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Guide to the

Washington Irving manuscript material

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Summary

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Abstract: Washington Irving, American author, essayist, biographer and historian. · Holograph biography, History of the Life and Voyages of Christopher Columbus : [circa 1828] : (MISC 0813) : fifty-two holograph pages within five folio volumes; the rest of the manuscript in divers hands of various copyists. Shelved with oversized manuscript volumes.

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· Holograph biography (fragment), Chapter XXII from his Life of George Washington : [circa 1855?] : (MISC 0677) : in ink; on sheets of varying sizes, mounted to 21 leaves within a brown half pebble-grain calf binding, spine gilt, with marbled boards. Narrative text begins, "While affairs were approaching a crisis in Virginia, troubles were threatening from the north." Shelved under "Irving" with bound manuscript materials.

· Holograph page from his Life of George Washington : [circa 1855?] : (MISC 3983) : one page,

numbered "231," with some cancellations and emendations; begins, "Ravaging incursions from Canada had harassed the northern parts of the State of New York of late" Tipped into the grangerized copy of Hazlitt's Spirit of the Age. Shelved with bound manuscripts under "Hazlitt."

- Holograph page from his History of the Life and Voyages of Christopher Columbus : [before 1828] : (MISC 3536) : one page, numbered "335," with some cancellations; begins, ". . . the country, while the Spaniards who remained loyal, fearing conspiracies among the natives".

- Holograph announcement signed : [on or after 13 November 1851] : (MISC 0651) : one page; in his capacity as president of "Friends of the Late J. Fenimore Cooper," a committee formed to create a monument to Cooper in New York; announcing that Henry Grinnell will act as Treasurer; endorsed by committee Secretary Rufus W. Griswold.

- Autograph notes on the Tower of London : [no date] : (MISC 4490) : 1 page (double sheet) : [no place] : begins, ". . . to [also?] - Quanto plus afflictionis pro Christo in hoc saeculo, tanto plus gloriae cum Christo in futuro" Briefly discusses carved memorial of Lady Jane Grey.

- To Messrs. Lea & Blanchard, Philadelphia booksellers : 1 autograph letter signed : 21 July 1841 : (MISC 0008) : from New York; begins, "I have to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of your Mr. Lea of July 17th relative to a second edition of Miss Davidson's Memoirs, &c. . . .".

- To Henry Brevoort, his friend : 1 autograph letter signed : 8 June 1811 : (MISC 0653) : from New York; begins, "L'Herbette has just informed me of an opportunity which departs today, of writing to you."

- To Anne Murray, wife of the publisher John Murray : 1 autograph letter signed : [29 November 1829?] : from Chandos Street; begins, "I have delayed replying to your obliging invitation to dinner".

- To John Murray, publisher : 2 letters : -- 1 autograph letter signed : 22 December 1823 : (MISC 1332) : from Rue Richelieu, Paris; begins, "I wrote to you some short time now on the subject of the Arabian tales"; mentioning his hopes to furnish "a brace more of volumes of the Sketch Book in the course of the spring"--1 autograph letter signed : 1 May 1841 : (MISC 1356) : from New York; begins, "Permit me to make you acquainted with Mr. Thomas W. Stearns, who has recently married a favorite niece of mine".

- To Mary Shelley, novelist : 1 autograph letter third person : 28 May 1830 : (S'ANA 0251) : from 8 Argyll Street; saying that he "will have great pleasure in waiting on her on Monday evening".

- To Moses Thomas, Philadelphia bookseller : 1 autograph letter signed : 3 May 1816 : (B'ANA 0230) : from Liverpool; begins, "Inclosed you have a bill of lading of a Box and a paper parcel of periodical works forwarded by the ship Margaret"; also saying that he is sending "three different editions of Lord Byron's last poems," and mentioning Hebrew Melodies and The Curse of Minerva.

- To an unidentified niece or nephew : 1 autograph closing and signature : [no date] : (MISC 4023.15d) : a tiny fragment from an autograph letter; reads, "Your affectionate uncle, Washington Irving." Mounted in the Mary Ann Humble Autograph Album. Shelved with oversized manuscript volumes.

- To "My dear Sir" : 1 autograph letter signed : 2 Dec 1829 : (MISC 0328) : from Chandos Street; begins, "I regret that I must again decline an invitation to dine with you"; also, "I cannot but express how much I was delighted last night by the acting and appearance of Miss E[llen] Tree".

Key Terms

Subjects

Authors, American -- 19th century -- Correspondence

Names

Brevoort, Henry, 1782-1848

Byron, George Gordon Byron, Baron, 1788-1824. Works. Works.

Cooper, James Fenimore, 1789-1851 -- Appreciation.

Grey, Jane, Lady, 1537-1554

Griswold, Rufus W. (Rufus Wilmot), 1815-1857

Irving, Washington, 1783-1859 -- Correspondence.

Murray, Anne, 1782-1845

Murray, John, 1778-1843

Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft, 1797-1851

Thomas, Moses, 1787-1865

Lea & Blanchard