

William Cullen Bryant:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Bryant, William Cullen, 1794-1878
Title:	William Cullen Bryant Collection
Dates:	1812-1877, undated
Extent:	1 box (.21 linear feet), 1 oversize folder (osf)
Abstract:	Includes chiefly manuscripts and letters written by the American poet and journalist William Cullen Bryant. Recipients of letters include his aunt Charity Bryant, Edwin Wilkins Field, Isaac Henderson, and others. Also present are a few documents concerning Bryant's involvement with the <i>New York Evening Post</i> .
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-0574
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by:	Joan Sibley and Richard Mikel, 2013 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:

- The ascension (hymn), handwritten manuscript with emendations, 3 pages bound, March 1844. Bound with three engraved portraits of Bryant and a typed transcript. From the Hanley Collection. **Container**
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- A farewell; Written in 1841, for one who was about to sail on a polar voyage, signed handwritten manuscript, 2 pages, undated. Included with this: ALS Bryant to Henry C. Bowen, 11 December 1877. **Container**
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- Homerus. The Iliad, book XIV, translated by Bryant, handwritten manuscript with emendations / incomplete, 2 pages (numbered 20-21), undated. From the Hanley Collection.
- Hunter of the prairies, signed handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated. Hanley II.
- Oh mother of a mighty race..., handwritten manuscript, 2 pages, 6 November 1846. From the Hanley Collection.
- The poet, signed handwritten manuscript, 1 page, 11 December 1877. Hanley II. **Container**
osf 1
- Upon the mountains distant head..., handwritten manuscript / fair copy, 1 page, copied 30 March 1868. From the Hanley Collection. **Container**
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Letters:

- ALS to unidentified recipient, undated. **Container 1.3**
- ALS / fragments to unidentified recipient, 1867-1868
- ALS to Bierstadt, Albert, 23 June 1862. Hanley II.
- 3 ALS to Bryant, Charity, 21 March 1820, 25 September 1843, 18 May 1847. From **Container**
the Hanley Collection. **1.4**
- ALS to W. C. Bryant and Company, 25 November 1852. **Container 1.3**
- ALS to Dawes, F. H., 18 May 1867.
- 3 ALS to Field, Edwin Wilkins, 2 July 1863, 28 June 1867, 30 April 1869.
- 13 ALS to Henderson, Isaac, 1866-1873.
- ALI, AL / fragment to Leggett, William, 20 August 1834, 11 November 1834. **Container**
1.5

Miscellaneous:

Bigelow, I. Estimate of the value of the Evening Post and the job offices, 18 June 1860. **Container**
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Bryant, Peter, 1767- . ALS to Bryant, Charity, 23 July 1812. Includes text of Ode for the Fourth of July 1812.

Bryant, William Cullen. Estimate of the value of the Evening Post and the job office connected with it, 18 June 1860.

Bryant, William Cullen. Statement of the semi-annual dividends of the Evening Post and job printing offices, November 1859.

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