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# Guide to the William Wordsworth Collection

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 1262

**CREATOR:** Wordsworth, William, 1770-1850

**TITLE:** William Wordsworth collection

**DATES:** 1798-1850

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.63 linear feet (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** In English.

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of letters and writings by William Wordsworth. The autograph letters, signed, are from Wordsworth to his colleagues, friends, and family, along with Wordsworth autographs clipped from letters and documents. One letter contains an autograph addition, signed, by Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Writings in the collection are by Wordsworth, in his hand and that of his sister Dorothy Wordsworth and wife Mary Wordsworth. Also included are groups of page proofs and two published works, *Lyrical Ballads with Other Poems*, vol. II (London: T. N. Longman and O. Rees, 1800), and *Poems in Two Volumes* (London: Longman, Hurst, Rees, and Orme, 1807), with William and Dorothy Wordsworth's autograph edits for second editions. Other Papers holds one letter from Edward Quillinan to "Miss Tudor" (1850), regarding Wordsworth's death.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

- b. box
- f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acquired from various sources. For more information see the folder list below.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Conditions Governing Use

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### Preferred Citation

William Wordsworth Collection. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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### Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

This collection includes materials previously identified by the following call number: MS Vault Wordsworth and Uncat MS Vault 169

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### Associated Materials

Biggs and Cottle Correspondence Regarding Lyrical Ballads (GEN MSS 1261)

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## William Wordsworth (1770-1850)

English poet.

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### Scope and Contents

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## **Arrangement**

Organized into three series: I. Correspondence and Autographs, 1798-1850. II. Writings, 1815-1844. III. Other Papers, 1850.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence and Autographs, 1798-1850

0.21 linear feet (1 box)

Series I contains autograph letters, signed, from William Wordsworth to his colleagues, friends, and family, along with Wordsworth autographs clipped from letters and documents. One letter contains an autograph addition, signed, by Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Also present is one autograph letter, signed, by Mary Wordsworth.

Organized into two subseries: William Wordsworth and Mary Wordsworth.

#### Wordsworth, William

b. 1, f. 1	Brown, Mr. Purchased from Metzdorf on the Albert H. Childs Fund, 1959	1809 June 10
b. 1, f. 2	Calvert, Dr. Purchased from Goodspeed on the Francis O. Matthiesen Fund, 1956	undated
b. 1, f. 3	Cookson, William Strickland Three autograph letters, signed. Gift of Paul S. Schoedinger, 1942	1826-1838
b. 1, f. 4	Godwin, William Purchased from Stonehill on the Elizabeth W. Manwaring Fund, 1954	1811 Mar 9
b. 1, f. 5	Johnson, Joseph Accompanied by an autograph note, signed and dated March 28, 1909, from Violet Wordsworth, explaining the letter. Gift of Herman W. Liebert in memory of Andrew Keogh, 1953	1798 Sep 14
b. 1, f. 6	Longman and Rees Autograph letter in the hand of Dorothy Wordsworth signed by William Wordsworth, also containing an autograph letter, signed, by Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Accompanied by a typed letter to Chauncey Brewster Tinker from Bernard Quaritch dated November 10, 1932. Gift of Chauncey Brewster Tinker (Tinker 668)	1807 Mar 27
b. 1, f. 7	Montgomery, James Gift of Paul S. Schoedinger, 1942	1824 Jan 24
b. 1, f. 8	Moxon, Edward Gift of Henry C. Hutchins, 1952	1839 Apr 8
b. 1, f. 9	Moxon, Edward Fragment Purchased from Stonehill on the Chauncey Brewster Tinker Prize Fund, 1970	1843 May
b. 1, f. 10	Murray, John Purchased from Goodspeed on the Francis O. Matthiesen Fund, 1955	undated

## Wordsworth, William (continued)

b. 1, f. 11	Ogle, Harriet Purchased from Stonehill on the Chauncey Brewster Tinker Prize Fund, 1965	1842 Nov 15
b. 1, f. 12	Perkins, Charles C. Gift of Paul S. Schoedinger, 1942	1849 Jul 17
b. 1, f. 13	Smith, Southwood Purchased on the Chauncey Brewster Tinker Prize Fund, 1976	1849 Feb 2
b. 1, f. 14	Wilson, Chris Purchased from Stonehill on the Albert H. Childs Fund, 1961	1850 Apr 23
b. 1, f. 15	Wordsworth, Christopher and Susan Purchased from Stonehill on the Chauncey Brewster Tinker Prize Fund, 1969	undated
b. 1, f. 16	Unidentified recipient Purchased from W. R. Benjamin on the Francis O. Matthiesen Fund, 1962	1840 June 27
b. 1, f. 17	Unidentified recipient Gift of Annie Annie Burr Auchincloss Lewis, 1940	1842 Apr 16
b. 1, f. 18	Unidentified recipient Purchased from Stonehill on the Albert H. Childs Fund, 1961	1845
b. 1, f. 19	Unidentified recipient Gift of Paul S. Schoedinger, 1942	1848 Nov 7
b. 1, f. 20	Autograph written for Rev. Benjamin Isaac Haight Gift of E. Clowes Chorley to the Rare Book Room, 1941; transferred from the E. Clowes Chorley Collection, 1949	1841 Aug 5
b. 1, f. 21	Autograph notes Two autograph notes giving instructions to the printer of his <i>Poems</i> , published by Moxon in 1845. The notes were written on and subsequently clipped from the proofs of this edition which were sent to the poet for his approval.  Gift of Herman W. Liebert in memory of Andrew Keogh, 1953	circa 1845
b. 1, f. 22	Autograph mounted on an engraved portrait Removed from: <i>Literary History of England</i> by Margaret Oliphant (London: 1882)[1b50.ie882]	1844 Jan 14
b. 1, f. 23	Autographs and handwriting samples Autograph signature clipped from letter to Longman and Rees, and two lines of poetry mounted to a card with an image of Rydal Mount  Gift of Wilmarth S. Lewis (Yale 1918), 1958	1836-1848
Wordsworth, Mary		
b. 1, f. 24	Letter to unidentified correspondent Gift of Paul S. Schoedinger, 1942	1848 Nov 6

**Series II: Writings, 1815-1844***0.42 linear feet (1 box)*

Series II contains writings by Wordsworth, in his hand and that of his sister Dorothy Wordsworth and wife Mary Wordsworth. Also included are corrected page proofs and a volume of poems Wordsworth edited for a second edition.

Series two is organized into two subseries: Manuscripts and Page Proofs and Edited Volumes.

## Manuscripts

b. 2, f. 25	Lines inscribed in the copy of his poems sent to the Queen for the Royal Library Copy in the hand of Mary Wordsworth. Purchased from John Wilson on the Beinecke No. 1 Fund, 1968	undated
b. 2, f. 26	"Lo! Where she stands fixed in a saintlike trance" Purchased from John Wilson on the Beinecke No. 1 Fund, 1968	circa 1838
b. 2, f. 27	Nine sonnets: manuscript copies in an unknown hand Accompanied by a slip of paper bearing instructions to the printer in Wordsworth's hand and a note intended to be published. Purchased from John Wilson on the Beinecke No. 1 Fund, 1968	after 1838
b. 2, f. 28	"A Plea for Authors" Autograph drafts, signed, of "A Plea for Authors" (titled here "A Word or two from an author") and "'Tis He, whose yester-evening's high disdain" (titled here "Here follows a 2nd Thrush") Purchased from John Wilson on the Beinecke No. 1 Fund, 1968	1838 May
b. 2, f. 29	"Poem on a Daisy casting its shadow" Two autograph poems on one sheet. Purchased from Pickering & Chatto on the Albert H. Childs Fund, 1961	1844
b. 2, f. 30	"Roman Antiquities" Autograph manuscript drafts, signed, of "Roman Antiquities" and "A Gravestone on the Floor in the Cloisters of Worcester Cathedral" on one sheet. Purchased from John Wilson on the Beinecke No. 1 Fund, 1968	undated
b. 2, f. 31	"The Ruined Cottage" and "Written Upon the Thames Near Richmond" Two autograph poems in the hand of Robert Southey. Purchased from Driscoll on the Albert H. Childs Fund, 1961	undated
b. 2, f. 32	"To Enterprise" Manuscript draft in the hands of Mary Wordsworth and Sara Hutchinson, with autograph revisions and alterations by William Wordsworth. Purchased from John Wilson on the Beinecke No. 1 Fund, 1968	circa 1815



## Manuscripts (continued)

b. 2, f. 33	"The Wishing-Gate Destroyed" Purchased from John Wilson on the Beinecke No. 1 Fund, 1968	undated
b. 2, f. 34	Untitled poem ("Written in March 1829 on seeing a Primrose tuft of flowers...") Copied by Dorothy Wordsworth. Purchased from Driscoll on the Albert H. Childs Fund, 1961	1829 Aug 28
Page Proofs and Edited Volumes		
b. 2, f. 35	<i>Lyrical Ballads with Other Poems</i> , vol. II (London: T. N. Longman and O. Rees, 1800) Bound volume without title pages and contents, annotated throughout with autograph corrections and revisions by William Wordsworth, Dorothy Wordsworth, and an unidentified person, in preparation for the edition of 1802. Autograph of Christopher Wordsworth. Formerly owned by John Wordsworth. Purchased on the E. J. and F. W. Beinecke Rare Book Endowment Fund	circa 1801
b. 2, f. 36	<i>Poems, in two volumes</i> (London: Longman, Hurst, Rees, and Orme, 1807) Bound volume with extensive autograph corrections and textual interpolations by Wordsworth, used in preparing the 1815 edition of his poems. Ex libris Frederick Locker; ex libris Frank Brewer Bemis; ex libris Chauncey Brewster Tinker. Bequest of Chauncey Brewster Tinker (Yale 1899).	circa 1814
Group of page proofs with autograph corrections Purchased from John Wilson on the Albert H. Childs Fund and the E. J. and F. W. Beinecke Rare Book Endowment Fund, 1967 Accompanied by preservation photocopy for patron use.		
b. 2, f. 37	<i>Poems</i> (1815-1820) Sheets of the 1815 edition, corrected by Wordsworth in preparation for the edition of 1820, comprising Volume I fly-title to page 82 (lacking pages 61-62). and Volume II pages 83-96 and 298-356 (lacking 315-316, 353-354, and one leaf between 320 and 327).	circa 1820
b. 2, f. 38	<i>Miscellaneous Poems of William Wordsworth in Four Volumes</i> (1820) Sixteen pages of proofs prepared by Wordsworth for volume III, comprising pages 197-212 (200 and 201 not numbered); corrections and additions in Wordsworth's hand except for page 206.	circa 1820
b. 2, f. 39	<i>Memorials of a Tour on the Continent, 1820</i> (1822) Forty-eight pages of corrected proofs with ten pages of original manuscript, (mostly in Mary Wordsworth's hand) for incorporation in the volume.	circa 1822
b. 2, f. 40	<i>Ecclesiastical Sketches</i> (1822) Sixty pages of corrected proofs comprising pages 65 to 124, with autograph manuscript of the Advertisement, signed and dated January 24, 1822	1822

Page Proofs and Edited Volumes (continued)

b. 2, f. 41	Ten pages of manuscript poems in the hand of Mary Wordsworth Purchased from John Wilson on the Albert H. Childs Fund and the E. J. and F. W. Beinecke Rare Book Endowment Fund, 1967	undated
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## Series III: Other Papers, 1850

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b. 2, f. 42	Autograph letter, signed, from Edward Quillinan to Miss Tudor, regarding Wordsworth's death Purchased from Stonehill on the Albert H. Childs Fund, 1961	1850 Apr 23
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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Poets, English -- 19th century

### **Genres / Formats**

Proofs (printed matter) -- Great Britain -- 19th century

### **Occupations**

Poets -- Great Britain -- 19th century

### **Names**

Coleridge, Samuel Taylor, 1772-1834  
Cookson, William Strickland, 1801-1877  
Godwin, William, 1756-1836  
Moxon, Edward, 1801-1858  
Wordsworth, Dorothy, 1771-1855  
Wordsworth, Mary, 1770-1859  
Wordsworth, William, 1770-1850  
Wordsworth, William, 1770-1850 (Earlier poems of William Wordsworth)  
Wordsworth, William, 1770-1850 (Lyrical ballads)