

William Michael Rossetti:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Rossetti, William Michael, 1829-1919
Title:	William Michael Rossetti Collection
Dates:	1852-1978, undated
Extent:	3 boxes (1.26 linear feet)
Abstract:	Includes manuscripts and letters written by the British writer and critic William Michael Rossetti, who was the brother of artist Dante Gabriel Rossetti. Recipients of Rossetti's letters include the Author's Syndicate, Robert Browning, Thomas Dixon, Charles Augustus Howell, Charles Fairfax Murray, Katharine Tynan, and T. J. Wise. One letter to Rossetti from Sir John Everett Millais is present.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-3628
Language:	English, Italian
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by:	Joan Sibley and Jamie Hawkins-Kirkham, 2011 Note: This finding aid replicates and replaces information previously available only in a card catalog. Please see the explanatory note at the end of this finding aid for information regarding the arrangement of the manuscripts as well as the abbreviations commonly used in descriptions.
Repository:	Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin

Works:

Prefatory memoir for his edition of The poetical works of William Blake, signed handwritten manuscript, 161 pages, undated (Life of William Blake published in 1874). From the Wrenn Collection.

Container
1.1

Letters:

- ALS to unidentified recipient, 18 July 1903. **Container 1.2**
- 3 ALS to unidentified recipient Dear Sir re selling his brother Dante Gabriel Rossetti's drawings and watercolors, 1891-1892.
- ALS to unidentified recipient John, 4 January 1877. Recipient's last name cut out.
- ALS to unidentified recipient Madam, 29 July 1900.
- ALS to unidentified recipient My dear Madam, 17 September 1902.
- ALS to Adams, William Henry Davenport, 6 June 1892.
- 91 ALS to Author's Syndicate, 1896-1915. **Container 1.3**
- ALS to Baron, J. T., 12 January 1884. **Container 1.2**
- APCS to Bennett, William Cox, 27 November 1882.
- APCS to Colles, W. M., 29 October no year.
- APCS to Cropper, A. E., 3 January 1893.
- ALS to Deverell, W. T., 29 November 1899.
- 83 ALS, AL / incomplete to Dixon, Thomas, 1862-1876, undated. **Container 1.4-5**
- 6 ALS to Hinkson, Katharine Tynan, 1885-1892. **Container 1.2**
- ALS to Howard, Mr., 18 February 1883.
- ALS to Howell, Charles Augustus, 2 March no year.
- 2 ALS to Ionides, Miss, undated. **Container 1.6**
- ALS to McClure, Edmund, 12 January 1895. Enclosure: sympathy card.
- ALS to Meynell, Alice Christina Thompson re Dante Gabriel Rossetti, 12 June 1882.
- APCS to Molony, J. T., 25 May 1914.
- ALS to Morse, 23 April 1895.

2 ALS to Morgan, John, 27 December 1895, 18 October 1905. Removed from WP R735 850. From the Wrenn Collection.

34 ALS to Murray, Charles Fairfax, 1886-1907.

Container 1.7

ALS to Nichol, Mrs., 8 February 1881.

Container 1.6

ALS to Parks, W. H., 1 July 1880.

ALS to Petrici, 2 May 1884.

ALS to Purnell, Thomas, 17 September no year.

3 ALS to Spielmann, M. H., 1892-1896.

ALS to Tupper, Mrs., 2 October 1897.

ALS to Watts, 26 April no year.

9 ALS to Wise, Thomas James, 1888-1906. From the Wrenn Collection.

2 ALS to Wise, Thomas James, 26 March 1903, 17 March 1904. From the Stark Collection.

APCS to Wise, Thomas James, 21 August no year. From the Stark Collection.

ALS to Wrenn, John Henry, 30 August 1906. Removed from WP R735 Q906r. From the Wrenn Collection.

ALS to Young, James Carleton, 1 July 1901.

Letters I:

Bailey, Alfred. ALS to Howell, Charles Augustus, 12 November 1872.

Container
2.1

Polidori, Charlotte L. ALS to Rossetti, 21 August 1872.

Polidori, Francesco. Il losario: canto second, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 3 pages, undated. In Italian.

Rossetti, Lucy Madox Brown, 1843-1894. ANS to Howell, Charles Augustus, 1873.

Rossetti, William Michael, 1829-1919:

The Royal Palace at Milan contains..., signed handwritten manuscripts, 3 pages, undated. **Container**
2.1

ALS to Browning, Robert, 8 January 1858.

45 ALS, 5 APCS to Howell, Charles Augustus, 1858-1877.

2 ALS to Howell, Kate, 20 June 1867, 6 November 1869.

ALS to Ward, 1 January 1858.

Symonds, William. ALS to Rossetti, 6 February 1872.

Recipient:

Millais, John Everett, Sir, 1829-1896. ALS to Rossetti, 10 March 1852.

Container
2.2

Miscellaneous:

Agresti, Antonio, 1866-1927. ALS to Murray, Charles Fairfax, 17 March 1901.

Container
2.3

Cline, Clarence Lee, 1905- , editor. The owl and the Rossettis; letters of Charles A. Howell and Dante Gabriel, Christina, and William Michael Rossetti, typed and typed / photocopy manuscript, approximately 800 pages, 1978. Setting copy of letters in the HRC collection.

Container
2.4-3.4

Hamlyn, Emmie W. ALS to Rossetti, 27 April 1889. Withdrawn from Ap R735 C886 r.

Container
2.3

Heaton, John Aldam, 1830-1897. ALS to Rossetti, 21 January 1875.

Hogg, J. Fanell. 2 ALS to Rossetti, 7 January and 10 January 1858.

Rossetti, Lucy Madox Brown, 1843-1894. ALS to Cook, 25 July 1885.

Rossetti, Lucy Madox Brown, 1843-1894. ALS to Murray, Charles Fairfax, 6 December 1889.

Rossetti, William Michael, 1829-1919:

Handwritten manuscript / notes, numbered 1-7, 1 page, undated.

Container
2.3

Agreement between Rossetti and Mackenzie Bell re Christina Rossetti's letters, ADS, 21 April 1899.

Memorandum of agreement between Rossetti and Hurst and Blackett, Ltd., ADS, 22 August 1899.

Questions re Rossetti books and papers, undated.

Synopsis of Rossetti's work, handwritten manuscript, 1 leaf, undated.

Explanatory Note Concerning Manuscript Collections Cataloged in the Card Catalog

Prior to 1990 when archival cataloging procedures were adopted at the Ransom Center, all manuscript collections were described in a card catalog.

Organization of Collections:

- Manuscripts for each author collection were organized into four categories:
- **Works:** manuscripts by the author, arranged alphabetically by title;
- **Letters:** the author's outgoing correspondence, arranged alphabetically by recipient name;
- **Recipient:** the author's incoming correspondence, arranged alphabetically by the author of the letter; and
- **Miscellaneous:** all other manuscripts and correspondence, arranged alphabetically by creator.

Materials that did not fit into these categories, such as art, photographs, books, and near-print materials such as newspaper clippings, were dispersed to other Ransom Center collections for cataloging and storage.

Abbreviations Used in Descriptions:

The symbols below were used in combinations. For example **ALS** means autograph letter signed; **Tccms** means typed carbon copy manuscript, etc.

- **A** = autograph (i.e., handwritten)
- **T** = typed
- **S** = signed
- **I** = initialed
- **Ms** = manuscript
- **Mss** = manuscripts
- **L** = letter
- **FL** = form letter
- **N** = note
- **D** = document
- **C** = card
- **PC** = post card
- **cc** = carbon copy
- **p** = page
- **pp** = pages
- **l** = leaf
- **ll** = leaves
- **nd** = no date
- **inc d** = incomplete date