

Percy Bysshe Shelley:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

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| Creator: | Shelley, Percy Bysshe, 1792-1822 |
| Title: | Percy Bysshe Shelley Collection |
| Dates: | 1773-1964, undated |
| Extent: | 3 document boxes, 1 oversize box (2.84 linear feet) |
| Abstract: | Includes manuscripts and letters written by the English Romantic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, as well as letters written by Lord Byron, William Godwin, and Mary Shelley, and Shelley family documents. |
| Call Number: | Manuscript Collection MS-3811 |
| Language: | English |
| Access: | Open for research |

Administrative Information

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| 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:

- Laon and Cythna, handwritten manuscript of stanzas 9-12, 2 pages on 1 leaf, undated. From the Stark Collection. **Container**
1.1
- Poems of Shelley, an anthology in commemoration of the poet's death the 8th of July 1822. London: Richard Cobden-Sanderson, 1922:
- Proofs with handwritten corrections, 128 leaves, 21 May 1922. **Container**
1.2
- Proofs with handwritten corrections; 2 sets of preliminaries, 32 leaves, 26 May 1922. **Container**
1.3
- Proofs / incomplete with handwritten corrections, pages 87-90, 161-252, 16 June 1922. **Container**
1.4
- Prologue to Hellas...with an introductory note by Richard Garnett; edited and annotated by Thomas J. Wise. Page proofs with handwritten notes, corrections and markings in an unidentified hand; some notes loosely laid in, 22 leaves, 1886. With bookplate of H. Buxton Forman. **Container**
1.5
- The sensitive plant and other poems, illuminated calligraphic manuscript copy by Alberto Sangorski, pages numbered 6-59, undated. Also includes portrait of Shelley; other poems are Ode to Naples and To a skylark. Bound by Riviere & Son. From the Stark Collection. **Container**
1.6

Letters:

- ALS to Ballachey, George Baker, undated. From the Stark Collection. **Container**
1.7
- ALI to Clairmont, Clara Mary Jane, 1820. Removed from Wn Sh44 821e. From the **Container**
Wrenn Collection. 1.8
- ALI to Clairmont, Clara Mary Jane, 20 March 1822. From the Stark Collection. **Container**
1.9
- ALS to Godwin, William, 29 March 1816. Removed from Wn Sh44 813q. From the **Container**
Wrenn Collection. 1.8
- ALS to Graham, Edward, 1811. Removed from Stark SS 56. From the Stark
Collection.
- ALS to Hogg, Thomas Jefferson (name scratched through in ink), 6 July 1817. From **Container**
the Stark Collection. 1.7
- ALS to Hunt, Leigh, 8 December 1816. From the Stark Collection. **Container**
1.10
- ALS / photostat to Lawrence, James, 17 August 1812. **Container** 1.8
- 2 ALS to Ollier, Charles, 8 August and 27 December 1817. Removed from WN **Container**
Sh44 818ba. From the Wrenn Collection. 1.11
- ALS to Ollier, Charles, 22 January 1818. From the Stark Collection. **Container**
1.8
- ALI to Smith, Horace, 11 April 1822. From the Stark Collection. **Container**
1.12
- ALS to Stockdale, John Joseph, 1 August 1811. From the Hanley Collection. **Container**
1.8

Letters I:

Godwin, William. ALS to unidentified recipient, 5 July 1817.

Container
2.1

Godwin, William. 2 ALS to Hayward, Richard William, 6 May no year and 26 November no year.

Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin. ALS to Taaffe, John, undated.

Shelley, Percy Bysshe. 2 ALS, 2 ALI to Taaffe, John, 4 July 1821, 11 June 1822, undated.

Original bound volume (that previously housed above items) with 8 prints of Percy and Mary Shelley, William Godwin, and of Shelley houses. From the Stark Collection.

Container
2.2

Letters II:

Byron, George Gordon Noel Byron, Baron. ALS to Moore, undated. On reverse of ALS of Shelley to Byron. From the Stark Collection. **Container**
2.3

Shelley, Percy Bysshe. ALS to Byron, George Gordon Noel Byron, Baron, December 1821. ALS added by Byron to Moore, undated.

Shelley, Percy Bysshe. ALI Percy and Mary Shelley to Clairmont, Clara Mary Jane, 1822. Letter partly in Mary's hand, partly in Percy's hand. Dated 11 May 1821 by F. L. Jones in the Letters of Mary W. Shelley, p. 139. Includes ALS from F. L. Jones to Clarence Cline. 12 September 1948.

(Above items were in bound volume from the Stark Collection.)

Letters III:**Container**
4.1

Shelley, Percy Bysshe. ALS / facsimile to Etheridge, Allen, undated.

Shelley, Percy Bysshe. ALS / facsimile to Graham, Edward, 15 September 1810.

Shelley, Percy Bysshe. ALS / facsimile to Shelley, Miss, 22 October 1811.

Shelley, Percy Bysshe. ALS / facsimile to Shelley, Elizabeth Pilford, 26 October 1811.

Shelley, Percy Bysshe. ALS / facsimile to Shelley, Hellen, undated.

Shelley, Percy Bysshe. ALS / facsimile to Shelley Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin, 11 January 1817.

Shelley, Percy Bysshe. 11 ALS / facsimiles to Shelley, Timothy, Sir, 1811-1814.

Shelley, Percy Bysshe. 4 ALS / facsimiles to Whitton, William, 1811.

Shelley, Percy Bysshe. 2 ALS / facsimiles to Williams, John, 6 January 1814, 22 June 1815.

Miscellaneous:

- Butler, Charles. Shelley settlement, handwritten manuscript, 1791. From the Stark Collection. **Container** 2.4
- Clairmont, Clara Mary Jane. Receipt for legacy from the estate of P. B. Shelley, handwritten and printed document signed by Clairmont, 1 leaf, 1 April 1845. From the Stark Collection. **Container** 1.9
- Clairmont, Clara Mary Jane. ALS to Hunt, Rosalind Williams, 31 December 1862. From the Stark Collection.
- Mountcashell, Margaret Jane Moore, Countess. Twelve cogent reasons for supposing P. B. Sh-ll-y to be the D-v-l Inc-rn-t, handwritten manuscript, 4 pages, undated. **Container** 2.5
- Norman, Sylva, 1901- . The flight of the skylark / Shelley lives on: A posthumous narrative, handwritten manuscript with extensive revisions and typed inserts, 341 pages, undated. With this: signed handwritten note re the title of the work, 1964. **Container** 2.6-3.2
- Shelley, John. Itemized bill from his lawyers for legal services, handwritten manuscript with William White's acknowledgement of receipt of payment written on it, 2 leaves, 1773 (receipt dated 10 January 1774). **Container** 3.3
- Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin. ALS, AL / copy, and AL with signature cut out with loss of text, to Hunt, Leigh, 30 October 1826, 17 August 1842, 20 April 1844. Included with these: ALS, AL / incomplete from Mary Shelley to Hunt, Marianne, 13 January 1817, 28 August 1819. From the Stark Collection. **Container** 3.4
- Turner, Sharon. ALS to Southey, Robert, 3 January 1812. Not described in card catalog. **Container** 3.5
- Whitton, William. ALS to C. & W. Phillips, printers, re Shelley's The necessity of Atheism, 13 April 1811. From the Stark Collection. **Container** 3.6

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