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**Pforzheimer Library
Acquisition Records, 1918-1986**

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Summary

Main Entry: Pforzheimer Library

Title: Acquisition Records, 1918-1986

Size: 5.5 linear feet

Source: The Carl and Lily Pforzheimer Foundation, Inc.

Abstract: Book acquisition records of the library of Carl H. Pforzheimer included are invoices and purchase memoranda and acquisitions lists concerning items in the Carl H. Pforzheimer Shelley and his Circle Collection (which was transferred to The New York Public Library) as well as other works purchased for the Pforzheimer library.

Historical Note

Carl H. Pforzheimer (1879-1957) began collecting books while in his early teens. In the second, third and fourth decades of the 20th Century, he assembled one of the most distinguished rare book and manuscript libraries of English and American literature, including important milestones in intellectual progress. His library included the contents of the catalog The Carl H. Pforzheimer Library: English Literature, 1475-1700 (1940), now at the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, Austin, Texas, and the material relating to "Shelley and his Circle" now at The New York Public Library (catalog in process, 1990). The library, continued after his death by the Carl and Lily Pforzheimer Foundation, Inc., also included rare continental incunables and 16th Century books, various 18th Century landmarks of English literature, George Gissing, Bruce Rogers, other fine printing, and some splendid examples of original artwork used as book illustration.

Container List

Box 1	Invoices and purchase memoranda	1918-1926
	Oversize Volume	"1927-1930
Box 2	"	1930-1951
Box 3	"	1951-1967
Box 4	"	1968-1970
Box 5	"	1974-1982
Box 6	Book Acquisition Lists	1918-1986