

# William George:

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

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	George, William, d. 1900
<b>Title:</b>	William George Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1771-1917, undated
<b>Extent:</b>	2 boxes (.84 linear feet), 2 oversize folders (osf)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Includes chiefly correspondence written to or collected by William George, a bookseller in Bristol, England, on matters of business or his interests in archaeology, genealogy, and local history. Correspondents include Austin Dobson, Richard Garnett, Ernest Hartley Coleridge, J. O. Halliwell-Phillipps, Sir Leslie Stephen, John Addington Symonds, and many others.
<b>Call Number:</b>	Manuscript Collection MS-1582
<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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**Works:**

In memoriam: Thomas Kerslake, handwritten manuscript with revisions and notes, **Container**  
undated. 1.1

William Pether, engraver, handwritten manuscript, 7 May 1894.

**Letters:**

ALS to Sampson, E. C., 25 March 1885.

**Container 1.2**

**Recipient:**

Hunt, William. 3 ALS to George, 1889, undated.

**Container 1.3**

**Miscellaneous:**

- Unidentified author. Printed card re Keppel's death, 1876. **Container 1.4**
- Unidentified author. 13 envelopes addressed to Barry, 1801-1813.
- Unidentified author. Envelope addressed to Bickens, J. E., 7 February 1837.
- Unidentified author. Envelope addressed to Bliss, 21 April 1834.
- Unidentified author. 9 envelopes addressed to Morell, Baker, 1809-1833.
- Unidentified author. Envelope addressed to Ogilvie, C., 13 April 1833.
- Unidentified author. ALS to George, 1 February 1882.
- Unidentified author. ALS to George, 29 November 1889.
- Unidentified author. Handwritten notes on various 18th and 19th century Britons, undated; not described in card catalog. **Container 1.5**
- Unidentified authors. 3 envelopes addressed to George and unidentified recipients, 1839, undated. Not described in card catalog. **Container 1.4**
- Acland, James, 1799-1876. ALS to Sanders, J. A., 26 March 1827.
- Arthur, William. ALS / fragment to unidentified recipient, undated.
- Atherstone, Edwin, 1788-1872. 2 ALS to George, 30 March 1859, 8 January no year.
- Axon, William Edward Armytage, 1846-1913. 2 ALS to George, 15 July 1881, 20 April 1883.
- Barham, Francis Foster, 1808-1871. ALS to Thwaites, George Henry Kendrick, 11 December 1847. **Container 1.6**
- Barnes, William, 1801-1886. 2 ALS to George, 15 July and 14 November 1881.
- Baxter, James Phinney, 1831-1921. 2 ALS to George, 12 January 1881, 2 July 1886.
- Baynes, Thomas Spencer, 1823-1887. ALS to George, 10 March 1869.
- Beddoe, John, 1826-1911. ALS to George, 17 May 1886.
- Bennett, J. A. ALS to George, 18 May 1887.

Bingham, F. ALS to George, 19 March 1899. Included with this: AN re portrait of Seyer, Samuel.

Birch, Gray. ALS to George, 13 October 1875.

Black, William, 1841-1898. ANS to George, 16 March no year.

Blackburn, Charles Francis, 1828-1896. ALS to George, 19 March 1880.

Bouverie, Edward Pleydell, 1818-1889. 3 ALS to George, 1859-1883.

Braikenridge, George Weace, 1775-1856. ALS to unidentified recipient, 2 September 1825.

Brayley, Edward Wedlake, 1773-1854. ALS to Frippe?, E. D, 27 April 1841.

Bright, Richard, 1789-1858. 2 ALS of nomination to Bristol Institution, 12 April 1825, 24 January 1828.

Britton, John, 1771-1857:

ALS to Dalton, G., 29 December 1830.

**Container 1.6**

2 ALS to Strong, 28 September 1836, 20 April 1842.

ALS to Tyson, 30 May 1831.

Brougham and Vaux, Henry Peter Brougham, 1778-1868. Admission tickets to House of Lords, 11 April 1843.

Brushfield, W. ALS to George, 28 October 1887.

Buckingham, James Silk, 1786-1855. ALS to Bristol Library Institution, 6 March 1850.

Buckingham, James Silk, 1786-1855. ALS to Thwartes?, J., 9 March 1850.

Buckman, James, 1816-1884. ANS to George, 20 June 1883.

Bullen, James W. ALS to George, 12 August 1859.

Butler, James Davie, 1815-1905. ALS to George, 15 June 1877.

Calcraft, John, 1765-1831. ALS to Baker, Morrell, 18 January 1828.

**Container  
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Calderon, Philip Hermogenes, 1833-1898. ANS to George, 10 March 1881.

Carpenter, Lant, 1789-1840. ALS to Bristol Institution, 5 March 1829.

- Carpenter, Lant, 1789-1840. 2 ALS to Sanders, J. A., 10 March 1826, 17 September 1831.
- Cartright, H. A. ANS to George, 23 August 1891. Enclosed with TLS from Elton, Charles I. to George. **Container 1.9**
- Chambré, Alan, Sir, 1739-1823. ALS to Barry, 13 March 1803. **Container 1.7**
- Christy, Miller, 1861- :
- Captain James of Bristol, handwritten notes for lecture, 27 February 1896. **Container 1.7**
- ALS to George, 28 December 1891.
- ALS to Taylor, John, 19 December 1891.
- Clark, George. ALS to Thirwall, Connop, 31 December 1863.
- Clarke, Alfred A. ALS to unidentified recipient, 10 January 1888.
- Cobbett, A. ALS to George, 3 January 1850. **Container 1.8**
- Cobbett, Susan. ALS to George, 6 October 1883. **Container 1.7**
- Cockerell, Charles Robert, 1788-1863. ALS to the Dean of Bristol, 19 September 1828. **Container osf 1**
- Coleridge, Ernest Hartley, 1846-1920. ALS to George, 20 January 1893. **Container 1.7**
- Cooper, Thomas, 1805-1892. ALS to Nicholls, 23 October 1869.
- Cornish, J. E. 5 ALS to George, 1891-1893.
- Cosent, R. ALS to George, 3 August 1884.
- Cotton, H. ALS to George, 6 November 1863.
- Crawley-Boevey, Arthur William, 1845- . ALS to George, 26 July 1897.
- Crealock, Henry Hope, 1831-1891. ALS to George, undated.
- Dallas, James, 1853-1916. ALS to George, 8 April 1885. **Container 1.9**
- Davis, John Francis, Sir, 1795-1890. ALS to unidentified recipient, 24 April 1876.



Dawkins, William Boyd, 1838- . ALS to George, 24 August 1880.

Dick, John. ALS to Taylor, John, 13 April 1871.

Dillon, John. ANS to George, 7 June 1881.

Dobson, Austin, 1840-1921. ANS to George, undated.

Dobson, Austin, 1840-1921. ANS to Leeds, H. E., 5 November 1917.

Dresser, Christopher. ANS to George, 31 October 1883.

Dymond, Charles William. ALS to George, 23 April 1896.

Dymond, Robert, 1824-1888. APCS to George, 25 March 1886.

Eagles, John, d. 1885. 2 signatures, undated.

Earwaker, John Parsons, 1847-1895. APCS to George, 28 May 1883.

Edkins, William, d. 1891. ALS to George, 7 November 1883. Enclosures: copies of Blake, William. Etching of bookplate and card for Cumberland, George and Stothard's etching of Robin Hood.

Edwards, Amelia Ann Blanford, 1831-1892. ALS to unidentified recipient, 3 November 1869.

Ellacombe, Henry Thomas, 1790-1885. 2 ALS to George, 5 February 1879, 17 May 1881.

Ellis, A. S. ALS to Taylor, John, 10 October 1879.

Ellis, W. Joyner. ANS to Taylor, John, 21 December 1836.

Elton, Arthur Hallam, Sir, 1818-1883. 2 ALS to George, 19 April 1880, 19 April 1883.

Elton, Charles Isaac, 1839-1900. 3 ALS to George, 1888-1894. Enclosures: ANS from Cartright, H. A. to George re Elton and miscellaneous notes re Elton genealogy.

Fagan, Louis Alexander, 1845-1903. ALS to George, 16 March 1886.

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Ferrey, B. Edmund. APCS to George, 2 August 1887.

Forman, Harry Buxton, 1842-1917. APCS to George, 20 April 1883.

Freeman, Edward Augustus, 1823-1892. AL / fragment to Taylor, John, undated.

Fry, Lewis. ALS to Wayte?, S. S., 2 November 1852.

Furness, Horace Howard, 1833-1912. ALS to George, 17 May 1883.

Furnivall, Frederick James, 1825-1910. APCS to George, 10 January 1875.

Fust, H. Jenner. ALS to George, 29 October 1887.

Garnett, Richard, 1835-1906. 3 ALS to George, 1884-1894, undated.

Gatet, J. M. 2 ALS to George, 17 October and 21 October 1857.

George, W. E. ANS to George, 21 April 1882.

Giles, John Allen, 1808-1884. ALS to George, 6 April no year.

Giles, John Allen, 1808-1884. ALS to George, 4 November 1881.

Goulburn, Henry, 1784-1856. ALS to unidentified recipient, 3 September 1841.  
Unidentified AN on verso.

Graften?, A. W. ALS to George, 29 September 1885.

Gray, George John, 1863- . ALS to George, 22 February 1887?

Griffiths, L. W. ALS to George, 30 October 1895.

Guilford, George Augustus North, 1757-1802. ALS to unidentified recipient, 8  
January 1797.

Hall, Samuel Carter, 1800-1889. ALS to Saunders, 6 August 1829.

**Container**  
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Halliwell. Handwritten manuscript re purchase New Place and Great Garden of  
Shakespeare, 1 page, November 1861.

Halliwell-Phillipps, James Orchard, 1820-1889:

2 ANS to unidentified recipients, 30 December 1881, undated.

**Container**  
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ADS / receipt to George, undated.

ALS to Parker, James, 18 November 1887.

2 ALS to George, 8 September and 5 November 1888.

Hamilton, J. ALS to Smith, D. B., 12 March 1837.

Hamilton, Richard Winter, 1794-1848. ANS to my dear brother, 10 April 1840.

Harcourt, Frances, Lady. ALS to unidentified recipient, 27 February 1789.

Harcourt, Frances, Lady. ALS to George, 29 March 1884.

Hardman, Joseph William, 1833-1891. APCS to George, 7 February 1886.

Hardy, Paul. ALS to George, 4 June 1886.

Hardy, Paul. ALS to George, William, Mrs., 2 November 1886.

Harford, Frederic D. 2 ALS to George, December 1895.

Harford, H. C. ALS to George, 27 January 1878.

Harford, John Scandrett, 1785-1866. ALS to unidentified recipient, 6 February 1857.

Hazlitt, William Carew, 1834-1913. APCS to George, 9 January 1871.

Home, Herbert P. AL, 5 ALS to George, 29 July - 28 August 1886.

Hunt, Robert. ALS to George, 21 March 1885.

Hurd, Richard, 1720-1808. AN to Barry, Edward, 19 September 1799.

Hurdis, T. Signature, undated.

Hylton, Hedworth Hylton, 1829-1899. ALS to George, 19 December 1877.

Hylton, Hedworth Hylton, 1829-1899. ALS to George, 24 December 1877.

Ingram, John H., 1849-1916. ALS to George, 2 February 1881.

**Container**  
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Jackson, John. ALS to George, 16 March 1860.

James, Isaac. ANS to unidentified recipient, 8 October 1898.

James, John Angell, 1785-1859. ALS to McOwen, Peter, 28 November 1839.

Kent, Charles, 1823-1902. 4 ALS to George, 1883-1885.

Knight, Charles. 2 ALS to George, 19 November 1889, 27 May 1890. Enclosure: miscellaneous AN re genealogy of Knight family.

Knight, Florence Marian, 1876- . ALS to George, 15 February 1892.

Knight, J. Arthur. ALS to George, 16 February 1892.

Knight, J. S. ALS to George, 10 December 1886.

Landaff, Herbert. ANS to Barry, D., undated.

Latimer, John. ALS, APCS to George, 17 September 1894, 1 July 1895.

Latimer, John. 4 ALS, APCS to George, 1887-1896.

Layard, Florence. ALS to George, 22 July 1890.

Liddon, Henry Parry, 1829-1890. ALS to George, 13 April 1881.

Lloyd, Howard W. TPCS to George, 5 October 1898.

Long, William, 1817-1886. ANS to George, 26 July 1879.

Luard, Henry Richards, 1825-1891. ANS to George, 19 May 1886.

Maclean, John. 3 ALS to George, 1879-1880.

**Container 2.2**

Macliver, D. ANS to George, 17 May 1878.

Madan, Falconer, 1851-1935. 2 APCS to George, 18 April 1883, 22 June 1884.

Main, David M., 1847-1888. ALS to George, 5 June 1881.

Miles, C. O. ALS to George, 29 November no year.

Moore, H. ALS to unidentified author, 23 October 1837.

Mount Edgecumbe, William Henry Edgecumbe, 1853-1917. ANS to George, 1 February 1876.

Muirhead, James Fullarton, 1853-1934. ALS to George, 9 January 1887.

Murray, Charles Knight, 1793-1865. ALS to Considine, R. A. W., 3 April 1843.

National Portrait Gallery, London. FL to George, 29 November 1890.

Newman, Francis William, 1805-1897. 2 ALS to George, 7 July and 10 July 1882.

Noad, Henry Minchin, 1815-1877. ALS to secretary of Lecture Committee, Philosophical Society, Bristol, 1 February 1845.

Norris, John Pilkington, 1823-1891. 2 ALS to George, 6 July 1880, 22 January 1887.

North, Brownlow, 1741-1820. ALS to unidentified recipient, 30 November 1771.

North, Brownlow, 1741-1820. ALS to unidentified recipient, 6 November 1780.

Parry, Caleb Hillier, 1755-1822. Signature, 1784.

**Container 2.3**

Parsons, James, 1799-1877. ALS to McOwen, Peter, 26 February 1840.

Pasley, Charles, 1824-1890. ALS to George, 3 June 1881.

Pebody, Charles, 1839-1890. ALS to George, 1 January no year.

Perkins, William Oscar, 1831-1902. ALS to George, 30 October 1888?

Phillipps, Thomas. ALS to Strong, William, 10 July 1783.

Pickersgill, Henry William, 1782-1875. ALS to Saunders, J. A., 27 July 1829.

Porteus, Beilby, 1731-1808. ALS to unidentified recipient, 16 September 1799.

Powers, John. ALS to unidentified recipient, 15 February 1871.

Poynton, Francis John, b. 1828? 2 ALS to George, 5 December 1887, 10 April no year.

Prince, C. S. ANS to George, 18 April 1883.

Pryce, George, 1801-1868. ALS to Harford, John Scandrett?, 27 March 1857.

Pryce, George, 1801-1868. ALS to Philosophical Institution, 20 January 1830.

Raffles, Thomas, 1788-1863. ALS to McGowen, Rev. M.?, 6 November 1849.

Reece, R. Signature, undated.

Richardson, R. AL / fragment, undated.

Sandoval, Donna F. ANS to George, 26 October 1867.

**Container 2.4**

Scott, W. ALS / fragment, 23 November 1873.

Seccombe, Thomas, 1866-1923. ALS to George, 21 November 1891.

Shaw, John. ALS to George, 5 March no year.

Sidmouth, Henry Addington, 1757-1844. ANS to Barry, Edward, 8 December 1799.

Skeat, Walter William, 1835-1912. APCS to George, 25 December 1882.

Smallwell, Edward, 1721-1799. ALS to Morrell, James, 1 May 1798.

Smith, Lucy Toulmin, 1838-1911. ALS, APCS to George, 10 November 1881, 29 June no year.

Smith, Richard. ANS to unidentified recipient, 29 January 1827.

Spineto, Marquis. ALS to Saunders, 9 August 1832.

Stephen, Leslie, Sir, 1832-1904. 3 ALS to George, 1892-1895.

Stephens, William Richard Wood, 1839-1902. ALS to Symonds, John Addington, 25 January 1872.

Stevens, Henry, 1819-1886. ALS to unidentified recipient, 25 November 1847.

Stubbs, William, 1825-1901. ANS to George, 6 June no year.

Symonds, John Addington, 1807-1871. 3 ALS, APCS to George, 11 July - 2 August 1880.

Taylor, T. D. ALS to George, 5 February 1883.

**Container 2.5**

Teesdale, Eugene. ALS to unidentified recipient re James Acland, 24 July 1884. With this: newspaper clipping re James Acland.

Thelwall, John, 1764-1834. ALS to the Literary and Philosophical Society, 16 August 1832.

Thelwall, John, 1764-1834. ALS to Sanders, J. A., 17 November 1833.

Thomas, Barr? ALS to McOwen, Peter, 13 August 1829.

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Tomline, George Pretyman, Sir, 1750-1827. ALS to unidentified recipient, 31 August 1809.

**Container  
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Tovey, Charles, 1814-1888. ALS to George, March 188-.

Tovey, Duncan Crookes. 3 ALS to George, 1897.

Tovey, Samuel. ANS to unidentified recipient, 26 April 1825.

Vernon, J. R. 3 ALS to George, 1880.

Wadley, J. D. 2 ALS to George, undated.

**Container 2.6**

Walford, Cornelius, 1827-1885. ALS to George, 9 February 1880.

Wallis, George, 1811-1891. ALS to George, 23 November 1883.

Waring, Elijah. ALS to Tovey, 8 August 1855.

Waring, George. ALS to Hewitson, William Chapman, 23 October 1877.

Washbrough, Charles. ALS to George, 13 May no year. Enclosure: miscellaneous AN re Washbrough genealogy.

Way, John Hugh. ALS to George, 27 September no year.

Wedmore, Frederick, 1844-1921. ALS to George, 2 November 1877.

Wilkinson, C. ALS to Bristol Institution, 16 April 1830.

Williams, J. ALS to George, 21 November 1878.

Williams, Thomas. ALS to George, 18 November 1869.

Winslow, J. ALS to George, 27 January? 1868.

Wiseman, H. J. ALS to George, 27 May 1887.

Woodford, James Russell, 1820-1885. ANS to unidentified recipient, 12 May 1860.

Woodford, James Russell, 1820-1885. AN to George, undated.

Wright, William Aldis, 1831-1914. ALS to George, 18 April 1883.

Wright, William Aldis, 1831-1914. ALS to Taylor, John, 8 June 1886.

Yates, Edmund Hodgson, 1831-1894. ANS to George, 21 December 1873.

## 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