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Guide to the

George Eliot collection of papers

1841-1899 [bulk 1841-1879]

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Summary

Creator: Eliot, George, 1819-1880

Title: George Eliot collection of papers

Date: 1841-1899 [bulk 1841-1879]

Size: 235 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 a manuscript, correspondence, a diary for 1879, notebooks, and financial documents.

Physical Location: *Z-10345 [Microfilm]

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Creator History

George Eliot was a British novelist, poet and essayist, born Mary Ann Evans on November 22, 1819. She first used the pseudonym "George Eliot" for the second installment of "Amos Barton" in Blackwood's Magazine, in 1858.

Custodial History

The bulk of the materials is from W. T. H. Howe, Owen D. Young, and Blanche Colton Williams. The notebook containing Lewes's notes for "Problems of Life and Mind" contains a presentation note signed "Kate, Sara, & Tony" on a card of Mr. and Mrs. John Hay Whitney. The typed copy of the letter to George Smith is a gift of Anne Fremantle, who received it from Elizabeth Smith Thompson.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of a manuscript, correspondence by and about the author, a diary for 1879, notebooks, and financial documents. The collection includes a holograph diary for 1879; a notebook labeled "Miscellanies" on spine and "Quotations, Latin, English & Greek - and Hebrew Matters" on front cover; and a holograph notebook of notes for volume IV of George Henry Lewes's "Problems of life and mind." It also includes Lewes's literary receipt book with entries in his hand for April, 1841-1878 followed by a summary of his income, 1855-1878 in George Eliot's hand, and Lewes's record of investments and dividends at end. Included are two receipts acknowledging payment of royalties from Harper's for the author's work. The collection's single manuscript is Algernon Charles Swinburne's manuscript draft on the deaths of Thomas Carlyle and George Eliot. The correspondence, dating from 1841 to 1879, includes letters from the author to Barbara Leigh Smith Bodichon, John Chapman, Sir Richard Owen, Bessie Parkes, Frances Trollope and others, as well as a copy of a typed letter to George Smith. Also included are letters relating to the author, dating from 1859 to 1880, between various correspondents including William Allingham, D. J. O'Donaghue, John Fiske, Mary Fisk Green Stoughton, Benjamin Jowett, Harriet Martineau, and others. There are letters to Eliot from C. H. Bray, Emily Ellsworth Ford, Sara Hennell, Calvin Ellis Stowe, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and others, dating from [1859?] to 1880.

Key Terms

Names

Eliot, George, 1819-1880
Allingham, William, 1824-1889
Belloc, Bessie Rayner, 1829-1925
Bodichon, Barbara Leigh Smith, 1827-1891
Bracebridge, Selina
Bray, C. H.
Carlyle, Thomas, 1795-1881
Chapman, John, 1822-1894
Fiske, John, 1842-1901
Ford, Emily Ellsworth (Fowler), 1826-1893
Fremantle, Anne, 1909-2002
Hennell, Sara S.
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Jowett, Benjamin, 1817-1893
Lewes, George Henry, 1817-1878
Martineau, Harriet, 1802-1876
O'Donaghue, D. J.
Owen, Richard, 1804-1892
Smith, George, 1824-1901
Stoughton, Mary Fiske Bound Green
Stowe, C. E. (Calvin Ellis), 1802-1886
Stowe, Harriet Beecher, 1811-1896
Swinburne, Algernon Charles, 1837-1909

Trollope, Frances Milton, 1780-1863
Whitney, John Hay
Williams, Blanche Colton, 1879-1944
Young, Owen D., 1874-

Container List

Manuscripts

Diaries

- Cased Diary for 1879. Holograph 1879 (1 v) (1 v)
H.

Manuscripts

- Manuscript box Swinburne, Algernon Charles. [On the deaths of Thomas Carlyle and George Eliot]. Holograph draft n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
On verso of next to last leaf of his: Athens. An ode. Holograph draft. B.

Notebooks

- Cased Notebook with label "Miscellanies" on spine and "Quotations, Latin, English & Greek - and Hebrew matters" on front cover. Holograph. Probably used for Daniel Deronda. 20 cm. 1868 (305 p) (305 p)
Y.
- Cased Notes for Vol. IV of [George Henry Lewes's]. Problems of life and mind. Holograph notebook. Title from label on front cover. n.d. (50 p) (50 p)
With: Presentation note signed "Kate, Sara, & Tony" on card of Mr. And Mrs. John Hay Whitney, inserted. Whitney, J. H.

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

- Manuscript box Bodichon, Barbara Leigh Smith. 138 ALS to. Contains: Lewes, G. H. ALS to Barbara Leigh Smith Bodichon. Holly lodge [Smith Fields, Wandsworth] March 6, 1860. 2 l. [1853] - 1880 Aug. 18 (26 folders) (26 folders)
- Manuscript box Bodichon (?), Barbara Leigh Smith. ALS to ca. 1876? (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box [Call?], [Rufa Brabant]. ALS to 1866 June 5 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed "M. E. Lewes"; Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
- Manuscript box Call, Mrs. [Rufa Brabant]. ALS to 1870 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed "M. E. Lewes"; Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
- Manuscript box Chapman, [John]. ALS to [1851] Apr. 4 (3 p) (3 p)
Signed "Marian Evans"; Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
- Manuscript box [Chapman], [John]. ALS to [1851] June 15 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed "Marian Evans"; Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
- Manuscript box [Chapman], [John]. ALS to 1853 Dec.? (5 p) (5 p)
Signed "Marian Evans"; Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
- Manuscript box [Chapman], [John]. ALS to 1855 June 25 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed "Marian Evans"; Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
- Manuscript box [Chapman], [John]. ALS to [1855] June 27 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed "Marian E."; Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
- Manuscript box Crompton, Harry. ALS to [1867?] Oct. 17 (1 p) (1 p)
Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
- Manuscript box Gilchrist, Mrs. Alexander. ALS to [1871] May 9 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed "M. E. Lewes"; Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
- Manuscript box Harrison, [Frederic]. ALS to 1879 Dec. 3 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed "M. E. Lewes"; Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
- Manuscript box Hennell, Sara. ALS to 1867 Sept. 2 (1 item) (1 item)

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Inserted in: Eliot,
George. Scenes
of clerical life.
Edinburgh and
London, 1858. V.
1, copy 2

Manuscript box

[Jackson], Martha [H.]. ALS to 1841 May 21 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed "Clematis"

Inserted in: Eliot,
G. The mill on the
floss. Edinburgh
and London,
1860. Copy 1, v. 1

Manuscript box

Maurice, the Rev. F. D. ALS to [1868] Aug. 30 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed "M. E. Lewes"; Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg

Owen [Sir Richard Owen], Prof. ALS to 1860 Jan. 22 (1 item) (1 item)

Parkes, Bessie. 7 ALS to. 1 postmarked June 23, 1852; 4 dated May 15
[1853], Dec. 27 [1853], July 19, 1857, and Dec. 25 [n.y.]; 2 undated 1852
June 23 - 1857 July 19 (7 items) (7 items)
H.

Manuscript box

Senior, Mrs. ALS to 1866 Dec. 11 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed "M. E. Lewes"; Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg

Manuscript box

Senior, Mrs. ALS to 1868 Mar. 14 (1 item) (1 item)
Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg

Inserted in her:
Silas Marner.
Edinburgh and
London, 1861.
Copy 1

Manuscript box

Sibree, John. ALS to 1848 Feb. 11 (1 item) (1 item)

Smith, George. TL (copy) to. Original in the Princeton University Library
1866 Dec. 23 (2 p) (2 p)
Published in The George Eliot letters, ed. Gordon S. Haight. New Haven: Yale University
Press, 1955. Vol. 4, p. 324-325; Gift of Anne Fremantle, who received it from Elizabeth Smith
Thompson

Manuscript box

Trollope, Frances. ALS to 1879 Dec. 19 (1 item) (1 item)
H.

Inserted in her:
The legend of
Jubal. Edinburgh
and London,
1874. Copy 3

Manuscript box

Trollope, Mrs. [Thomas Adolphus]. ALS to 1864 May 15 (1 item) (1 item)

Tru[e]bner, Nikolaus. ALS to 1879 June 13 (2 p) (2 p)
H.

Incoming Correspondence

Manuscript box

Bancroft, George. ALS to Mrs. Lewes [George Eliot] 1874, early July (3 p) (3 p)
Encloses ALS from Edward L. Burlingame to George Bancroft, requesting biographical data
about George Eliot, New York, June 27, 1874. 2 leaves. Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg

Manuscript box
(Eliot)

Belloc, Bessie W. ALS to Marian [George Eliot] 1876 Dec. 31 (3 p) (3 p)
Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg

Manuscript box
(Eliot)

Betham-Edwards, Matilda Barbara. AL to Eliot Apr. 30 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Signed M. B. Edwards. Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg

Manuscript box
(Eliot)

Bray, Caroline Hennell. AL to Marian [George Eliot] 1859? (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Signed with initials. Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg

Manuscript box
(Eliot)

Bray, C. H. AL to Marian [George Eliot] [1860?] July 8 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Signed "Cara"; Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg

Manuscript box
(Eliot)

Bray, C. H. AL to Marian [George Eliot] 1869? (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Signed "Cara"; Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg

Correspondence (cont.)
Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box (Eliot)	Bray, C. H. AL to Marian [George Eliot] [1876?] Sept. 9 (4 leaves) (4 leaves) Signed "Cara"; Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
Manuscript box (Eliot)	Bray, C. H. AL to Marian [George Eliot] 1880 May 10 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Signed "Cara"; Accompanied by ANS from her sister, Sara Hennell, to Pollian [George Eliot], May 14, 1880. 1 p.; Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
Manuscript box (Eliot)	Bray, C. H. AL to Marian [George Eliot] [1880?] June 17 (3 p) (3 p) Signed "Cara"; Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
Manuscript box (Eliot)	Burne-Jones, Georgiana (Macdonald), Lady. ALS to Mrs. Lewes [George Eliot] 1868 Sept. 19 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
Manuscript box (Eliot)	Collection of ten letters from various correspondents to George Eliot. One letter is undated 1874 May 3 - 1877 June 13 (10 items) (10 items) List of correspondents (1 p.) from the Blanche Colton Williams material, laid in. Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
Manuscript box (Eliot)	Duhring, Julia. ALS to Eliot 1876 June 20 (3 p) (3 p) Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
Manuscript box (Eliot)	Ford, Emily Ellsworth (Fowler). 2 ALS to Eliot [1874] March 24, 1874 July 23 (3 p. each) (3 p. each) Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
Manuscript box (Eliot)	Gurney, Edmund. ALS to Eliot. Dated "Monday" n.d. (1 item) (1 item) Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
Manuscript box	Harrison, Frederic. ALS to Eliot [1869] June 5 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
Manuscript box (Eliot)	Hennell, Sara. ALS to Pollian [George Eliot] 1868 Nov. 22 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
Manuscript box (Eliot)	Hennell, Sara. ALS to Pollian [George Eliot] 1872 Nov. 20, 1872 Nov. 21 (4 leaves) (4 leaves) Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
Manuscript box (Eliot)	Howland, Marie. ALS to Eliot 1874 May 30 (3 p) (3 p)
Manuscript box (Eliot)	Johnston, William Preston. ALS to Mrs. Lewes [George Eliot] 1878 Aug. 9 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
Manuscript box (Eliot)	Jowett, Benjamin. ALS to Mrs. Cross [George Eliot] 1880 May 21 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
Manuscript box (Eliot)	Meeker, N. C. ALS to Mrs. Lewes [George Eliot] 1876 June 23 (3 p) (3 p) Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
Manuscript box	Norton, Susan. ALS to Mrs. Lewes [George Eliot] [1869] June 17 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
Manuscript box	Ritchie, Anne Isabella Thackeray, Lady. ALS to Mrs. Lewes [George Eliot] Oct. 17 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
Manuscript box (Eliot)	Rollins, Alice (Wellington). ALS to Mrs. George H. Lewes [George Eliot] 1878 July 6 (2 p) (2 p) Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg
Manuscript box (Eliot)	Sewall, John S. ALS to Mrs. Lewes [George Eliot] 1874 May 15 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg

Correspondence (cont.)

Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

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| Manuscript box
(Eliot) | Shedden-Ralston, W. R. AL to Mrs. Cross [George Eliot] 1880 June 2 (1 leaf)
(1 leaf)
Signed W. R. S. Ralston. Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg |
| Manuscript box | Smith, George. ALS to Eliot 1880 Sept. 23 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg |
| Cased | Stowe, Calvin Ellis. ALS to Eliot 1872 July 31 (3 leaves) (3 leaves)
H. |
| Manuscript box | Stowe, Calvin Ellis. ALS to Eliot 1874 Aug. 20 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H. |
| Cased | Stowe, Harriet Elizabeth Beecher. 14 ALS to Eliot 1869 Apr. 15 - [n.y.] Apr. 23
(14 items) (14 items) |
| Manuscript box | Turgenev, Ivan Sergeyevich. ALS to Eliot 1874 Feb. 25 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg |
| Manuscript box | Turgenev, Ivan Sergeyevich. ALS to Eliot 1880 May 8 (1 p) (1 p)
Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg |
| Manuscript box | Ward, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. ALS to Mrs. Lewes [George Eliot] 1875 July
27 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg |

Related Correspondence

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| Manuscript box | Allingham, William. ALS to D. J. O'Donaghue after 1879 (3 p) (3 p)
Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg |
| Manuscript box | Fiske, John. ALS to his mother [Mary Fisk Green Stoughton]. Mentions
George Eliot 1873 Dec. 3 (1 item) (1 item)
B. |
| Manuscript box
(Eliot) | Jowett, Benjamin. ALS to Mrs. Cross [probably John Cross's mother] 1876
Feb. 16 (2 p) (2 p)
Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg |
| Manuscript box | Martineau, Harriet. ALS to Mrs. Bracebridge. Relates to George Eliot 1859
Oct. 25 (1 item) (1 item)
Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg |

Financial Documents

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| Cased | Lewes, G. H. [Literary receipt book]. Entries in Lewes' hand, April, 1841-
1878. 34 p. Followed by summary of his income, 1855-1878 in George
Eliot's hand, 3 p. Lewes' record of investments, dividends, 9 p. at end 1841 -
1878 (1 v) (1 v)
Williams, Blanche Colton. Berg |
| Manuscript box
(Eliot, G.) | Lewes, Gertrude. Receipts (2), acknowledging payment of royalties from
Harper's for George Eliot's works. Gertrude Lewes is Charles Lewes' wife
1896 Mar. 4, 1899 Nov. 10 (2 items) (2 items) |