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Guide to the

Jane Williams manuscript material

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Summary

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· Ownership signature in her copy of P. B. Shelley's Posthumous Fragments of Margaret Nicholson (1810) : [no date] : (S'ANA 1113) : "J. Hogg" in ink on the half-title. Shelved as *Pforz 557L 02.

· To Claire Clairmont, of the Shelley circle : 16 letters : -- 1 autograph letter signed "JH" : 3 May [1842] : (S'ANA 0131) : 3 pages (double sheet) : [no place] : begins, "I write a line in the greatest haste to entreat you not to think unkindly of our silence[.]" -- 1 autograph letter unsigned : 9 May [1842] : (S'ANA 0132) : 6 pages (1 double sheet, 1 single sheet) : [no place] : begins, "About a week ago I wrote you a rambling sort of letter which must have caused you to come to the right conclusion that I was pretty nearly mad." -- 1 autograph letter unsigned : 19 Jun [1842] : (S'ANA 0133) : 3 1/_ pages (double sheet) + envelope : [no place] : begins, "I seize the first moment I have had for the last week to tell you that we are all well: girl and boy." -- 1 autograph letter unsigned : 4 Jul 1842 : (S'ANA 0134) : 4 pages (double sheet) + envelope : [no place] : begins, "About a fortnight ago I sent you the cement together with a few lines announcing the news you were anxious to know" -- 1 autograph letter signed "J Hogg" : 20 Jul 1842 : (S'ANA 0135) : 4 pages (double sheet) : [no place] : begins, "I daresay you will have been surprised at my long silence" -- 1 autograph letter unsigned : 22 Jul 1842 : (S'ANA 0136) : 4 pages (double sheet) + letter cover : [no place] : begins, "I yesterday forwarded the letter you wished me to write and I earnestly hope it will answer every purpose." -- 1 autograph letter unsigned : 29 Jul 1842 : (S'ANA 0137) : 3 pages (double sheet) : [no place] : begins, "A circumstance has arisen that makes it imperative for Dina to leave England as fast as possible" -- 1 autograph letter unsigned : 24 Aug [1842] : (S'ANA 0138) : 2 1/_ pages (double sheet) : [no place] : begins, "You will wonder dear Claire at my silence after your kind & satisfactory letter -- God forbid I shd attempt to describe to you what I have gone through since it came!" -- 1 autograph letter unsigned : [13 Sep 1842] : (S'ANA 0139) : 4 pages (double sheet) : [no place] : begins, "I have been cruelly ill ever since I wrote to you unable to look up with nervous head ache's Cholera & every thing else." -- 1 autograph letter signed "J Hogg" : 28 Jun 1852 : (S'ANA 0143) : 3 1/_ pages (double sheet) + envelope : from Clifton Road, St. John's Wood : begins, "I write to you in the confident belief that nothing stands between ruin to my poor Dina and her family, save the kindness of your heart" -- 1 autograph letter signed "J Hogg" : 12 Aug [1852] : (S'ANA 0144) : 3 1/_ pages (double sheet) : [no place] : begins, "I saw Thornton Hunt on Sunday last and told him of the application I had made to you for a loan to Dina of £200 in order to extricate her husband from pressing difficulties." -- 1 autograph letter signed "JH" : 23 Sep [1854] : (S'ANA 0146) : 5 pages (1 double sheet, 1 single sheet) + envelope : [no place] : begins, "Having read your letter to Henry I think it better to reply to that portion of it regarding myself directly" -- 1 autograph letter signed "J Hogg" : 1 Jan 1855 : (S'ANA 0147) : 4 pages (double sheet) + envelope : from 33 Clifton Road : begins, "I must begin by wishing you many many happy new years that is, if my wish embodies your own." -- 1 autograph letter signed "JH" : 19 Jan 1855 : (S'ANA 0148) : 3 1/_ pages (double sheet) + envelope : [no place] : begins, "I am only able to write a line to say how entirely I concur in all your opinions about Dina & the children" -- 1 autograph letter signed "Jane" : 16 Feb [1855] : (S'ANA 0150) : 4 pages (double sheet) + envelope : [no place] : begins, "I have been vainly trying to command a quiet half hour to answer your letter" -- 1 autograph letter signed "J Hogg" : 19 Aug 1857 : (S'ANA 0151) : 4 pages (double sheet) + envelope : [no place] : begins, "I have to apologise for having left your kind note so long unanswered. I am truly rejoiced to hear of the safe arrival of your niece".

· To Leigh Hunt, poet, journalist, and literary critic : -- 2 letters : -- 1 autograph letter signed "J. Hogg" : 27 Jun 1838 : (S'ANA 0257) : 3 1/_ pages (double sheet) : from 12 Maida Place, Edgware Rd. : begins, "As the cruel fates prevented my saying to you the other evening all that my heart said on the subject of your kind offer to me, I resolved to write" -- 1 autograph letter signed "J. Hogg" : 18 Dec [1842] : (S'ANA 0258) : 3 pages (double sheet) : from 33 Clifton Road : begins, "I thank you for your letter. The sad contents were indeed made known to me by my unhappy child last week".

· To Rosalind Hunt, her daughter : 4 letters : -- 1 autograph letter signed "Mama" : 30 Nov [1850's] : (S'ANA 0141) : 4 pages (double sheet) : [no place] : begins, "I love the tone of your letter it is such as befits a child of mine to write" -- 1 autograph letter unsigned : 4 Feb [1851] : (S'ANA 0142) : 1 page (double sheet) : [no place] : with mourning border; begins, "I wrote you a line this morn.g my

dearest Dina announcing the death of my beloved friend Mrs Shelley" -- 1 autograph letter signed "Mama" : 5 Sep [1854] : (S'ANA 0145) : 4 pages (double sheet) : [no place] : begins, "Herewith £3. it will help you on & I will send 3 more in about 10 days" -- 1 autograph letter unsigned : 8 Feb [1855] : (S'ANA 0149) : 4 1/_ pages (1 single sheet, 1 double sheet) + envelope : [no place] : begins, "I was too wicked & cruel to say a word to you about my money woes but it came out in one of those moments when the pen runs mechanically without waiting for the hearts dictation."

· To Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, novelist : 1 autograph letter signed "JH" : 27 Feb [1849] : (S'ANA 0140) : 4 pages (double sheet) : [no place] : begins, "Dina begged I would forward the enclosed to you some days ago" The enclosed note from Dina (H'ANA 0028) now filed under "Rosalind Hunt"; the letter from Mary Shelley forwarding Dina's note to Claire Clairmont (MWS 0137) filed under "Mary Shelley."

· To Percy Bysshe Shelley, poet : 1 autograph letter signed "JW" : 6 Jul [1822] : (S'ANA 0130) : 2 1/_ pages (double sheet) : [from Leric] : begins, "Your few melancholy lines have indeed cast your own visionary veil over a countenance that was animated with the hope of seeing you return with far different tidings." Filed along with an autograph note by W. M. Rossetti (S'ANA 1087) explaining how he obtained the Williams letter, "the last letter wh. Jane Williams . . . wrote to Shelley."

· To "Madam" : 1 autograph letter (draft, unfinished) : [no date] : (S'ANA 0579) : 3 1/_ pages (double sheet) : [no place] : begins, "When you called at my house this morn.g I was visiting my niece who is still so ill as to require the application of leeches to her chest".

Key Terms

Names

Clairmont, Claire, 1798-1879

Hunt, Leigh, 1784-1859

Hunt, Rosalind, 1821-1880

Nugent, Maria, Lady, 1771?-1834

Rossetti, William Michael, 1829-1919

Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft, 1797-1851

Shelley, Percy Bysshe, 1792-1822

Williams, Jane, 1798-1884