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Harriet Beecher Stowe collection of papers

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Summary

Creator: Stowe, Harriet Beecher, 1811-1896

Title: Harriet Beecher Stowe collection of papers

Date: 1847-1895

Size: 65 items

Source: This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources.

Abstract: This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and correspondence.

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Creator History

Harriet Beecher Stowe was an American novelist and short-story writer.

Custodial History

Previous owners include W. T. H. Howe, Bliss Perry, and Owen D. Young.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and correspondence by and about the author. The manuscript materials include autograph drafts of stories, novels, and essays, and autograph transcriptions of poems. The correspondence includes letters from the author, dating from 1847 to 1880, to Cassius Clay, George Eliot, James R. Osgood, Rebecca Wetherill, and others. There are also letters relating to the author, dating from 1853 to [1869], between various correspondents including Elizabeth Leveson-Gower, Charles Beecher, Elihu Burritt, Calvin Ellis Stowe, Lady Georgiana Cavendish Howard Carlisle, W. M. Rossetti, and others. There are letters to Stowe from Henry Ward Beecher, Lyman Beecher, Lady Anna Isabella Milbanke Byron, George William Carlisle, Joseph Durham, Amos Lawrence, James Russell Lowell, Wendell Phillips, John Ruskin, and others, dating from [1851?] to 1860.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Names

Stowe, Harriet Beecher, 1811-1896
Argyll, Elizabeth Georgiana (Granville), duchess of, 1824-1878
Beecher, Charles, 1815-1900
Beecher, Henry Ward, 1813-1887
Beecher, Lyman, 1775-1863
Burritt, Elihu, 1810-1879
Byron, Anne Isabella Milbanke Byron, Baroness, 1792-1860
Carlisle, George William Frederick Howard, Earl of, 1802-1864
Clay, Cassius Marcellus, 1810-1903
Eliot, George, 1819-1880
Howard, Georgiana, Countess of Carlisle, 1783-1858
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Lawrence, Amos, 1786-1852
Lightfoot, J. B. (Joseph Barber), 1828-1889
Lowell, James Russell, 1819-1891
Osgood, James R. (James Ripley), 1836-1892
Perry, Bliss, 1860-1954
Phillips, Wendell, 1811-1884
Rossetti, William Michael, 1829-1919
Ruskin, John, 1819-1900
Stowe, C. E. (Calvin Ellis), 1802-1886
Wetherill, Rebecca, 1819-1908
Young, Owen D., 1874-

Container List

Manuscripts

Manuscripts written by Stowe

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| Manuscript box | Autograph material, Miscellaneous. 1 envelope addressed to her n.d. (1 item)
(1 item)
H. |
| Cased | Copy, in the hand of Harriet B. Stowe, of the last two stanzas of Henry W. Longfellow's poem Decoration day 1893 June 1 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed. H. |
| Oversize (+) | Minister's wooing, The. Incomplete holograph n.d. (175 p) (175 p)
H. |
| Cased | Modern martyrdom of St. Perpetua, The. Holograph n.d. (34 p) (34 p)
Signed "Harriet Beecher Stowe" in the hand of William Dean Howell. H. |
| Manuscript box | Motto over Chap. 40 of Uncle Tom. Holograph copy 1886 Nov. 24 (1 p) (1 p)
H. |
| Manuscript box | Statement attesting that the characters of Uncle Tom and George Harris in her novel Uncle Tom's cabin are fictitious. Holograph 1895 Dec. 8 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | [Uncle Tom's cabin]. 6-line holograph quotation from Chapter 12 1893 Aug. 25 (1 item) (1 item)
H. |

Manuscripts relating to Stowe

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| Enclosed in ALS to Miss Gilder, Boston, Feb. 9, 1885 | Holmes, Oliver Wendell. [The world's homage, poem to Harriet Beecher Stowe on her seventieth birthday]. Copy of the last stanza of the poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
H. |
| Manuscript box | Thackeray, William Makepeace. [Humorous sketch ridiculing the English emancipation league started by Harriet Beecher Stowe. Begins: An army of five hundred thousand ladies]. Holograph n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Accompanied by note of identification by Hester Thackeray Ritchie, Oct. 30, 1926. Y. |

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| Manuscript box | Belloc, Madame. ALS to 1878 June 17 (3 p) (3 p)
H. |
| Manuscript box | Clay, Cassius. ALS to 1853 Feb. 8 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H. |
| Manuscript box | Cleveland, Eliza Callahan. ALS to n.d. (2 p) (2 p)
Fayerweather; Berg |
| Cased | [Eliot], [George]. ALS to 1869 Apr. 15 (4 leaves) (4 leaves)
H. |
| Cased | Eliot, George. ALS to [1869] May 25 (9 leaves) (9 leaves)
H. |
| Cased | [Eliot], [George]. ALS to 1869 Aug. 3 (3 leaves) (3 leaves)
H. |
| Cased | [Eliot], [George]. ALS to 1872 Feb. 8 (9 leaves) (9 leaves)
H. |
| Cased | [Eliot], [George]. ALS to 1872 May 11 (10 leaves) (10 leaves)
H. |

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Cased [Eliot], [George]. ALS to 1872 Sept. 23 (6 leaves) (6 leaves)
H.
- Cased [Eliot], [George]. ALS to 1872 Sept. 26 (3 leaves) (3 leaves)
H.
- Cased [Eliot], [George]. ALS to 1831 [ie. 1873?] Apr. 20 (30 p) (30 p)
H.
- Cased [Eliot], [George]. ALS to 1874 Aug. 20 (3 leaves) (3 leaves)
H.
- Cased [Eliot], [George]. ALS to 1876 Mar. 18 (5 leaves) (5 leaves)
H.
- Cased [Eliot], [George]. ALS to 1876 Sept. 25 (6 leaves) (6 leaves)
H.
- Cased [Eliot], [George]. ALS to 1880 May 6 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.
- Cased [Eliot], [George]. ALS to Apr. 23 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.
- Manuscript box Hunt, Mr. ALS to June 22 (3 leaves) (3 leaves)
H.
- Manuscript box Kingsley, Charles. 2 ALS to 1852 Mar. 20, [1853? (1 p.; 5 p) (1 p.; 5 p)
Removed from her: Uncle Tom's cabin. Boston, 1852. Copy 3, v. 1; Y.
- Cased Osgood, James R. ALS to 1878 Mar. 10 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.
- Manuscript box Phillips, Mr. AL to Apr. 7 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
With her visiting card at end of letter bearing her autograph and dated Sept. 11, 1882. Y.
- Cased Ross, Dr. A. M. ALS to 1875 July 22 (3 p) (3 p)
H.
- Manuscript box [Ticknor and Fields?]. ALS to 1865 Sept. 8 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box Wetherill, [Rebecca]. ALS to 1858 Oct. 8 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
With accompanying envelope. H.
- Manuscript box Wetherill, [Rebecca]. ALS to [1860] Dec. 12 (3 p) (3 p)
With accompanying envelope postmarked 1860, paper watermarked 1859. H.
- Manuscript box [Wetherill], [Rebecca]. ALS to 1861 Jan.] - [1861] Feb. 10 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
With accompanying envelope. H.
- Manuscript box Wood, Mr. ALS to 1862 Dec. 12 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.
- Manuscript box [--?]. ALS to 1853 May 7 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Incoming Correspondence
- Manuscript box Beecher, Henry Ward. ANS to his sister, Harriet 1851? (1 p) (1 p)
H.
- Manuscript box Beecher, Lyman. Fragment of ALS to his daughter, Harriet n.d. (1 letter) (1
(Stowe, H. B.) letter)
H.
- Manuscript box Byron, Anna Isabella Milbanke, Lady. ALS to Stowe 1853 May 27 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Carlisle, George William Frederick Howard, 7th earl of. ALS to Stowe 1853
(Stowe, H. B.) (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.

Correspondence (cont.)

Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box (Stowe, H. B.) Durham, Joseph. ALS to Stowe 1856 Oct. 28 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.
- Manuscript box Follen, Eliza Lee Cabot. ALS to Stowe 1853? (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.
- Manuscript box (Stowe, H. B.) Hall, Anna Maria. ALS (incomplete) to Stowe [1856] Sept. 15 (1 p) (1 p)
H.
- Manuscript box (Stowe, H. B.) Hatherton, Caroline Anne Hurt Littleton, Lady. ALS to Stowe. Mentions Mrs. Gaskell [1853] May 13 (4 leaves) (4 leaves)
H.
- Manuscript box Helps, Arthur. ALS (incomplete) to [Stowe] 1856 May 12? (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.
- Manuscript box Kingsley, Charles. ALS to [Stowe] 1853? May (3 p) (3 p)
H.
- Manuscript box (Stowe, H. B.) Lawrence, Amos. ALS to Stowe 1852 June 4 (3 p) (3 p)
H.
- Manuscript box Lowell, James Russell. ALS to Stowe 1857 Aug. 10 (3 p) (3 p)
H.
- Manuscript box (Stowe, H. B.) Mackie, Charles. ALS to Stowe 1853 May 13 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.
- Manuscript box (Stowe, H. B.) Palfrey, John G. ALS to Stowe 1856 Mar. 1 (3 p) (3 p)
H.
- Manuscript box Phillips, Wendell. 2 ALS to Stowe 1860 Dec. 26, [n.d] (3 p.; 2 leaves) (3 p.; 2 leaves)
H.
- Manuscript box Ruskin, John. ALS to Stowe 1857 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.
- Manuscript box (Stowe, H. B.) Russell, Elizabeth Laura Henrietta Russell, Lady. ALS to Stowe 1853 May 14 (3 p) (3 p)
H.
- Manuscript box (Stowe, H. B.) Shaftesbury, Anthony Ashley Cooper, 7th earl. ALS to Stowe 1853 May 26 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.
- Manuscript box Sumner, Charles. ALS to Stowe 1852 Nov. 12 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.
- Manuscript box (Stowe) Sutherland, Harriet Howard Leveson-Gower, duchess of. ALS to Stowe 1853? (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.
- Manuscript box (Stowe, H. B.) Taunton, Mary Howard Labouchere, Lady. ALS to Stowe 1856 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.
- Related Correspondence
- Manuscript box (Stowe, H. B.) Argyll, Elizabeth Leveson-Gower Campbell, duchess of. ALS to Charles Beecher, brother of Harriet Beecher Stowe 1853 Aug. 15 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.
- Manuscript box (Stowe, H. B.) Burritt, Elihu. ALS to Calvin Ellis Stowe. Written on the 1st and 2nd pages of an announcement for a soiree to be given by the Olive Leaf societies 1853 May 17 (2 p) (2 p)
H.

Correspondence (cont.)

Related Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box
(Stowe, H. B.) Carlisle, Georgiana Cavendish Howard, lady. ALS to Charles Beecher
[1853] Sept. 1 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.
- Manuscript box
(Stowe, H. B.) Kent, Victoria Mary Louisa, duchess of. ALS to [--?] 1847 Mar. 6 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.
- Manuscript box
Rossetti, W. M. ALS to [William D.] O'Connor. Mentions Harriet Beecher
Stowe's attack on Lord Byron. [1869] Nov. 20 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Enclosed is Rossetti's copy, 2 leaves, of passages from Anne Gilchrist's letters to him of June
22, 23 and July 11, 1869. Published in 1870 as "A woman's estimate of Walt Whitman"; Bliss
Perry, Howe.
- Manuscript box
(Stowe, H. B.) Smith, John. ALS to Calvin Ellis Stowe 1853 Apr. 20 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.