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**Theodore Watts-Dunton collection of papers**

1871-1914

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## Summary

**Creator:** Watts-Dunton, Theodore, 1832-1914

**Title:** Theodore Watts-Dunton collection of papers

**Date:** 1871-1914

**Size:** 354 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, correspondence, and financial documents.

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## Creator History

Theodore Watts-Dunton was an English poet, novelist, and literary critic.

## Custodial History

Previous owners include Sir Hall Caine and W. T. H. Howe. The essay by Valpy was previously owned by Watts-Dunton.

## Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, correspondence, and financial documents. The manuscripts include miscellaneous autograph material, as well as an essay by Leonard R. Valpy. The correspondence includes letters from the author, dating from 1873 to 1912, to Sir Hall Caine, Pearl Mary Teresa Craigie, Ford Madox Ford, Grant Richards, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Algernon Charles Swinburne, T. Fisher Unwin, and others, as well as undated letters relating to the author from Dante Gabriel Rossetti to Fanny Schott. There are letters to Watts-Dunton from Mathilde Blind, Lady Mary Ashburnham Gordon, Francis Hindes Groome, Thomas Gordon Hake, Benjamin Jowett, John Westland Marston, Richard Herne Shepherd, Frederic J. Shields, George Barnett Smith, Alice Swinburne, Isabel Swinburne, Lady Jane Henrietta Swinburne, John S. Verschoyle, and others, dating from 1871 to 1914.

## Key Terms

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

### Names

Watts-Dunton, Theodore, 1832-1914  
Blind, Mathilde, 1841-1896  
Caine, Hall, Sir, 1853-1931  
Caine, Hall, Sir, 1853-1931  
Ford, Ford Madox, 1873-1939  
Gordon, Mary (Ashburnham)  
Groome, Francis Hindes, 1851-1902  
Hake, Thomas Gordon, 1809-1895  
Hobbes, John Oliver, 1867-1906  
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)  
Jowett, Benjamin, 1817-1893  
Marston, Westland, 1819-1890  
Richards, Grant, 1872-1948  
Rossetti, Dante Gabriel, 1828-1882  
Shepherd, Richard Herne, 1842-1895  
Shields, Frederic, 1833-1911  
Smith, George Barnett, 1841-1909  
Swinburne, Algernon Charles, 1837-1909  
Swinburne, Alice  
Swinburne, Isabel  
Swinburne, Jane Henrietta, Lady  
Unwin, T. Fisher (Thomas Fisher), 1848-1935  
Verschoyle, John Stuart, 1891-  
Watts-Dunton, Theodore, 1832-1914

## Container List

### Manuscripts

#### Manuscripts written by Watts-Dunton

Manuscript box Autograph material. Miscellaneous. Some dated 1872 - 1876 (13 items) (13 items)

#### Manuscripts relating to Watts-Dunton

Manuscript box (Rossetti, D. G.) Valpy, Leonard R. The late D. G. Rossetti. Holograph essay. Letter to the editor n.d. (8 p) (8 p)  
Signed. Came Theodore Watts-Dunton's correspondence

### Correspondence

#### Outgoing Correspondence

Manuscript box Brown, Ford Madox. ALS to 1890 Sept. 23 (3 p) (3 p)

Manuscript box Caine, Sir Hall. 34 ALS to 1881 June 20] - 1894 Oct. 21 (34 letters in 8 folders) (34 letters in 8 folders)

Manuscript box Carr, [--?]. ALS to 1893 Mar. 26 (7 p) (7 p)

Manuscript box Chatto and Windus. Letter to 1874 Jan. 2 (3 p) (3 p)

Manuscript box Craigie, Pearl Mary Teresa. 2 LS to n.d. (1 leaf; 3 p) (1 leaf; 3 p)

Manuscript box Ford, Ford Madox. Letter to 1908 Oct. 22 (2 p) (2 p)

Manuscript box Francillon, [Robert Edward?]. ALS to n.d. (3 p) (3 p)

Manuscript box Hake, Thomas Gordon. ALS to. Mentions Louise De la Ramee n.d. (2 p) (2 p)

Manuscript box Hunt, Violet. LS to 1912 Nov. 3 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Manuscript box Hunt, [--?]. 2 ALS to. Relates to D. G. Rossetti's house in 16 Cheyne Walk 1875 Aug. 1, 1877 Apr. 21 (1 p.; 2 p) (1 p.; 2 p)

Manuscript box Johnson, Miss. ALS to 1895 Aug. 15 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Manuscript box [Lane], [John]. ALS to. Relates to Meredith bibliography 1890 Feb. 14 (2 p) (2 p)  
H.

Manuscript box Lee and Pemberton, Messrs. ALS to. Relates to D. G. Rossetti's house in 16 Cheyne Walk 1876 Apr. 5 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Manuscript box Richards, Grant. 16 Letters and LS to 1901 Mar. 13 - 1904 Mar. 16 (16 letters in 4 folders) (16 letters in 4 folders)

Manuscript box Rossetti, Dante Gabriel. 9 ALS to 1874 July 16 - 1876 Nov. 16 (9 letters in 2 folders) (9 letters in 2 folders)

Manuscript box Rossetti, Dante Gabriel. ALS to n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
Came with Sir Hall Caine's archive

Manuscript box Rossetti, William Michael. ALS to. Relates to Dante Gabriel Rossetti's house in 16 Cheyne Walk 1882 July 20 (3 p) (3 p)

Manuscript box Shield, [--?]. ALS to 1875 Aug. 25 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box Sullivan, St[--?] E[--?]. 2 ALS (drafts) to. Relates to Dante Gabriel Rossetti 1874 July 16 (3 p. each) (3 p. each)

Manuscript box Swinburne, Algernon Charles. 10 ALS (1 incomplete) to. First letter mentions Joaquin Miller and letter of Nov. 21, 1873 mentions Simeon Solomon 1873 Apr. 12 - 1894 Aug. 11 (10 letters in 2 folders) (10 letters in 2 folders)

Manuscript box Swinburne, Algernon Charles. 7 ALS, 1 LS to various correspondents relating to. Four letters are drafts 1873 - 1903 (8 letters in 2 folders) (8 letters in 2 folders)

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box Swinburne, Alice. ALS to 1896 Nov. 20 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Swinburne, Isabel. Letter to 1908 May 22 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box Swinburne, Lady Jane Henrietta Ashburnham. 2 ALS to 1879 Aug. 6, [n.d. (2 leaves; 3 p) (2 leaves; 3 p)
- Manuscript box unidentified correspondents. 8 ALS to. Four letters are drafts n.d. (8 letters in 2 folders) (8 letters in 2 folders)
- Manuscript box Unwin, T. Fisher. 3 ALS (1 leaf; 2 leaves; 1 p.) and 2 letters (1 leaf each) to 1891 Aug. 10 - 1901 Jan. 30 (5 letters) (5 letters)
- Manuscript box Unwin, T. Fisher. 2 LS to 1904 June 8, 1904 June 11 (1 leaf; 2 p) (1 leaf; 2 p)
- Manuscript box Watts, John King. 2 ALS to his father n.d. (3 p. each) (3 p. each)
- Manuscript box Watts, Theresa. ALS to his sister n.d. (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box [--?]. ALS to. Relates to D. G. Rossetti's house in 16 Cheyne Walk 1876 May 4 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box [--?]. ALS to. Relates to D. G. Rossetti 1877 Oct. 6 (3 p) (3 p)

Incoming Correspondence

- Manuscript box Allen, Grant. ALS to Watts-Dunton n.d. (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box Austin, Alfred. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1911 July 25 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Blind, Mathilde. 3 ALS to Watts-Dunton. Third letter undated 1880 May 12, 1881 Aug. 7 (1 p.; 2 leaves; 1 p) (1 p.; 2 leaves; 1 p)
- Manuscript box Braddon, Mary Elizabeth. ANS to Watts-Dunton(?). Invitation. May have been sent to A. C. Swinburne Before July 1 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Chatto, Andrew. ALS to Watts-Dunton. Relates to A. C. Swinburne 1874 July 21 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box (Morris, W.) Cockerell, Sir Sydney Carlyle. ALS to Watts-Dunton. Relates to the death of Jan Burden Morris, wife of William Morris 1914 Jan. 26 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Colvin, Sidney. 2 ALS to Watts-Dunton 1897 Sept. 3, 1897 Dec. 4 (2 p.; 3 p) (2 p.; 3 p)
- Manuscript box Craigie, Pearl Mary Teresa Richards. 3 ALS to Watts-Dunton 1898 Feb. 17 - 1899 Feb. 10 (1 leaf; 1 p.; 1 p) (1 leaf; 1 p.; 1 p)
- Manuscript box Campbell, [Lord?] Archibald. 2 ALS to Watts-Dunton 1881 Feb. 16, [n.d. (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
- Manuscript box Campbell, James Dykes. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1891 July 8 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Campbell, Lewis. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1885 July 24 (7 p) (7 p)
- Manuscript box (Rossetti, D. G.) Dunn, Harry Treffry. 18 ALS to Watts-Dunton. Relates to Dante Gabriel Rossetti 1876 Jan. 17 - 1882 July 17 (18 letters in 5 folders) (18 letters in 5 folders)  
With ALS to his sister, Edith Hume, March 16, 1893, and letter from her to Watts-Dunton. Original pen-and-ink sketch enclosed in July 28, 1882; Letters wrapped in galley proof with Thomas James Wise's ms. Inscription
- Manuscript box (Rossetti, D. G.) Dunn, Harry Treffry. ALS to Watts-Dunton. Relates to Dante Gabriel Rossetti 1877 Oct. 8 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
Encloses: Valpy, Leonard R. 2 ALS to Harry Treffry Dunn. Aug. 17, 1877. 2 leaves; Aug. 24, 1877. 3 p.; Valpy, Leonard. ALS to Rossetti. July 12, 1877. 2 leaves
- Manuscript box Ellis, Frederick Startridge. 2 ALS to Watts-Dunton 1896 June 12 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box (Swinburne) Gordon, Lady Mary (Ashburnham). ALS to Watts-Dunton Dec. 24 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box (Swinburne) Gordon, Lady Mary (Ashburnham). ALS to Watts-Dunton 1894 June 29 (3 p) (3 p)

Correspondence (cont.)

Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box (Swinburne) Gordon, Lady Mary (Ashburnham). ALS to Watts-Dunton 1896 June 9 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Groome, Francis Hindes. 9 ALS to Watts-Dunton 1885 Dec. 31 - 1898 Aug. 2 (9 letters in 2 folders) (9 letters in 2 folders)
- Manuscript box (Watts-Dunton) Hake, Alfred Egmont. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1878 June 15 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Watts-Dunton) Hake, Henry Wilson. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1877 Sept. 18 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Watts-Dunton) Hake, Thomas Gordon. 32 ALS to Watts-Dunton 1871 Sept. 23 - 1894 Apr. 21 (32 letters in 6 folders) (32 letters in 6 folders)
- Manuscript box (Watts-Dunton) Hake, Thomas St. Edmund. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1891 Dec. 3 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Houghton, Richard Monckton Milnes, 1st baron. ALS to Watts-Dunton. Relates to the meeting between A. C. Swinburne and Oscar Wilde 1881 July 9 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Ford, F. M.) Hueffer, Catherine (Brown). ALS to Watts-Dunton. Relates to Dante Gabriel Rossetti and his wife 1906 Oct. 19 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Ford, F. M.) Hueffer, Francis. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1896[?] Sept. 19 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Hunt, William Holman. LS to Watts-Dunton 1909 Dec. 14 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box (Hunt, W. H.) Hunt, Marion Edith (Waugh). ALS to Watts-Dunton [after 1875] July 7 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box Ingram, John H. 2 ALS to Watts-Dunton 1883 Feb. 23, 1883 July 4 (1 p.; 2 leaves) (1 p.; 2 leaves)
- Manuscript box Jacobs, Joseph. TLS to Watts-Dunton 1899 July 26 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Jerome, Jerome Klapka. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1892 Oct. 8 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box Jones, Henry Arthur. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1893 Sept. 22 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Jowett, Benjamin. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1883 July 4 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box Jowett, Benjamin. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1884 Aug. 12 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box Jowett, Benjamin. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1888 Dec. 31 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Jowett, Benjamin. ALS to Watts-Dunton July 18 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Jowett, Benjamin. ALS to Watts-Dunton Nov. 18 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Kernahan, Coulson. ALS to Watts-Dunton Dec. 25 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Kinloch-Cooke, Sir Clement. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1910 Oct. 21 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Knowles, James Thomas. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1893 Oct. 10 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Swinburne) Leith, Mary Charlotte Julia (Gordon). 2 ALS to Watts-Dunton 1894 May 13, 1913 Mar. 6 (2 leaves; 3 leaves) (2 leaves; 3 leaves)
- Manuscript box (Watts-Dunton) Letters, ALS, TLS, etc. from miscellaneous correspondents, not listed separately, to Watts-Dunton 1874- 1914 (23 letters in 4 folders) (23 letters in 4 folders)
- Manuscript box Lillie, Arthur. ALS to Watts-Dunton n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box McCarthy, Justin Huntly. ALS to Watts-Dunton n.d. (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box Marston, John Westland. 7 ALS to Watts-Dunton 1874 July 15 - 1885 Feb. 28 (7 letters) (7 letters)

Correspondence (cont.)

Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

- Oversize  
(+)(Meredith)  
Inserted in: The  
three ravens and  
other Border  
ballads. Copies of  
the ballads in the  
hand of George  
Meredith
- Manuscript box  
(Meredith, G.) Meredith, George. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1897 June 6 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box  
(Morris, W.) Morris, Jane (Burden). ALS to Watts-Dunton 1882 June 8 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box  
(Morris, W.) Morris, Jane (Burden). ALS to Watts-Dunton Dec. 28 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box  
(Morris, W.) Morris, Jane (Burden). ALS to Watts-Dunton n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Morris, Sir Lewis. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1889 Mar. 28 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Morris, William. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1894 Aug. 9 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
H.
- Manuscript box Moulton, Louise Chandler. ALS to Watts-Dunton July 9 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box Moulton, Louise Chandler. ALS to Watts-Dunton n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Pfeiffer, Mrs. Emily Jane (Davis). ALS to Watts-Dunton Apr. 3 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Procter, Anne Skepper. ALS to Watts-Dunton Oct. 9 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Rossetti, Dante Gabriel. Postcard to Watts-Dunton. Date from postmark  
1878 Sept. 7 (1 card) (1 card)
- Manuscript box Rossetti, Lucy Madox. 2 ALS to Watts-Dunton. Relates to Mathilde Blind  
n.d. (3 p. each) (3 p. each)
- Manuscript box Rossetti, William Michael. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1889 Nov. 4 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box Shepherd, Richard Herne. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1879 Feb. 5 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Shepherd, Richard Herne. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1880 Dec. 23 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Shepherd, Richard Herne. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1887 July 24 (5 p) (5 p)
- Manuscript box  
(Rossetti, D. G.) Shields, Frederic J. 6 ALS to Watts-Dunton. Relates to Dante Gabriel  
Rossetti 1877 Sept. 2 - 1882 June 19 (6 letters) (6 letters)
- Manuscript box Sims, George Robert. ALS to Watts-Dunton. Mentions Andrew Chatto and  
George Borrow's Romany Rye 1905 Mar. 6 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Smith, George Barnett. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1878 May 2 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box Smith, George Barnett. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1878 May 22 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box Smith, George Barnett. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1878 July 20 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Smith, George Barnett. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1878 July 27 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box Smith, George Barnett. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1881 June 8 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box  
(Chatto, A.) Spalding, Percy. ALS to Watts-Dunton. Relates to the death of Andrew  
Chatto 1913 Mar. 19 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Swinburne, Algernon Charles. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1896 Aug. 3 - 1896 Aug. 4  
(2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
B.
- Manuscript box Swinburne, Algernon Charles. ALS to Watts-Dunton. Dated "Tues." n.d. (1 p)  
(1 p)

Correspondence (cont.)

Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box (Swinburne) Swinburne, Alice. 13 ALS to Watts-Dunton 1882 Jan. 6 - 1902 Dec. 2 (13 letters in 2 folders) (13 letters in 2 folders)
- Manuscript box (Swinburne) Swinburne, Edward. 2 ALS to Watts-Dunton 1886 Oct. 15, 1886 Oct. 29 (2 leaves; 3 p) (2 leaves; 3 p)
- Manuscript box (Swinburne) Swinburne, Isabel. 7 ALS to Watts-Dunton 1883 Mar. 28 - 1908 Feb. 4 (7 letters in 2 folders) (7 letters in 2 folders)
- Manuscript box (Swinburne) Swinburne, Lady Jane Henrietta (Ashburnham). 5 ALS to Watts-Dunton 1880 Feb. 23 - [1889 Aug. 11 (5 letters) (5 letters)
- Manuscript box Van Laun, Henri. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1880 May 28 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Verschoyle, John S. 6 ALS to Watts-Dunton n.d. (6 letters) (6 letters)
- Manuscript box Vezin, Hermann. 2 ALS to Watts-Dunton 1890 July 21, 1890 Aug. 25 (2 p. each) (2 p. each)
- Manuscript box (Watts-Dunton) Watts, J[?] O[?]. 2 ALS to Watts-Dunton 1882 Sept. 24, 1883 Dec. 29 (3 p.; 1 leaf) (3 p.; 1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Way, Thomas Robert. ALS to Watts-Dunton. Refers to his book on James Abbott McNeill Whistler 1903 Sept. 6 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box Webster, Augusta. 2 ALS to Watts-Dunton 1891 July 11, 1891 Nov. 16 (3 p.; 2 leaves) (3 p.; 2 leaves)
- Manuscript box Whistler, James Abbott McNeill. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1888 May 29 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
Accompanying envelope addressed to Watts-Dunton
- Manuscript box Williamson, George Charles. 3 TLS to Watts-Dunton 1914 Jan. 1 - 1914 Jan. 20 (1 leaf each) (1 leaf each)
- Manuscript box Wills, William Gorman. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1887 Jan. 30 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Wyndham, George. ALS to Watts-Dunton 1898 Nov. 1 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Related Correspondence
- Manuscript box Rossetti, Dante Gabriel. 2 ALS to Fanny Schott [?]. Drafts (?). Relates to George Frederick Watts or Theodore Watts-Dunton and J[?] S[?] B[?] Haydon n.d. (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
- Financial Documents
- Manuscript box (Watts-Dunton) The English review. Check made out to Theodore Watts-Dunton by Ford Madox Ford 1909 Jan. 9 (1 item) (1 item)
- Manuscript box (Watts-Dunton) Ward, Lock, Bowden Co. Receipt made out to Theodore Watts-Dunton by the Ward, Lock, Bowden Co. 1893 May 15 (1 item) (1 item)