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Leigh Hunt collection of papers

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Summary

Creator: Hunt, Leigh, 1784-1859

Title: Leigh Hunt collection of papers

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Size: 151 items

Source: This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources.

Abstract: This is a synthetic collection that includes manuscripts and correspondence.

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Creator History

Leigh Hunt was an English poet, essayist, literary critic, journalist, translator, editor and prose writer during the early nineteenth century. He spent two years in prison, from 1813 to 1815, after slandering the Prince Regent in an *Examiner* editorial. Hunt was the editor of the *Examiner* from 1808 until 1821.

Custodial History

The bulk of the materials was previously owned by W. T. H. Howe and Owen D. Young. The Hunt family letters were previously owned by E. P. Gaston.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection that includes manuscripts and correspondence by, to, and about Hunt and the Hunt family. The manuscripts include holographs of poems; notes; "Recollections and Memorandums Written during my Imprisonment in Surrey Jail"; an account of an amateur performance at Manchester for the benefit of Leigh Hunt; a manuscript poem by Charles Lamb in Lamb's hand; a translation by Hunt of Torquato Tasso's poem, "Amyntas"; and miscellaneous autograph material. The correspondence includes letters, dating from 1806 to [1859], from the author to Arthur Brooke, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Lord Byron, Henry Colburn, John Forster, R. H. Horne, Marianne Hunt (Leigh Hunt's wife), Henry Moxon, Charles Ollier, Edmund Ollier, and others. The correspondence also includes letters relating to the author, dating from 1772 to 1883, between various correspondents including William Harrison Ainsworth, Thornton Leigh Hunt, George Henry Lewes, A. S. Procter, and Mrs. Russell Sturgis, as well as letters to and from members of the Hunt family, relations in America and others, most of the letters relating to property at Port Royal near Philadelphia, left to Leigh Hunt and his brothers through his mother, Mary Shewall. There are letters to Hunt from Robert Browning, Lord Byron, Charles Dickens, John Hunt, John Keats, Charles Lamb, Walter Savage Landor, Percy Bysshe Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin Shelley, William Makepeace Thackeray, and others dating from 1813 to 1859.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Names

Hunt, Leigh, 1784-1859
Ainsworth, William Harrison, 1805-1882
Brooke, Arthur
Browning, Elizabeth Barrett, 1806-1861
Browning, Robert, 1812-1889
Byron, George Gordon Byron, Baron, 1788-1824
Colburn, Henry, -1855
Dickens, Charles, 1812-1870
Forster, John, 1812-1876
Gaston, E. P
Gaston, E. P.
Horne, R. H. (Richard H.), 1802-1884
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Hunt, John, 1775-1848
Hunt, Marianne Kent, 1787-1857
Hunt, Thornton Leigh, 1810-1873
Keats, John, 1795-1821
Lamb, Charles, 1775-1834
Landor, Walter Savage, 1775-1864
Lewes, George Henry, 1817-1878
Moxon, Henry
Ollier, Charles, 1788-1859
Ollier, Edmund, 1827-1886
Procter, Anne Benson, 1799-1888
Shelley, Percy Bysshe, 1792-1822
Sturgis, Julia Overing Boit
Thackeray, William Makepeace, 1811-1863

Wollstonecraft, Mary, 1759-1797

Young, Owen D., 1874-

Container List

Manuscripts

Manuscripts written by Hunt

- Manuscript box Autograph material, misc.: two wrappers, one with signature, and 3 envelopes with his initials n.d. (5 items) (5 items)
One signed wrapper, 3 envelopes with initials. H.
- Regular & Oversize (+) Abou Ben Adhem. Holograph copy of the poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
H.
- Manuscript box Cardinal's dance, The. Holograph poem n.d. (5 p) (5 p)
Inscribed by Harriet (?) Martineau, 1844
- Cased Descent of liberty, The. Incomplete holograph. Corrected early proof of first sheet, corrected later revise of first two sheets, for the 1815 edition, laid in. The proof title-pages have imprint "London: Printed for James Cawthorn, 1815." 1815 (98 p) (98 p)
H.
- Oversize box (+) Dreams on the borders of the land of poetry. Holograph n.d. (10 p) (10 p)
With: ALS to Lord Holland. Chelsea, July 5 [n.y.]
- Manuscript box Fragment on his health, Holograph. n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
H.
- Manuscript box Giafar. To Percy Bysshe Shelley. Holograph poem n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
First published with title Jaffar in The New Monthly Magazine, Feb., 1850. Y.
- Cased Jar of honey: Chapter 12, A. Holograph, the first page wanting n.d. (36 p) (36 p)
H.
- Cased "Look up once more and feel his flame revive". Incomplete holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
H.
- Cased Memorandum of an agreement for publishing between Leigh Hunt and J. and Charles Whiting of Beaufort house. Holograph 1830 May 21 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.
- Manuscript box Notes. Holograph. 1830 Mar. 12 (6 lines) (6 lines)
Signed. H.
- Cased Notes of a lover of books. Garth & other lettered physicians. 5 p. of holograph (5 p) (5 p)
H.
- Inserted in: Hunt, Leigh, comp. Readings for railways. London [1849] Copy 1
Manuscript box Of love to God and man. n.d. (7 p) (7 p)
- Manuscript box Of prayer and thanksgiving n.d. (5 p) (5 p)
H.
- Cased Recollections & memorandums written during my imprisonment in Surrey jail [14th to 19th March, 1813]. Holograph 1813 Mar. 14 - 1813 Mar. 19 (10 p) (10 p)
H.
- Manuscript box [Religion of the heart]. Holograph of the preface n.d. (5 p) (5 p)
Signed

	Manuscripts (cont.)
	Manuscripts written by Hunt (cont.)
Manuscript box	To Hampstead: Winter has reached thee once again at last. Holograph poem. 1814 Nov. (1 p) (1 p) First published in The Examiner, Dec. 18, 1814, as "Sonnet to Hampstead. IV"; H.
Inserted in his: Men, women, and books. London, 1847. V. 2	To Hampstead. Holograph poem. 1815 May (1 p) (1 p)
Oversize (+)	To the Right Honourable Lord Byron, on his departure for Italy & Greece. 1816 Apr. 13 (3 leaves) (3 leaves) With: Byron. 3 ALS to John Murray. [n.p.] Oct. 2, 1813. 1 p., Ravenna [Italy] Jan. 2, 1820. 1 p., [n.p., 1813?] 1 p.
Inserted in his: Men, women, and books. London, 1847. V. 1	To the same. Holograph poem 1814 Aug. (1 p) (1 p)
Inserted in: Hunt, Leigh. Stories from the Italian poets. London, 1846. V. 2	Translation of The jealousy of Orlando, from Ariosto's Orlando. Incomplete holograph. n.d. (9 p) (9 p)
Cased	Vision, A. Incomplete holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p) H.
(Dickens)	Manuscripts relating to Hunt Amateur performance at Manchester for the benefit of Leigh Hunt. Statement of account. 1847 Aug. 25 (1 item) (1 item) H.
Manuscript box	[Lamb, Charles]. To my friend, The Indicator. Holograph poem to Leigh Hunt. n.d. (1 p) (1 p) Signed with "*****"; Y.
Cased	Tasso, Torquato. Amyntas. Translation by Leigh Hunt. Holograph. n.d. (113 p) (113 p) Bound with: Tasso, T. Amyntas, a tale of the woods. London: For T. and J. Allman, 1820. 1st ed., 1st (?) issue.
	Correspondence
	Outgoing Correspondence
Oversize (+)	[Adams], Junius Redivivus [William Bridges]. ALS to 1831 Dec. 1 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) With: ALS to Lord Holland. [Chelsea] July 5 [n.y.]
Oversize (+)	[Adams], [Sarah] Flower [Mrs. William Bridges]. 2 ALS to Feb. 7; Feb. 12 (7 p.; 2 leaves) (7 p.; 2 leaves) With: Hunt, Leigh. ALS to Lord Holland. Chelsea, July 5 [n.y.]
Cased	Bentham, Jeremy. ALS to 1831 May 26 (3 p) (3 p) H.
Oversize (+)	Blanchard, Laman. AN to n.d. (1 letter) (1 letter) With: ALS to Lord Holland. [Chelsea] July 5 [n.p.]
Cased	[Bowring], Dr. Bowring [Sir John]. 2 ALS to 1830 Dec. 21 - 1831 Feb. 10 (3 p) (3 p) H.
Cased	Brooke, Arthur. ALS to 1823 Apr. 9 (3 p) (3 p) H.
Manuscript box	Brooke, Arthur. ALS to 1825 Mar. 12 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) H.
Manuscript box	Brooke, Arthur. ALS to 1833 Jan. 11 (1 p) (1 p) H.

	Correspondence (cont.)
	Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)
Manuscript box	Browning, Mrs. E. B. Copies, in unknown hand, of 5 letters of Leight Hunt: 1 to 1858 Nov. 26 - 1859 Jan. 27 (7 p) (7 p) With: 1 ALS to C. Knight, 3 ALS to Frederick Locker-Lampson. H.
Manuscript box	Bryon, Lord. ALS to 1822 Jan. 27 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Y.
Manuscript box	Chatelain, Chevalier Jean Baptiste Francois Ernest de. ALS to May 26 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Manuscript box	H.
Manuscript box	Colburn, [Henry]. AL, in the third person, to 1825 May 28 (1 p) (1 p) B.
Manuscript box	Colburn, [Henry]. Draft of a letter to Jan. 15 (3 p) (3 p) H.
Manuscript box	Cunningham, Peter. ALS to [1845] June 17 (1 p) (1 p) H.
Manuscript box	Dalby, Mr. ALS to [1856] Sept. 27 or [1857] Sept. 27 (1 p) (1 p) H.
Manuscript box	Dalby, Mr. ALS to [1859] June 6 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.
Cased	Dodd, James. ALS to Feb. 14 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.
Manuscript box	Drake, W. R. ALS to July 20 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Cased	Forster, John. ALS to. Relates to Thackeray's Vanity fair [1847?] Dec. 7 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Oversize (+) (Dickens)-B. In: Kitton, F. G. Charles Dickens by pen and pencil. London, 1890-92. Copy 2, v. 2	Harral, Horace. ALS to Apr. 2 (1 p) (1 p)
Oversize (+)	Holland, Lord. ALS to July 5 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) With: Ivory miniature, wash drawing, and engravings of Hunt. Y.
Manuscript box	Horne, R. H. ALS to 1837 July 19 (2 p) (2 p) H.
Manuscript box	Horne, R. H. ALS to [1844?] Feb. 18 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.
Inserted in: Hunt, Leigh. Imagination and fancy. 3rd ed. London, 1846. Copy 2	Horne, R. H. ALS to Nov. 24 (3 p) (3 p)
Manuscript box	Hunt. 75 manuscript letters to and from members of the Hunt family, relations in America and others, most of the letters relating to property at Port Royal near Philadelphia, left to Leigh Hunt and his brothers through his mother, Mary Shewall. 1772 - 1883 (75 letters) (75 letters) Some signed. E. P. Gaston; Howe.
Manuscript box	Hunt, Marianne. ALS incomplete to his wife 1806 Feb. (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.
Oversize (+)	Hunt, Marianne. 4 ALS to his wife 1813 Apr. 26 - 1813 June 7 (4 letters) (4 letters) The first letter with postscript to his son Thornton, on last leaf; Y.

	Correspondence (cont.)
	Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)
Oversize (+)	Hunt, Marianne. 8 ALS to his wife 1813 May 4 - 1813 June 11 (8 letters) (8 letters) With his: ALS to Lord Holland. [Chelsea] July 5 [n.y.]
Manuscript box	Hunt, Marianne. ALS to his wife 1829 Oct. 8 (2 p) (2 p) H.
Manuscript box	Hunt, Marianne. ALS to his wife 1832 Aug. 10 (1 p) (1 p) H.
Manuscript box	Hunt, Marianne. ALS to his wife [1852?] June 23 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) H.
Manuscript box	Hunt, Marianne. ALS to his wife [1852?] June 25 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.
Manuscript box	Hunt, Marianne. ALS to his wife [1852?] July 8 (2 p) (2 p) H.
Manuscript box	Hunt, Marianne AL to his wife Aug. 30 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) H.
Manuscript box	Hunter, John. ALS to Aug. 2 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.
Oversize (+)(Dickens)-B. In: Kitton, F.G. Charles Dickens by pen and pencil. London, 1890-92. Copy 2, v. 2	Jones, W[--?]. ALS to July 5 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Oversize (+)(Dickens)-B. In: Kitton, F.G. Charles Dickens by pen and pencil. London, 1890-92. Copy 2, v. 2	Kaye, J[--?] W[--?]. ALS to Feb. 10 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	[Latimer?], [Isaac]. ALS to [1857?] Apr. 25 (1 p) (1 p) H.
Oversize (+)(Dickens)-B. In: Kitton, F.G. Charles Dickens by pen and pencil. London, 1890-92. Copy 2, v. 1	Lumley, G[--?]. ALS to [1842] May 18 (1 p) (1 p)
Oversize (+)	Mathews, Mrs. Charles. 2 ALS to 1837 Dec. 7, 1837 Dec. 9 (5 p.; 1 p) (5 p.; 1 p) With: ALS to Lord Holland. [Chelsea] July 5 [n.y.]
Oversize (+)	Morgan, Mr. ALS to 1828 Nov. 25 (1 p) (1 p) With: LS to Lord Holland. [Chelsea] July 5 [n.y.]
Manuscript box	Moxon, Henry. ALS to [1833] Aug. 16 (1 p) (1 p) H.
Oversize (+)(Dickens)-B. In: Kitton, F.G. Charles Dickens by pen and pencil. London, 1890-92. Copy 2, v. 1	Moxon, Henry. ALS to Jan. 7 (3 p) (3 p)
Cased	Ollier, Charles. ALS to 1840 Mar. (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.

	Correspondence (cont.)
	Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)
Cased	Ollier, Charles. ALS to 1843 Apr. 13 (3 p) (3 p) H.
Manuscript box	Ollier, Charles. ANS to 1846 Aug. 20 (1 p) (1 p) H.
Manuscript box	Ollier, [Charles]. ALS to 1848 June 6 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.
Manuscript box	Ollier, Charles. Copy of a letter to him from Hunt in hand of Ollier. 1851 June 19 (3 p) (3 p) H.
Manuscript box	Ollier, [Charles]. ANS to 1853 Aug. 24 (1 p) (1 p) H.
Manuscript box	Ollier, [Charles]. ALS to [1856] May 2 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.
Manuscript box	Ollier, [Charles]. ALS to 1858 May 27 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.
Oversize (+)	Ollier, Charles. ALS to Feb (2 leaves) (2 leaves) With: ALS to Lord Holland. Chelsea, July 5 [n.y.]
Manuscript box	Ollier, Edmund. ALS to [1859] Feb. 17 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) With: ALS to Edmund. Y.
Manuscript box	[Ollier], Edmund. ALS to [1859] Feb. 24 (3 p) (3 p) H.
Manuscript box	[Ollier], Edmund. ALS to [1859] June 20 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.
Oversize (+)	Philippart, Sir John. 2 ALS to 1857 Dec. 29 - 1858 Jan. 7 (1 leaf; 1 p) (1 leaf; 1 p) With: ALS to Lord Holland. Chelsea, July 5 [n.y.]
Oversize (+)	Procter, Anne Skepper. ALS to May 28 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) With: ALS to Lord Holland. Chelsea, July 5 [n.y.]
Inserted in his: A jar of honey from Mount Hybla. London, 1848. Copy 3	[publisher?], ALS to his Dec. 17 (3 p) (3 p)
Cased	R[--?], T[--?] W[--?]. ALS to 1836 Jan. 28 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) H.
Cased	Roberts, Capt. ALS to 1822 July 16 (1 p) (1 p) H.
Oversize (+)	Stritch, Bartholomew. ALS to 1820 July 10 (1 p) (1 p) With: ALS to Lord Holland. Chelsea, July 5 [n.y.]
Manuscript box	Twalmley, Miss. ALS to 1837 July 20 (3 p) (3 p) H.
Oversize (+)(Dickens)-B. In: Kitton, F.G. Charles Dickens by pen and pencil. London, 1890-92. Copy 2, v. 2	Watts, Alaric A[--?]. ALS to 1827 Sept. 13 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Oversize (+)	Wilson, John. ALS to Aug. 2 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) With: ALS to Lord Holland. Chelsea, July 5 [n.y.]

	Correspondence (cont.)
	Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)
Oversize (+) In: Moran, Mrs. E. R. Album of autographs and sketches	[--?]. ALS to 1846 Sept. 22 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Cased	[--?]. ALS to Jan. 4 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.
Manuscript box	[--?]. ALS to June 4 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Inserted in: Heads of the people. London, 1840-41. 1st ed. In book form. Copy 2, vol. 1	[--?]. ALS to July 28 (3 p) (3 p)
Oversize (+)	[--?]. ANS to Sept. 26 (1 p) (1 p) With: ALS to Lord Holland. Chelsea, July 5 [n.y.]
Manuscript box	[--?]. ALS to. Mentions John Keats Nov. 19 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
	Incoming Correspondence
Manuscript box	Ainsworth, W. H. ALS to Hunt 1843 Dec. 13 (3 p) (3 p) H.
Cased	Browning, Robert. ALS to Hunt Aug. 20 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Harry Bache Smith bookplate; H.
Manuscript box	Bulwer-Lytton, Edward George Earle Lytton, 1st baron Lytton. AL to Hunt May 28 (1 p) (1 p) Signed "Edw. Lytton Bulwer"
Cased	Byron, George Gordon Noel Byron, 6th baron. ALS to Hunt. Actual date 1822 1823 Sept. 15 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) H.
Cased	Campbell, Thomas. ALS to Hunt 1826 Aug. 11 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) H.
Cased	Carlyle, Thomas. ALS to Hunt. Facsimile? 1850 June 17 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.
Inserted in his: Leigh Hunt and Harold Skimpole. [n.d.]	Dickens, Charles. ALS to Hunt 1859 June 23 (1 p) (1 p)
Inserted in his: Oliver Twist. London, 1838. Copy 4, vol. 1	Dickens, Charles. ALS to Hunt n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
Manuscript box	Hunt, John. ALS to his brother Leigh Hunt 1823 (3 p) (3 p) H.
Manuscript box	Hunt, John. ALS to his brother Leigh Hunt 1824 Dec. 21 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) H.
Manuscript box	Hunt, John. ALS to his brother Leigh Hunt 1836 June 30 (3 p) (3 p) H.
Manuscript box	Hunt, John. ALS to his brother Leigh Hunt 1837 Aug. 12 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) H.
Manuscript box	Hunt, John. ALS to his brother Leigh Hunt 1837 Sept. 20 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Pencil tracing laid in H.
Manuscript box	Hunt, John. ALS to his brother Leigh Hunt. Mutilated 1839 Aug. 31 (1 p) (1 p) H.

	Correspondence (cont.)
	Incoming Correspondence (cont.)
Manuscript box	Hunt, John. ALS to his brother Leigh Hunt n.d. (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.
Manuscript box	Hunt, John. ALS to his brother Leigh Hunt n.d. (3 p) (3 p) H.
Manuscript box	Hunt, Marianne. ALS to her husband [1813] [May] 7 - [1813][May] 9 (3 p) (3 p) H.
Manuscript box	Hunt, Marianne. ALS to her husband 1835 Aug. 22 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.
Manuscript box	Keats, John. ALS to Hunt 1820 Aug. (1 p) (1 p) Y.
Cased	Lamb, Charles. 2 ALS to Hunt 1826 May 4, [1827] [Dec. 11? (1 p. each) (1 p. each) H.
Oversize (+)	Landor, Walter Savage. ALS to [Leigh Hunt] n.d. (2 p) (2 p) With poem "To Joseph Ablett...", on p. 1-3. H.
Manuscript box	Procter, Bryan Waller. 2 ALS to Hunt [1835], 1855 Oct. 2 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
(Hunt, L.)	Severn, Joseph. ALS to Hunt 1823 June 26 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.
(Hunt, L.)	Severn, Joseph. ALS to Hunt 1824 May 20 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) H.
Inserted in: Hunt, Leigh. Table-talk. London, 1851. Copy 1	Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin. ALS to Hunt n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Shelley, Percy Bysshe. ALS to Hunt 1821 Feb. 17 or [1822?] Feb. 17 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Y.
Oversize (+)	Shelley, Percy Bysshe. ALS to Hunt 1818 Dec. 22 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Herbert S. Leon bookplate; H.
Manuscript box	Thackeray, William Makepeace. ANS to Hunt. Date should read 1848 1847 Jan. 3 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) H.
Manuscript box	Thackeray, William Makepeace. ALS to Hunt 1847 July? (1 p) (1 p) H.
Manuscript box	Thackeray, William Makepeace. ALS to Hunt 1847? (1 p) (1 p) H.
	Related Correspondence
Manuscript box	Ainsworth, William Harrison. ALS to [--?] relating to Leigh Hunt 1859 Aug. 4 (3 p) (3 p)
Manuscript box	Lewes, George Henry. 7 ALS to Thornton Leigh Hunt ca. 1849 (7 letters in 1 folder) (7 letters in 1 folder) With: 5 ALS to Thornton Leigh Hunt from Larken Edmund Roberts; ANS by George Henry Lewes in one of Edmund R. Larken's letters.
Manuscript box	Procter, A. S. ALS to Mrs. Russell Sturgis regarding Leigh Hunt and Nathaniel Hawthorne. 1855 Oct. 2 (2 p) (2 p) Deming; Berg
	Portraits
Oversize (+)	Wilkie, Sir David. [Hunt, Leigh]. Original water color portrait n.d. (1 item) (1 item) Measures 19.5 x 12.5 cm.; with: Hunt, Leigh. ALS to Lord Holland. Chelsea, July 5 [n.y.]. Y.