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Guide to the

Thomas James Wise manuscript material

1886-1930

Pforz MS

Summary

Creator: Wise, Thomas James, 1859-1937

Title: Thomas James Wise manuscript material

Date: 1886-1930

Size: 26 items

Abstract: Thomas James Wise, English book collector and forger. · To Percy John Dobell, bookseller : 1 autograph postcard signed : 1 Mar 1920 : (S'ANA 1021) : from "Kirkstead," 25, Heath Drive, Hampstead, N.W.3. (embossed postcard) : begins, "I have looked up some documents written by Mary Shelley in August 1822".

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Scope and Content Note

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· To H. Buxton Forman, bibliographer and forger : 14 letters : -- 1 autograph letter signed : 7 Jan 1886 : (S'ANA 0688) : 4 pages (double sheet) : from 14, Mincing Lane, London (H. Rubeck embossed stationery) : begins, "Herewith I send you the short 'Introduction' which I have prepared for the reprint of Adonais." -- 1 autograph letter signed : 3 Nov 1886 : (S'ANA 0910b) : 1 page (double sheet) : from 127 Devonshire Road, Holloway N. (embossed stationery) : begins, "I send you herewith 2 copies of Mr

Rossetti's 'Prometheus' Lecture" -- 1 autograph letter signed : 5 Nov 1886 : (S'ANA 0910a) : 1 1/2 pages (double sheet) : from 14, Mincing Lane, London (H. Rubeck printed stationery) : begins, "Yours to hand. I willingly admit the truth of all your strictures upon the Lecture" -- 1 autograph memorandum signed : 5 Jan 1887 : (S'ANA 0910c) : 1 1/2 pages (single sheet) : from 14, Mincing Lane, London (printed form) : begins, "I send you herewith a cancel leaf for my print of Rossetti's 'Prometheus' Lecture . . ."; along with the mentioned leaf. -- 1 autograph memorandum signed : 20 Aug 1889 : (S'ANA 0025.07) : 1 page (single sheet) : from 14, Mincing Lane, London (printed form) : begins, "Your to hand. I send the MS herewith" -- 1 autograph letter signed : 21 Aug 1905 : (S'ANA 0155a) : 2 1/2 pages (double sheet) : from 23, Downside Crescent, Hampstead. N.W. (embossed stationery) : begins, "Can you dine with us, & Mr Wrenn, on the 24th inst. . . ." -- 1 autograph letter signed : 25 Aug 1905 : (S'ANA 0155b) : 2 1/2 pages (double sheet) : from 23, Downside Crescent, Hampstead. N.W. (embossed stationery) : begins, "Many thanks for your letter. We were disappointed you were unable to dine with us. As to Shelley: I think you will want badly to see Sabin's 'Mab' when you know what it is." -- 1 autograph letter signed : 25 Aug 1905 : (S'ANA 0155c) : 3 1/2 pages (double sheet) : from 23, Downside Crescent, Hampstead. N.W. (embossed stationery) : begins, "Confirming my note of this mor'g. I compared the MS in Sabin's 'Mab'" -- 1 autograph letter signed : 1 Sep 1905 : (S'ANA 0155d) : 2 pages (single sheet) : from 59, Mark Lane, London (printed stationery of H. Rubeck) : begins, "I called at Sabin's today, & bought the "Q[ueen] M[ab]" for £350.0.0" -- 1 autograph letter signed : 2 Sep 1905 : (S'ANA 0155e) : 7 pages (2 double sheets) : from 23, Downside Crescent, Hampstead. N.W. (embossed stationery) : begins, "I have just come home, & find your letter awaiting me. Its contents make me a bit dismal." -- 1 autograph memorandum signed : 13 Sep 1905 : (S'ANA 0155f) : 1 page (partial sheet) : from 59, Mark Lane, London (printed memo form of H. Rubeck) : begins, "Many thanks. Will turn up ay 1:30 tomorrow as escort for 'Mab Junr.'" -- 1 autograph letter signed : 11 Apr 1908 : (S'ANA 0580) : 3 pages (double sheet) : from 23, Downside Crescent, Hampstead. N.W. (embossed stationery) : begins, "I have, for my sins, been stuck on a jury in the King's Bench all the week" -- 1 autograph letter signed : 30 May 1911 : (S'ANA 0155g) : 7 pages (2 double sheets) : from "Kirkstead," 25, Heath Drive, Hampstead, N.W.3. (embossed stationery) : begins, "I do hope that what I am going to write will not make you displeased with me . . ."; with Forman's autograph summary of his response, signed, dated 1 June, on page 7. -- 1 autograph letter signed : 23 Dec 1913 : (MISC 1946) : 2 pages (single sheet) : from Albion Works, Clack Street, Albion Street, Rotherhithe, London, S.E. (printed stationery) : begins, "Your letter to nad this morning afforded me double pleasure."

· To Maurice Buxton Forman, postal worker and literary editor : 1 autograph letter signed : 17 Mar 1909 : (S'ANA 0582) : 3 pages (double sheet) : from 23, Downside Crescent, Hampstead. N.W. (embossed stationery) : begins, "It was pleasant to see your signature at the foot of the letter I rec'd".

· To Roger Ingpen, literary editor and writer : 1 autograph letter signed : 30 Apr 1930 : (S'ANA 0917) : 2 1/2 pages (double sheet) : from Queen's Hotel, Hastings (embossed stationery) : begins, "Can you tell me who are the publishers of this book?".

· To Carl H. Pforzheimer, investment banker, philanthropist and collector : 1 autograph letter signed : 1 Mar 1930 : (S'ANA 0194) : 4 pages (double sheet) + envelope : from 25, Heath Drive, Hampstead, N.W.3. (embossed stationery) : begins, "Very many thanks for the beautiful reproduction of the famous Harvard Shelley MS . . ."; with remarks on the character of Edward Silsbee.

· To Frank Lester Pleadwell, naval surgeon and medical historian : 1 autograph letter signed : 18 Dec 1929 : (S'ANA 0853c) : 3 pages (double sheet) + envelope : from 25, Heath Drive, Hampstead, N.W.3. (embossed stationery) : begins, "I am obliged to you for your favor of the 30th Nov. which came to hand this morning, & for the interesting copy of Proctor's letter".

- To Bruce Rogers, typographer and type designer : 1 autograph letter signed : 27 Jun 1925 : (MISC 3369) : 2 1/_ pages (double sheet) : from 25, Heath Drive, Hampstead, N.W.3. (embossed stationery) : begins, "Will you pray pardon a stranger for addressing you?".

- To Emma V. Unger, bibliographer : 3 letters -- 1 autograph letter signed : 7 May 1925 : (B'ANA 0494) : 2 pages (double sheet) : from Queen's Hotel, Hastings (embossed stationery) : begins, "Your letter of April 27th has reached me here." Along with Unger's prompting letter, regarding one of Mr. Pforzheimer's copies of Byron's Prisoner of Chillon. -- 1 autograph letter signed : 29 Jun 1925 : (MISC 0495) : 2 1/_ pages (double sheet) : from 25, Heath Drive, Hampstead, N.W.3. (embossed stationery) : begins, "I have your favor of the 27th April before me. I have just examined my copy of Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon'" -- 1 autograph letter signed : 24 Oct 1929 : (S'ANA 0623) : from 25, Heath Drive, Hampstead, N.W.3. (embossed stationery) : begins, "Your note of the 14th inst. is to hand this morning . . ."; regarding the Ascham edition of Shelley's poems.

- To [?Theodore Watts-Dunton, writer and poet] : 1 autograph memorandum unsigned : [circa 1886] : (S'ANA 0154) : 2 pages (single sheet) : from 14, Mincing Lane, London (printed form) : begins, "Here's the autograph M.S. of Stopford Brooke's Inagural Address . . ."; filed along with the mentioned manuscript (S'ANA 0009), under "Brooke."

- To Gabriel Wells, antiquarian bookseller : 1 autograph letter signed : 16 Oct 1920 : (B'ANA 0665) : 1 1/_ pages (double sheet) : from "Kirkstead," 25, Heath Drive, Hampstead, N.W.3. (embossed stationery) : begins, "Pray allow me to thank you for your kindness in sending me this quotation from the Byron letter you mentioned".

- To H. White & Son, music sellers : 1 autograph note signed : [11 Feb 1889 or shortly thereafter] : (S'ANA 0219L) : 1 page (double sheet) : [no place] : begins, "I shewed this list to a friend of mine this morning" Written on page 2 of a double sheet letter from H. White & Son to Wise, listing sheet music of songs composed to words by Shelley.

Key Terms

Subjects

Book collectors -- Great Britain -- 19th century -- Correspondence
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Names

Dobell, Percy John, 1871-1956
 Forman, H. Buxton (Harry Buxton), 1842-1917
 Forman, Maurice Buxton
 Pforzheimer, Carl H. (Carl Howard), 1879-1957
 Pleadwell, F. L. (Frank Lester), 1872-1957
 Rogers, Bruce, 1870-1957
 Unger, Emma Va. (Emma Virginia)
 Watts-Dunton, Theodore, 1832-1914
 Wells, Gabriel, 1862-1946
 Wise, Thomas James, 1859-1937
 H. White & Son