

John Greenleaf Whittier:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Whittier, John Greenleaf, 1807-1892
Title:	John Greenleaf Whittier Collection
Dates:	1834-1900, undated
Extent:	1 box (.21 linear feet), 1 galley folder (gf), 1 oversize folder (osf)
Abstract:	Contains manuscripts and letters by the American Quaker, poet and abolitionist, John Greenleaf Whittier. Most of Whittier's letters in this collection are to Elizur Wright.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-5328
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by:	Joan Sibley and Apryl Voskamp, 2013 Note: 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.
Repository:	Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin

Works:

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| Burning driftwood, handwritten manuscript with corrections, 2 pages, undated. | Container
1.1 |
| Burning driftwood, galley proof and handwritten manuscript with corrections, 1 page, undated. | Container
gf 1 |
| Child's life: preface, signed handwritten manuscript, 18 pages, 1873. Removed from Wx W618 874c. From the Wrenn Collection. | Container
1.1 |
| How the women went from Dover, 1661, handwritten manuscript with corrections, 7 pages on 6 leaves, undated. Title crossed through. | |
| How the women went from Dover, 1661, galley proof with handwritten corrections and emendations, 1 page, undated. | Container
gf 1 |
| Our country, handwritten manuscript with corrections, 13 pages, undated. | Container
osf 1 |
| Our country, galley proof with handwritten corrections and emendations, 1 page, undated. | Container
gf 1 |
| Songs of labor: the huskers and the corn-song, signed handwritten manuscript, 4 pages, undated. On last page of ALS from Whittier to Bailey, Gamaliel, Jr., 3 December no year. From the Hanley Collection. | Container
1.1 |
| Welcome, printed and handwritten manuscript with corrections, 1 page, 1885. | |
| William Bell Scott. The dance (from The witch's ballad), handwritten manuscript with corrections, 6 pages on 2 leaves, undated. | |

Works I:

Whittier, John Greenleaf, 1807-1892:

Autumn thought, signed handwritten manuscript, 2 pages bound, undated. From the Hanley Collection. **Container**
1.2

The gift of Tritemius, handwritten manuscript, 1 page bound, undated. From the Hanley Collection.

ALS to unidentified recipient, 4 pages bound, 2 September 1881. From the Hanley Collection.

ALS to unidentified recipient, 2 pages bound, 20 July 1889. Poem titled Words butter no parsnips, the old adage says... included in letter. From the Hanley Collection.

ALS to Higginson, Thomas Wentworth, 4 pages bound, 30 September 1882. From the Hanley Collection.

Letters:

ALS to unidentified recipient, undated. Removed from PS 3262 A1 1867.

Container
1.3

ALS to unidentified recipient, undated. From the Stark Collection.

ALS / copy to unidentified recipient, May 1882.

Printed LS / copy to unidentified recipient, proof with handwritten corrections, May 1882.

Container
gf 1

ALS / facsimile to unidentified recipient, 11 June 1886. Removed from Wx W618 838n. From the Wrenn Collection.

Container
1.3

ALS to Lizzie, 23 August 1890. From the Stark Collection.

ALS to Osgood, James R., 10 June 1872. Removed from Wx W618 872c. From the Wrenn Collection.

ALS to Pitman, Harriet, 23 January 1870. Handwritten manuscript of My autograph written at end of letter. From the Hanley Collection.

ALS / copy to Warren, James L. L. F. (Lloyd LaFayette Warren), 19 January 1842. Written on behalf of the Liberty Committee of Massachusetts by Samuel E. Sewall, John G. Whittier, Dexter S. King, Daniel Mann, Amos B. Merrill, John E. Fuller, and J. W. Alden. Endorsed "abolition Jany 27." Not described in card catalog; transfer from Vertical File, undated.

12 ALS to Wright, Elizur, 1834-1845.

Miscellaneous:

Pickard, Samuel T., ed. Whittier as a politician; illustrated by his letters to Professor Elizur Wright, Jr., edited, with explanatory text by Samuel T. Pollock, typescript with handwritten emendations and additions, 31 pages, 1900. Enclosed with this: TNI from H., M. & Co. to H. O. H. & Co, 21 November 1900; handwritten title page. From the Stark Collection.

Container
1.4

Whittier, John Greenleaf, 1807-1892. 3 handwritten signatures, 29 March 1882, undated. Removed from: 60-1727; 60-1721; 60-1712.

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