

# Thomas De Quincey:

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

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	De Quincey, Thomas, 1785-1859
<b>Title:</b>	Thomas De Quincey Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1820-1851, undated
<b>Extent:</b>	1 box (.21 linear feet)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Includes manuscripts and letters by the English essayist Thomas De Quincey, chiefly the extensively corrected and revised proofs for <i>The Logic of Political Economy</i> (1844) and 10 outgoing letters, including one written to Robert Southey.
<b>Call Number:</b>	Manuscript Collection MS-1132
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Access:</b>	Open for research

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### Administrative Information

<b>Processed by:</b>	Joan Sibley and Sara Saastamoinen, 2013 <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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**Works:**

- Untitled note on political economy / Now I think that Mr. Fell..., handwritten manuscript / incomplete, 4 pages, undated. **Container** 1.1
- Cause of the novel's decline, handwritten manuscript with corrections, 2 pages, undated.
- The logic of political economy, bound page proofs with handwritten corrections and extensive revisions by De Quincey, some pasted on, and with printer's and publisher's notes and markings, 283 pages on 154 leaves, 6 November 1843. Two sets of signature B are present. **Container** 1.2
- Lord Carlisle on Pope, handwritten manuscript / draft fragment with revisions, 2 pages, undated. Written for but not used in article published in Tait's Magazine, April-July 1851; also handwritten manuscript / draft fragment with revisions, 1 page torn in half, undated. Printed in somewhat altered form in the article printed in Tait's Magazine, April-July 1851. **Container** 1.1
- Moral certainty, 2 handwritten manuscript fragments mounted on 1 page, undated. Published in Posthumous Works (1891), volume 1, pages 199-201. **Container** 1.3
- Picture-cleaners (essay), handwritten manuscript, 3 pages, undated. Not described in card catalog (purchase, R12803, 1992). **Container** 1.4
- Rome's recruits and England's recruits, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 12 pages, undated. **Container** 1.1
- Vulgar errors in political economy, handwritten manuscript, 16 pages, undated. From the Hanley Collection.

**Letters:**

ALS to unidentified recipient, 22 November no year. Removed from Confessions of an English opium-eater, London, 1822. From the Drake Collection. **Container**  
1.5

ANS / fragment? to Cookson, Mr., 1 July no year. From the Drake Collection.

2 ALS to Hessey, J. A., 6 and 11 October 1821. From the Wrenn Collection. **Container**  
1.6

ALS to Shairp, 13 July 1834. **Container** 1.5

ALS to Southey, Robert, 5 December 1820. From the Wrenn Collection. **Container**  
1.7

2 ALS to Taylor, John, 25 August and 17 September 1821. **Container** 1.5

ALS to White, John, 17 May 1823.

ALS to Yates, Raymond, 9 June 1845.

## 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