

Robert Louis Stevenson:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Stevenson, Robert Louis, 1850-1894
Title:	Robert Louis Stevenson Collection
Dates:	1845-1949, undated
Extent:	2 boxes (.84 linear feet)
Abstract:	Includes manuscripts and letters written by the Scottish novelist Robert Louis Stevenson, as well as letters and manuscripts about him by others. Correspondents include Stevenson's wife, mother, and cousin, as well as writers Edmund Gosse and H. Rider Haggard. Also present are a facsimile of baby records kept by Stevenson's mother (1850-1858), lecture cards from the University of Edinburgh (1869-1872), and a journal kept by Stevenson's father in 1845. Several letters to Sir Sidney Colvin concerning Stevenson are also present.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-4035
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by:	Joan Sibley and Jamie Hawkins-Kirkham, 2011 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:

- The bour-tree den, handwritten manuscript / facsimile with handwritten revisions, 4 pages, undated. **Container** 1.1
- The Deacon's crescent, signed handwritten manuscript, 8 pages, 8 February 1917. From the Stark Collection. **Container** 1.2
- Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, handwritten manuscript / fragment, 1 page (numbered 85), undated (circa 1886). **Container** 1.1
- Familiar studies of men and books: preface, initialed handwritten manuscript / incomplete with revisions, 3 pages, undated (circa 1882).
- The garb of old Gaul, handwritten manuscript / music score, 1 page, circa 1890. Arranged and written for the flageolet by Stevenson. **Container** 1.3
- The ideal house, handwritten manuscript, 5 pages, undated (circa 1898). From the Hanley Collection. **Container** 1.4
- Notes and fragments, handwritten manuscript with emendations, 5 pages, undated. Contains scrap of dialogues, chapter outline for The hair trunk, aphorisms, etc. **Container** 1.5
- On falling in love, initialed handwritten manuscript with revisions, 12 pages, undated. Published in Cornhill Magazine, February 1877. Bound with: Virginibus puerisque. From the Hanley Collection. **Container** 1.6
- St. Ives; being the adventures of a French prisoner in England, handwritten manuscript / fragment, 1 page, undated. Page numbered 89, but the text on the fragment appears on page 87 of the 1898 English edition. **Container** 1.1
- Talk and talkers, initialed handwritten manuscript with revisions, 10 pages, undated. Published in Cornhill Magazine, April, 1882.
- Talk and talkers: a sequel, initialed handwritten manuscript with revisions, 10 pages, undated. Handwritten note at head of page 1. Published in Cornhill Magazine, August 1882.
- Virginibus puerisque, initialed handwritten manuscript with revisions, 12 pages, undated. Published in Cornhill Magazine, August 1876. Bound with: On falling in love. From the Hanley Collection. **Container** 1.6
- A winter's walk in Carrick and Galloway, handwritten manuscript, 11 pages, undated (circa 1896). From the Wrenn Collection. **Container** 1.7

Letters:

ALS to Baynes, Thomas Spencer, undated.

Container 1.8

ALI to Cunningham, Alison "Cunny," undated. Believed to be a forgery; photostat of authentic letter enclosed. From the Hanley Collection.

ALS / facsimile to Ehrich, Mrs., 20 February 1888. Removed from PR 5484 P7 1885 HRC copy 1.

ALS, ALI to Gosse, Edmund William, Sir, 6 June 1881, 29 July 1886. The 1881 letter, a bookdealer's handwritten manuscript / notes, 2 pages, and 2 printed leaves removed from PR 5484 N5 1883 HRC copy 3.

ALS to Haggard, Henry Rider, undated (Samoa). Removed from PR 5112 O14 1892 HRC copy 2.

ALS to Marzials, E., Miss, 11 December 1884.

ALS to Stevenson, Margaret Isabella Balfour "Mother," 5 August 1870. From Hanley II.

ALS to Stevenson, Margaret Isabella Balfour "Mother," 5 August 1872. Not described in card catalog.

ALI to Stevenson, Margaret Isabella Balfour "Mother," 10 December 1878. Removed from PR 4783 A4 1892b HRC copy 2.

AL to Stevenson, Margaret Isabella Balfour, 15 October 1880. Written at end: short AN by Fanny Stevenson. Directed to "My dear people," i.e., his parents.

ALI to Stevenson, Margaret Isabella Balfour "Mother," mid-October 1885. Removed from Q 143 J5 S8 1887 HRC copy 1.

AL to Stevenson, Robert Allan Mowbray "Bob," September 1894. Original collector's binding contains typed transcript of the letter. From the Stark Collection.

Container 1.9-10

ALS to Tulloch, John, June 1881. Removed from R 5494 T7 1881 HRC copy 1.

Container 1.8

Miscellaneous:

Broadbent, Henry. ALS to Colvin, Sidney, Sir re Memories and notes by Colvin, 26 December 1921. Includes reference to Stevenson. **Container** 2.1

Cunningham, Alison, 1822-1913. ALS to unidentified recipient, 7 July 1897. Removed from PR 5488 I6 1878 copy 3 HAN. From the Hanley Collection.

Field, Isobel Osbourne. ADS re Stevenson and Edmund Gosse, 19 January 1942. Included with this: Affidavit, signed printed document with typed inserts, 20 January 1942.

Fowler, William. ALS to Gosse, Edmund William, Sir, 22 July 1902.

Gwynn, Stephen Lucius, 1864-1950. The greatness of R. L. S., signed typescript with handwritten emendations and deletions, 8 pages, undated.

Lysaght, Sidney Royse. ALS to Colvin, Sidney, Sir re Stevenson, 7 January 1895.

McCutcheon, George Barr, 1866-1928. Descriptive catalogue of the Robert Louis Stevenson collection, typescript, 132 pages, undated. **Container** 2.2

Phillips, Claude. ALS to Colvin, Sidney, Sir re Stevenson, 19 December 1894. **Container** 2.1

Prideaux, William Francis, 1840-1914. ALS to Furman, Miss, 1 August 1914.

Sanchez, Nellie Van de Grift, 1856-1935. TLS to Furman, Dorothy, 25 November 1916. Included with this: Stevenson's Go, little book - the ancient phrase, typescript / copy, 1 page, undated. Removed from PR 5484 P7 1185 HRC.

Schwob, Marcel. ALS to Colvin, Sidney, Sir, 16 November 1899.

Sidgwick, H. 2 ALS to Colvin, Sidney, Sir, 14 November and 17 December 1897.

Simpson, Evelyn Blantyre, 1856-1920. 2 ALS, 1 signed Christmas card to Furman, Dorothy, 1902-1913, undated. 1902 ALS and Christmas card removed from PR 5494 S5 1898 HRC. 1913 ALS removed from PR 5493 S55 1912 HRC.

Stevenson, Fanny Van de Grift, 1840-1914. ALS to Gosse, Edmund, Sir re Stevenson, undated. Removed from PR 5488 M4 1887b HRC copy 1.

Stevenson, Margaret Isabella Balfour, 1829-1897. Baby record for Robert Louis Stevenson, handwritten manuscript / 2 facsimile copies, 30 leaves each, 1850-1858. **Container** 2.3

Stevenson, Robert Louis, 1850-1894:

- Signed handwritten receipt, undated. Signed R. Stevenson Rex Nogginton. **Container**
2.1
- Lecture cards from the University of Edinburgh, 3 signed printed cards, one with ANS by the professor on verso, 1869/70, 1870/71, 1871/72.
- List of favorite books, handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated.
- Mendelssohn's Frölinglied and Beethoven's VIIth Sonatina, handwritten manuscript / music score, 2 pages, undated. Transcribed by Stevenson. **Container**
2.4
- Receipts to Cornhill Magazine, 30 November 1876 and 31 August 1878. For Charles of Orleans and Child's play. **Container**
2.1
- Stevenson, Thomas, 1818-1887. Journal, signed handwritten manuscript, 34 pages, 1845. From the library of Robert Louis Stevenson. **Container**
2.5
- Tittle, Walter, correspondence relating to Tittle gift of pictures for Stevenson House State Historical Monument, 1949. **Container**
2.1
- Van Dyke, Henry. 2 ALS to Colvin, Sidney, Sir, 24 August 1922, 4 June 1923.

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