar. 3, 1881 Dec. 27 (1 p.; 2 leaves) (1 p.; 2 leaves) |
| Manuscript box | Jackson, Maria Pattle. 11 ALS to his mother-in-law 1877 - [1881 (11 letters in 2 folders) (11 letters in 2 folders) |

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box (Jackson) Stephen, Julia Prinsep. 422 ALS (4 incomplete), 1 TLS, 56 AL (13 incomplete), 1 TL, 3 ANS, 4 AN (1 mutilated), 3 postcards, 1 miscellaneous piece to his wife 1877? Mar.] - 1895 Apr. 16 (491 letters in 96 folders) (491 letters in 96 folders)
Several letters contain notes to and from (ie. Dictated to Sir Leslie Stephen) his children. Letter of April 11, 1884 encloses: Bell, Vanessa (Stephen) ALS to her mother Julia Prinsep (Jackson) Stephen [April 11, 1884] 1 p. Folder 47
- Manuscript box (Jackson) Stephen, Julia Prinsip. 12 ALS, 4 ALS (fragment), 5 AL (incomplete) to [1877] - 1888 (21 letters in 3 folders) (21 letters in 3 folders)
- Manuscript box Macmillan and co. 2 ALS to 1859 Oct.], 1863 Jan. 15 (2 letters) (2 letters)
- Manuscript box Unwin, T. Fisher. 2 ALS, 1 ANS to 1891 Oct. 6 - 1901 Dec. 15 (2 leaves; 2 p.; 1 card) (2 leaves; 2 p.; 1 card)
- Manuscript box [--?]. ALS to 1880 Feb. 23 (2 p) (2 p)

Incoming Correspondence

- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Adams, Charles Francis. 2 ALS to Stephen. Letter of Nov. 15, 1897 relates to his grandfather, John Quincy Adams and Jeremy Bentham 1896 Jan. 11, 1897 Nov. 15 (4 leaves; 2 leaves) (4 leaves; 2 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Beeching, Henry Charles. ALS to Stephen 1900 Jan. 30 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Lowell, J.R.) Bradley, George Granville. ALS to Stephen. Relates to James Russell Lowell memorial ceremony 1893 Dec. 1 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Brooke, Stopford Augustus. ALS to Stephen. Relates to John Richard Green 1901 July 29 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Encloses: Brooke, Honor. AL, signed with initials, to her brother, Stopford Augustus Brooke. July 20, 1901. 6 leaves
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Brookfield, Jane Octavia. ALS to Stephen. Relates to her son Charles Brookfield Nov. 22 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box Buchanan, Robert Williams. 2 ALS to Stephen 1896 Apr. 10; [n.y] Mar. 24 (2 p. each) (2 p. each)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Cameron, Julia Margaret (Pattle). ALS to Stephen. Relates to engagement of correspondent to Julia Prinsep Jackson 1878 Feb. 5 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Also signed by Charles Hay Cameron
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Clark, Thomas H. ALS to Stephen 1895 Aug. 7 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Courthope, William John. ALS to Stephen 1896 Apr. 27 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Courtney, Leonard Henry Courtney, 1st baron. ALS to Stephen. Relates to Stephen's Life of Henry Fawcett 1885 Dec. 18 (7 p) (7 p)
- Manuscript box Darwin, Charles. ALS to Stephen. Relates to his controversy with Samuel Butler 1881 Jan. 11 (3 p) (3 p)
Accompanied by: Litchfield, Henrietta Emma (Darwin). ALS to Stephen. Jan. 10, 10, 1881. 15 p. Encloses: Darwin, Leonard. "My father writes as follows..." Holograph statement on Darwin-Butler controversy, [Jan. 1881] 2 p.
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Davies, E[--?] S[--?]. ALS to Stephen n.d. (3 p) (3 p)

Correspondence (cont.)

Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Edgeworth, Francis Ysidro. 2 ALS to Stephen 1902 Jan. 10, 1902 Jan. 12 (2 leaves; 7 p) (2 leaves; 7 p)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Firth, Sir Charles Harding. ALS to Stephen. Mentions Samuel Rawson Gardiner 1902 Mar. 10 (7 p) (7 p)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Godkin, Edwin Lawrence. ALS to Stephen 1895 Sept. 29 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box Gosse, Sir Edmund William. ALS to Stephen. Relates to the James Russell Lowell memorial ceremony 1893 Nov. 28 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Gray, John Chipman. ALS to Stephen 1901 Feb. 10 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box (Lowell, J. R.) Great Britain. Works and Public Buildings Office. Letter to Stephen. Relates to James Russell Lowell memorial at Westminster Abbey 1893 Nov. 17 (1 p) (1 p)
Accompanied by ms. list of guests, 2 leaves
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Haldane, Richard Burdon Haldane, 1st viscount. ALS to Stephen. Letter of condolence on death of Julia Prinsep Jackson Stephen 1895 Sept. 11 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Halévy, Elie. ALS to Stephen. Mentions John Stuart Mill July 10 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Hamilton, Stephen. ALS to Stephen 1892 May 15 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Encloses his: James Cotter Morison. Holograph, in an unidentified hand, undated. 9 p. This sketch formed the basis for the life of Morison in the DNB
- Manuscript box Howells, William Dean. ALS to Stephen 1890 July 7 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Hunt, William. ALS to Stephen June 19 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box Hutton, Arthur Wollaston. ALS to Stephen. Relates to Thomas Arnold, John Henry Newman, and James Fitzjames Stephen [1895?] June 17 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Huxley, Henrietta Anne (Heathorn). 2 ALS to Stephen. Relate to her husband Thomas Henry Huxley 1896 Jan. 12, 1896 Jan. 23 (3 leaves; 2 leaves) (3 leaves; 2 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Ilbert, Sir Courtenay Peregrine. ALS to Stephen 1897 Oct. 12 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Jackson, Henry. 2 ALS to Stephen 1901 Aug. 13, 1901 Aug. 17 (2 leaves each) (2 leaves each)
- Manuscript box James, Henry (1843-1916). ALS to Stephen. Relates to the James Russell Lowell memorial ceremony 1893 Nov. 29 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box James, William. ALS to Stephen 1898 Feb. 2 (7 p) (7 p)
- Manuscript box James, William. ALS to Stephen 1900 Dec. 6 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box James, William. ALS to Stephen 1901 June 29 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box James, William. ALS to Stephen June 10 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box Knowles, James Thomas. ALS to Stephen. Relates to correspondent's brother Sir James Fitzjames Stephen 1894 May 27 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Laviosa, G. ALS to Stephen. In Italian 1897 Dec. 30 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Leconflet, Charles. 2 ALS to Stephen. In French. Relate to Alexis Charles Henri Clérel de Tocqueville 1896 Jan. 16, 1896 Jan. 21 (3 leaves; 5 p) (3 leaves; 5 p)

Correspondence (cont.)

Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Legouis, Emile Hyacinthe. 2 ALS to Stephen. Relate to William Wordsworth 1896 June 15, 1897 Feb. 6 (2 leaves; 2 p) (2 leaves; 2 p)
- Manuscript box Lowell, James Russell. 30 ALS to Stephen 1866 Apr. 10 - 1891 June 21 (30 letters in 6 folders) (30 letters in 6 folders)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Maitland, Frederic William. 2 ALS to Stephen 1902 Feb. 25, 1902 Mar. 22 (3 p.; 2 p) (3 p.; 2 p)
- Manuscript box Norton, Charles Eliot. 51 ALS to Stephen. Many letters relate to James Russell Lowell 1875 Dec. 13 - 1903 Dec. 11 (51 letters in 10 folders) (51 letters in 10 folders)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Ormsby, John. ALS to Stephen 1887 Oct. 8 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Orr, Alexandra (Leighton), ["Mrs. Sutherland Orr"]. ALS to Stephen. Relates to John Stuart Mill's opinion of Robert Browning's Pauline 1891 May 31 (4 leaves) (4 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Paul, Herbert Woodfield. ALS to Stephen 1902 June 5 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Read, Carveth. ALS to Stephen 1898 July 17 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Sidgwick, Henry. ALS to Stephen 1895 June 12 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Smith, George (1824-1901). 5 ALS to Stephen. Relate to William Makepeace Thackeray 1879 June 18 - 1883 Dec. 31 (5 letters) (5 letters)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Smith, Goldwin. ALS to Stephen. Relates to Hugh[?] Blair Nov. 1 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Smith, Horace. ALS to Stephen. 1898 Oct. 6 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Stephen, Alfred. 2 ALS to his cousin, Leslie Stephen 1892 Nov. 21, 1894 Apr. 23 (2 leaves each) (2 leaves each)
- Manuscript box Stephen, James Kenneth. ALS to Stephen 1877 Oct. 4 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
With: Stephen's ANS to his wife, Julia Prinsep Jackson Stephen, at end
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Sterling, Hester J. 2 ALS to Stephen 1896 Nov. 7, 1896 Nov. 14 (2 leaves each) (2 leaves each)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Stillman, Marie. ALS to Stephen Aug. 8 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Sully, James. ALS to Stephen 1900 Apr. 1 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Sutherland, Alexander (1852-1902). ALS to Stephen 1898 Aug. 31 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Taylor, Sir Henry. ANS to Stephen 1877 Apr. 17 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Tennyson, Hallam Tennyson, 2nd baron. ALS to Stephen. Relates to Tennyson's biography of his father, Alfred Tennyson 1897 Oct. 12 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Traill, Henry Duff. ALS to Stephen 1899 Feb. 28 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Venn, John. ALS to Stephen 1900 Mar. 27 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Wallace, William. ALS to Stephen 1897 Feb. 10 (3 leaves) (3 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Ward, Sir Adolphus William. ALS to Stephen 1896 Apr. 11 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box Ward, Mary Augusta Arnold. ALS to Stephen 1897 Jan. 11 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Correspondence (cont.)
Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box (Woolf) Watts, George Frederick. AL to Stephen. Annotated by Virginia Woolf 1896 Aug. 2 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Signed Signor
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Whittaker, Thomas. ALS to Stephen 1901 Feb. 23 (3 leaves) (3 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Wilson, Henry. ALS to Stephen 1896 Aug. 10 (1 p) (1 p)
Encloses his ms list of "clerical errors" in Stephen's Social rights and duties. 1 p.

Related Correspondence

- Manuscript box Burke, Florence. ALS to Virginia Woolf. Mentions Sir Leslie Stephen 1928 Apr. 30 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Enclosed in: Woolf, Virginia. 465 ALS, 10 TLS, 20 postcards to Vanessa Stephen Bell. 1907?-1940. Letter of May 9 [1928] Folder 67
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Cameron, Julia Margaret (Pattle). ALS to her sister, Maria Pattle Jackson. Relates to engagement of Julia Prinsep Jackson and Leslie Stephen 1878 Feb. 6 (18 p) (18 p)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Cameron, Julia Margaret (Pattle). ALS to her sister, Maria Pattle Jackson. Relates to correspondent's engagement to Leslie Stephen 1878 Feb. 5 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box De Vere, Aubrey Thomas. 3 ALS to Maria Pattle Jackson 1863 Sept. 16 - 1871 Jan. 9 (2 leaves; 4 leaves; 4 leaves) (2 leaves; 4 leaves; 4 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Stephen, L.) Glazebrook, R[?] T[?]. ALS to George Herbert Duckworth 1890 Apr. (2 p) (2 p)
Came with Sir Leslie Stephen's correspondence with his second wife, Julia Prinsep Jackson Duckworth
- Manuscript box Hardy, Thomas. 2 ALS to Virginia Woolf. Mention Sir Leslie Stephen 1915 Jan. 20, 1924 June 6 (1 leaf each) (1 leaf each)
- Manuscript box Hunt, William Holman. 6 ALS (1 mutilated) to Maria Pattle Jackson 1862 July 14 - 1872 Nov. 28 (6 letters) (6 letters)
- Manuscript box Lowell, James Russell. 124 ALS to Julia Prinsep Jackson Stephen 1881 Mar. 2 - 1891 May 10 (124 letters in 40 folders) (124 letters in 40 folders)
Includes 2 ALS to Sir Leslie Stephen. Letter of Aug. 22, 1888 includes a note to the writer's god-daughter, Virginia Woolf
- Manuscript box (Woolf) Seton, D. ALS to Julia Prinsep Jackson Stephen. Relates to correspondent's husband, Sir Leslie Stephen 1889 Sept. 20 (3 leaves) (3 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Woolf) Smith, C. Ross. ALS to Virginia Woolf. Relates to Sir Leslie Stephen 1939 May 10 (4 p) (4 p)

Portraits

- (Woolf) Dickinson, Violet. [Album of photographs] Contains 8 photographs, including Virginia Woolf, Leslie Stephen, and herself n.d. (1 v) (1 v)
With her holograph notes, undated. 16 p.
- (Woolf) Hills, Stella (Duckworth). Album of photographs. Contains 55 photographs of Leslie Stephen's family, including Virginia Woolf. Two photographs include Henry James n.d. (1 v) (1 v)