

# Sidney Colvin:

## An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Colvin, Sidney, 1845-1927
<b>Title:</b>	Sidney Colvin Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1872-1919, undated
<b>Extent:</b>	1 box (.42 linear feet)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Includes letters written and received by the English art curator, critic, and biographer Sidney Colvin. Both Colvin and Charles Baxter (the addressee of most of the letters in the collection) were close friends of author Robert Louis Stevenson.
<b>Call Number:</b>	Manuscript Collection MS-0886
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Access:</b>	Open for research

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### Administrative Information

<b>Processed by:</b>	Joan Sibley and Jamie Hawkins-Kirkham, 2011 <b>Note:</b> This finding aid replicates and replaces information previously available only in a card catalog. Please see the explanatory note at the end of this finding aid for information regarding the arrangement of the manuscripts as well as the abbreviations commonly used in descriptions.
<b>Repository:</b>	<a href="#">Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin</a>

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**Letters:**

3 ALS to unidentified recipients, 1879-1910.

**Container 1.1**

ALS to Adcock, Arthur St. John, 13 May 1914.

133 ALS, 12 telegrams to Baxter, Charles, 1879-1894.

**Container  
1.2-4**

AL / copy in an unidentified hand to Baxter, Charles, 24 January 1894. Written with this: Ellen Salmon, AL / copy to unidentified recipient, 24 January 1894.

**Container  
1.1**

ALS to Broughton, 28 May 1919.

2 ALS to Charrington, Mrs., 2 June 1893, undated.

ALS to Lane?, 9 July 1916.

ALS to Storr, 18 June no year.

ALS to Story, William Wetmore, 9 November 1872.

ALS to Wise, Thomas James, 19 January 1909. From the Wrenn Collection.

**Miscellaneous:**

Baxter, Charles. ALS to Guthrie, Charles John Guthrie, 9 January 1919.

**Container**  
1.5

Bell, Robert Harris. ALS to Colvin, Sidney, Sir, 26 April 1894. Attached to this:  
AN from Sidney Colvin to unidentified recipient (Baxter, Charles?), 26 April  
1894.

Bryce, W. ALS / copy to Cassell and Co., 2 May 1893.

McClure, R. TLS to Baxter, Charles, 15 April 1891.

McClure, R. TLS to Colvin, Sidney, 9 May 1893.

Tauser, John S. 4 ALS to Colvin, Sidney, 1893.

## Explanatory Note Concerning Manuscript Collections Cataloged in the Card Catalog

Prior to 1990 when archival cataloging procedures were adopted at the Ransom Center, all manuscript collections were described in a card catalog.

### Organization of Collections:

- Manuscripts for each author collection were organized into four categories:
- **Works:** manuscripts by the author, arranged alphabetically by title;
- **Letters:** the author's outgoing correspondence, arranged alphabetically by recipient name;
- **Recipient:** the author's incoming correspondence, arranged alphabetically by the author of the letter; and
- **Miscellaneous:** all other manuscripts and correspondence, arranged alphabetically by creator.

Materials that did not fit into these categories, such as art, photographs, books, and near-print materials such as newspaper clippings, were dispersed to other Ransom Center collections for cataloging and storage.

### Abbreviations Used in Descriptions:

The symbols below were used in combinations. For example **ALS** means autograph letter signed; **Tccms** means typed carbon copy manuscript, etc.

- **A** = autograph (i.e., handwritten)
- **T** = typed
- **S** = signed
- **I** = initialed
- **Ms** = manuscript
- **Mss** = manuscripts
- **L** = letter
- **FL** = form letter
- **N** = note
- **D** = document
- **C** = card
- **PC** = post card
- **cc** = carbon copy
- **p** = page
- **pp** = pages
- **l** = leaf
- **ll** = leaves
- **nd** = no date
- **inc d** = incomplete date