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## Carl H. Pforzheimer Collection of Shelley and His Circle

Guide to the

### Thomas De Quincey manuscript material

1811-1853

Pforz MS

## Summary

**Creator:** De Quincey, Thomas, 1785-1859

**Title:** Thomas De Quincey manuscript material

**Date:** 1811-1853

**Size:** 15 items

**Abstract:** Holograph essay, "Continuation of the Note XYZ" : [w/m = 1821] : (S'ANA 0011) : 3 p. ; begins, "I take this opportunity of mentioning a favorite scheme of mine ...".

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## Creator History

Thomas De Quincey, English writer. Best known for his *Confessions of an English Opium Eater* (1822). De Quincey counted Wordsworth and Coleridge among his friends, and his biographical accounts of the two poets helped to establish their reputations in the later 19th century.

## Scope and Content Note

Holograph essay, "Continuation of the Note XYZ" : [w/m = 1821] : (S'ANA 0011) : 3 p. ; begins, "I take this opportunity of mentioning a favorite scheme of mine ...".|||Holograph revisions to a portion of his article, "Modern Superstition" : no date : (MISC 3614) : original long revised galley proof ; the text comprises p. 343-345 of the article.|||To the editor of *The Advertiser* : 1 draft letter : 16 Mar 1852 : (MISC 3615) : begins, "Then comes a good review of Sir Charles Napier's 'Administration of Lands' ; with an unrelated fragment glued on to the bottom.|||To a Miss Agnes : 1 autograph letter signed : 5 Mar 1853 : (MISC 0661) : begins, "Florence is writing to you ...".|||To James Brown, Penrith bookseller : 1 autograph letter signed : 8 Feb 1811 : (MISC 2001) : regarding Coleridge and *The Friend*. Brown published *The Friend* in Penrith.|||To Florence Bairdsmith, De Quincey's youngest daughter : 1 autograph letter signed : 23 Feb 1847 : (MISC 1782) : begins, "You say - 'How goes Bunny?'".|||To J. A. Hessey, publisher, with John Taylor, of the *London Magazine* from 1821-1825 : 2 autograph letters

signed : -- [no date] : (MISC 1303) : begins, "I was so ill last night from want of Dr. Darling's Medicines ... " -- 19 Jan [1823?] : (MISC 1884) : begins, "I feel quite unable to come out at present ...".|||To Charles Knight, publisher and writer : 1 autograph letter signed : 6 Apr 1826 : (MISC 3613) : discussing his opium addiction and financial disasters.|||To John James Morgan, friend of Coleridge : 1 autograph letter signed : 17 Jan 1813 : (MISC 1913) : asking after a copy of the syllabus for Coleridge's lectures at the Surrey Institution.|||To a J. J. Smith : 1 autograph letter signed : 25 Feb 1836 : (MISC 0103) : regarding the raising of a loan.|||To Thomas Noon Talfourd, writer, judge, and politician : 1 autograph letter signed : 5 Mar 1840 : (MISC 0104) : regarding Coleridge ; concerning his personality, writings, and plagiarism charges. A small bust photograph of De Quincey has been affixed to the letter.|||To John Wilson [pseud. Christopher North], author and journalist : 1 autograph letter signed : 10 Jun 1826 : (MISC 0200) : regarding his money troubles and low amount of literary output.|||To an unknown recipient : 1 autograph letter signed : 20 Dec 1851 : (MISC 3783) : an invitation to visit, and mentioning his recently published writings in "Mr. Hogg's Instructor".|||To unknown recipients : 2 autograph signatures : (MISC 3467) : one with his Oxford address in Latin, on blue paper pamphlet cover ; one apparently cut from a letter, mounted on to a small slip of paper.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Authors, English -- 19th century -- Correspondence

### **Titles**

De Quincey, Thomas : manuscript material

### **Names**

De Quincey, Thomas, 1785-1859  
 Bairdsmith, Florence De Quincey, 1827-1904  
 Brown, James, of Penrith, fl. 1808-1837  
 Coleridge, Samuel Taylor, 1772-1834  
 Hessey, J. A. (James Augustus), 1785-1870  
 Morgan, J. J. (John James)  
 Talfourd, Thomas Noon, 1795-1854  
 Wilson, John, 1785-1854