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Guide to the

Jane Gibson Shelley, Lady Shelley manuscript material

1851-1889

Pforz MS

Summary

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- Holograph corrections, alterations and notes in Pforzheimer copy 10 of Hogg's Life of Shelley : [ca. 1858?] : (S'ANA 0392) : two volumes, with many excised leaves and parts of leaves, some missing and some laid in; including a cancellation and note signed "J. S." on page 56 of volume I; with a number of leaves laid in from Lady Shelley's Shelley Memorials, and a clipping from the Athenaeum. Shelved as *Pforz BT (Shelley, J.) 02.

- To Isabella Baxter Booth, childhood friend of Mary Shelley : 1 autograph letter : 20 Feb 1851 : (S'ANA 0065) : 2 pages (double sheet) : from 24 Chester Square : on the death of Mary Shelley; begins, "You must allow me to address you thus intimately, for although personally unknown to you yet I know that you were beloved by the sweet darling who has been so early taken from us ..."; enclosing a lock of Mary Shelley's hair (no longer present); with thick mourning border.

- To A. H. Dooley, proprietor of the Opera House bookstore in Terre Haute, Indiana : 1 autograph letter signed : 17 Oct 1876 : (S'ANA 0069) : 4 pages (double sheet) : from Boscombe Manor, Bournemouth, Hants. (embossed stationery) : on the subject of an engraving of Marianne Hunt's bust of Shelley; begins, "In answer to your note concerning the portrait of Shelley first advertised in Mr. Forman's edition of the Poems. I must tell you that it was withdrawn at Sir Percy's request as it was in fact no portrait of Shelley ..."; with the stamped, postmarked envelope.

- To Leigh Hunt, poet, journalist and critic : 1 autograph letter signed : 7 Jul 1858 : (S'ANA 0066) : 5 pages (1 double sheet; 1 single sheet) : from Boscombe : on Hogg's Life of Shelley; begins, "I have greatly to thank you for the packet received this morning -- it is the only thing I have yet read at all descriptive of my own feelings with regard to Hogg's book ...".

- To Thornton Leigh Hunt, journalist, son of Leigh Hunt : 2 letters : -- 1 autograph letter signed : "Friday night" [1862?] : (S'ANA 0067) : from 103, Victoria Street S. W. (embossed stationery) : regarding Shelley letters; begins, "I have to apologize for not having sent you what you required -- the fact is that I can find nothing that I should really consider of a business nature ..." -- 1 autograph letter signed : 3 May [watermark = 1862] : (S'ANA 0068) : from 103, Victoria Street S.W. (embossed stationery) : on her and Sir Percy's "answer to Peacock already in the press"; begins, "I should have answered your note last night, but I was ill ...".

- To Wilfrid Meynell, publisher, editor and writer : 1 autograph letter signed : 31 Aug 1878 : (S'ANA 0268) : 2 1/_ pages (double sheet) : from Boscombe Manor, Bournemouth, Hants. (embossed stationery) : begins, "Thank you much for your note & the pretty volume accompanying it ..."; with the stamped, postmarked envelope.

- To Edward Moxon, publisher and poet : 1 autograph letter signed : 24 Feb 1857 : (S'ANA 0186) : 3 pages (double sheet) : from Boscombe : begins, "Some few years ago when we had the pleasure of seeing you at Boscombe you expressed a regret that no life had been written of Shelley -- The only person who could do this with any degree of truth, is his early college friend Jefferson Hogg ...".

- To Mrs. Rashleigh : 1 autograph letter signed : [no date] : (S'ANA 1079) : 4 pages (double sheet) : [no place] : regarding a copy of a Mary Shelley letter; begins, "I fear you must think me a horrid brute for never having even said "thank you" for your most kind letter, containing the copy I wished ...".

- To Mr. Smith : 1 autograph letter signed : 10 Jul 1881 : (S'ANA 0070) : 6 1/_ pages (2 double sheets) : from Shelley House, Chelsea Embankment. S. W. (embossed stationery) : on portraits of Shelley, and a Shelley memorial; begins, "On my return from the country last night I found your note & kind gift for

which accept my best thanks ...".

· To Anna Swanwick, translator, writer, and social reformer : 1 autograph letter signed : 24 Dec 1881 : (S'ANA 0740) : 3 1/_ pages (double sheet) : from Shelley House, Chelsea Embankment, S.W. (embossed stationery) : begins "I have been trying to get to you for many days - but I am forbidden to drive out in the cold ...".

· To the Rev. H. G. West, Bournemouth : 1 autograph postscript signed : 19 Nov 1886 : (S'ANA 0611) : 2 1/_ pages (double sheet) : from Boscombe Manor, Bournemouth, Hants. (embossed stationery) : written on pages 2-4 of lettersheet, following autograph letter signed by Sir Percy to West; Lady Shelley begins, "P.S. In case I should not be able to see you or Mrs. West ..." Filed under "Percy Florence Shelley".

· To Thomas James Wise, book collector and forger : 1 autograph letter signed : 10 Jun 1889 : (S'ANA 0071) : 2 1/_ pages (double sheet) : from Boscombe Manor, Bournemouth, Hants. (embossed stationery) : begins, "I regret very much not to have forwarded before this one subscriptions to the Shelley Society ..."; with mourning border.

Key Terms

Titles

Shelley, Jane Gibson Shelley, Lady : manuscript material

Names

Booth, Isabella Baxter, 1795-
Dooley, A. H., active 1863-1912
Hunt, Leigh, 1784-1859
Hunt, Thornton Leigh, 1810-1873
Meynell, Wilfrid, 1852-1948
Moxon, Edward, 1801-1858
Shelley, Jane Gibson Shelley, Lady, -1899
Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft, 1797-1851
Shelley, Percy Bysshe, 1792-1822
Swanwick, Anna, 1813-1899
West, H. G
Wise, Thomas James, 1859-1937