

Wilkie Collins:

An Inventory of His Literary File Photography Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Collins, Wilkie, 1824-1889
Title:	Wilkie Collins Literary File Photography Collection
Dates:	circa 1850-1900
Extent:	29 items
Abstract:	Twenty-nine photographs of and related to novelist Wilkie Collins (British, 1824-1889).
Call Number:	PH-02900
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research. Negatives cannot be accessed without curatorial approval. To make an appointment or to reserve photography materials, please email Visual Materials Reference staff . Researchers must create an online Research Account and agree to the Materials Use Policy before using archival materials.
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Administrative Information

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Acquisition: Internal transfers

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Repository: [Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin](#)

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of 29 photographs of and related to novelist Wilkie Collins (British, 1824-1889). The items in the collection were transferred from manuscript collections that likely include the Wilkie Collins Collection (MS-00881) and the Robert Lee Wolff Collection of 19th Century Fiction (MS-00881). One photograph (997:0079:0044) was removed from a copy of Collins' book, *The Evil Genius: A Domestic Stories*, from the library of Robert Lee Wolff, that is located in the Ransom Center library (call no. WOLFF 1350). Further descriptions of some items may be available in a card catalog in the repository. An index at the end of this guide lists photographers whose work is featured in this file.

This file forms a part of the Literary File Collection that is comprised of photographs and albums withdrawn from the libraries and/or papers of literary figures, and generally includes portraits and images collected by or of those figures.

Related Material

Additional material by and about Collins can be found in the Center's library, in the Wilkie Collins Collection (MS-00881), and in the Robert Lee Wolff Collection of 19th Century Fiction (MS-04574).

Index Terms

People

Collins, Charles Allston, 1828-1873.

Collins, Harriet Geddes, 1790-1868.

Collins, Wilkie, 1824-1889.

Subjects

Authors.

Diaries.

Portraits.

Document Types

Cabinet photographs.

Cartes de visite.

Glass negatives.

Photographic prints.

Print Number: P1 Carte-de-visite portrait of Collins, circa 1860s.

Location
Collins, W.,
Lit File

Print Number: P3 Carte-de-visite portrait of Collins, likely 1864.

Print Number: P4 Portrait of Collins.

Print Number: P5 Photographic reproduction of an 1853 painted portrait Collins that was painted by his brother Charles Allston Collins (1828-1873).

Print Number: P6-P20 Photographic reproductions of pages from Collins' diary made from glass negatives.

Accession Number: 997:0079:0044 Carte-de visite-portrait of Collins' mother, Harriet Geddes Collins, circa 1860s.

Accession Number: 998:0017:0001 Cabinet card portrait of Collins, 1873 or 1874. Inscribed: "To Mrs. Linsell from Wilkie Collins 1876".

Print Number: P13-P20 Glass negatives (same numbers as corresponding prints).

Location
Cabinet
Storage

Index of Photographers

- John & Charles Watkins (Firm : London, England)--P3
- Sarony, Napoleon, 1821-1896--998:0017:0001
- Watkins, Herbert, 1828-1916--P1