



The New York Public Library
Carl H. Pforzheimer Collection of Shelley and His Circle

Guide to the

Joanna Baillie manuscript material

1814-1850

Pforz MS

Summary

Creator: Baillie, Joanna, 1762-1851

Title: Joanna Baillie manuscript material

Date: 1814-1850

Size: 17 items

Abstract: Joanna Baillie, Scottish playwright and poet. Some of the Pforzheimer Collection's Joanna Baillie manuscripts have been published, either in Judith Bailey Slagle's edition of *The Collected Letters of Joanna Baillie* (1999), or in Thomas McLean's *Further Letters of Joanna Baillie* (2010). When possible, items in this finding aid are listed with page references to the printed publications. Researchers are strongly encouraged to consult the published editions before requesting manuscripts.

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Language of the Material: English

Related Materials:

In addition to the items listed in this finding aid, The New York Public Library holds Joanna Baillie manuscripts in other divisions, including the Manuscripts and Archives Division and the Henry W. and Albert A. Berg Collection of English and American Literature. Consult those divisions separately for information and access.

Creator History

Joanna Baillie, Scottish playwright and poet.

Custodial History

Only two of the Pforzheimer Collection's Joanna Baillie manuscripts were bought by the Collection's founder, first Carl H. Pforzheimer (1879-1957). Both items were letters purchased in the early 1950s, and both were somewhat incidental acquisitions. The letter to Mary Hunter, Irish autograph collector, came with a cache of correspondence solicited by Hunter from various authors of the period. The letter to Miss Murray came with purchases from the sale of the autographs of Hallam Murray (1854-1934), of the John Murray family publishing firm.

Between 1957 and 1986, eight Joanna Baillie letters, including the two mounted within the Martin Archer Shee Autograph Album, were acquired under the auspices of the Pforzheimer Foundation. Since the Pforzheimer Collection's 1986 arrival to The New York Public Library, seven additional Joanna Baillie letters have been added. Because the Pforzheimer Collection collects actively, its holdings in Joanna Baillie manuscript material may grow in the future as items become available for acquisition.

Scope and Content Note

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Key Terms

Subjects

Dramatists, Scottish -- 19th century

Poets, Scottish -- 19th century

Names

Baillie, Sophia Denman, 1771-1845

Benger, E. (Elizabeth), 1778-1827

Delpierre, Sophia Jane Lateward, 1806 or 1807-1890

Holford, Miss (Margaret), 1778-1852

Howitt, Mary (Mary Botham), 1799-1888

Hunter, Mary, of Belfast

Montgomery, Mary Millicent, 1787-1868

Richards, Frances Eliza, -1851

Shee, Martin Archer, 1769-1850

Container List

Correspondence

To Sophia Denman Baillie, her sister-in-law:

Autograph letter signed [no date]

Pforz MS (MISC 1915.33v) (2 pages single sheet)

[No place]; begins, "I have committed a most stupid mistake in asking Col. Charlewood for Saturday the 13th instead of Saturday the 20th. . . ." Mounted on leaf 33 verso of the Lawrence of Lower Dredgeman Hill autograph album.

Shelved under "Lawrence" with bound manuscript volumes

To Elizabeth Ogilvy Bengier, historian and novelist:

Autograph letter signed 17 July 1819

Pforz MS (MISC 4023.26) (2 pages double sheet)

From Hampstead; begins, "We have just after all received an answer from our Lady, and she has perversely fixed on Monday next" Mounted in the Mary Ann Humble autograph album.

McLean, p. 70-71

Shelved with oversized manuscript volumes.

To Sophia, Lady Croft, wife of Sir Thomas Elmsely Croft (later married names Lyster and Delpierre):

Autograph letter signed "Tuesday morning"

Pforz MS (SHEE 0027b) (1 page single sheet)

From Hampstead; begins, "I just send this line to put you in mind of your engagement for Thursday" Mounted in the Martin Archer Shee Autograph Album.

Shelved with oversized manuscript volumes under "Shee."

To Miss Cruikshank:

Autograph letter signed 13 May [1818?]

Pforz MS (MISC 3781) (3 pages double sheet)

From Hampstead; begins, "I return you Mrs. Inchbald's book and feel quite ashamed that I have kept it so long"

McLean, p. 64-65

MISC File

To Mr. Denman:

Autograph letter signed 1 April [1846]

Pforz MS (MISC 4087) (2 pages double sheet)

From Hampstead; with thin mourning border; begins, "I think you said some time ago that you should like to meet our friend Mr. Richardson"

MISC File

To Herbert Evans, family caretaker, sometimes called a doctor:

Autograph note signed [1 March 1850]

Pforz MS (MISC 3170) (1 page double sheet)

[From Hampstead]; reads in full, "My sister wishes to consult you this morning and the sooner you can come the better."

Slagle, p. 1157

MISC File

To Margaret Hodson, née Holford, poet and translator:

Correspondence (cont.)

To Margaret Hodson, née Holford, poet and translator: (cont.)

Autograph letter signed 1 November 1834

Pforz MS (MISC 3933) (1 page double sheet)

From Hampstead; begins, "We shall be happy to see you next tuesday" Mounted in the Agatha Hogsbottom autograph album.

McLean, p. 155

Shelved with oversized manuscript volumes

To Mary Howitt, poet:

Autograph letter signed 7 May 1839

Pforz MS (MISC 4174) (2 pages single sheet)

From Hampstead; begins, "Many thanks my dear friend for kindly sending us the Boy's County Books"; concludes, "I hope Mrs. Montgomery & yourself are well and Lady Byron asks whether she be still at Richmond or else where."

MISC File

To Mary Hunter, at North Queen Street, Belfast:

Autograph letter signed 30 October 1844

Pforz MS (MISC 0876) (1 page (double sheet) + envelope)

From Hampstead; begins, "I generally decline giving an autograph, having, some hold or other, a particular dislike to do so"

Slagle, p. 1157

MISC File

To Mary Millicent Montgomery, friend of Lady Byron:

Autograph letter signed 2 August 1834

Pforz MS (MISC 3383) (3 pages double sheet)

From Hampstead; begins, "You kindly promised to come to us the second week in August"

MISC File

To Miss Murray, a daughter of John Murray, Byron's publisher:

Autograph letter signed 22 December [watermark = 1843]

Pforz MS (MISC 1343) (2 pages double sheet)

From Hampstead; begins, "I feel myself greatly indebted to Mrs. Murray for her kindness in bestowing her votes for the Benevolent on Mrs. Cullen Brown"

Slagle, p. 1157

MISC File

To [?Napier]:

Autograph note signed 19 January [no year]

Pforz MS (MISC 3200) (1 page single sheet)

From Hampstead; begins, "We inclose 3 pounds which were due to you the beginning of this month"

Slagle, p. 1158

MISC File

To Frances Eliza Richards, née Dennett, wife of William Parry Richards:

Autograph letter signed "Friday" 6 October [no year]

Pforz MISC (MISC 3169) (2 pages single sheet)

From Hampstead; begins, "We send you our proxies signed, which we hope will be useful to your candidate"

Slagle, p. 1158

MISC File

To Martin Archer Shee, portrait painter and writer:

Correspondence (cont.)

To Martin Archer Shee, portrait painter and writer: (cont.)

Autograph letter signed 3 February [no year]

Pforz MS (SHEE 0073a) (1 page single sheet)

From Hampstead; begins, "Accept my best thanks for the copy of your Address to the students of the Royal Academy" Mounted in the Martin Archer Shee Autograph Album.

Shelved with oversized manuscript volumes under "Shee."

To unidentified recipients:

Autograph letter signed to "Dear Sir" 6 July [watermark = 1814]

Pforz MS (MISC 4096) (2 pages single sheet)

From Hampstead; begins, "If you have no engagement for Sunday se'nnight the 16th will you do my sister & I the pleasure to eat your roast beef with us at 5 o'clock?"

MISC File

Autograph letter signed to "My dear Sir" 18 April [watermark = 1829]

Pforz MS (MISC 3171) (1 page single sheet)

From Hampstead; begins, "Will you dine with us next Sunday?"

Slagle, p. 1156

MISC File

Autograph letter signed to "My dear Neighbour" "Thursday evening"

Pforz MS (MISC 4606) (6 pages 1 double sheet, 1 single sheet)

From Hampstead; begins, "Your neighbourly request shall be attended to, and we shall speak to our carpenter"

MISC File