

# George Meredith:

## An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Meredith, George, 1828-1909
<b>Title:</b>	George Meredith Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1843-1986, undated
<b>Extent:</b>	4 boxes (1.68 linear feet)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Includes manuscripts, correspondence, and documents related to the publication of works by the Victorian British poet and novelist George Meredith. Meredith's correspondents include Mary (Mrs. J. M.) Barrie, Frederic Chapman, William Morris Colles, Michael Field, Frank Harris, Augustus Jessopp, Marie Vuilliamy Meredith, William Maxse Meredith, Alice Meynell, André Raffalovich, Leslie Stephen, Robert Louis Stevenson, and many others.
<b>Call Number:</b>	Manuscript Collection MS-2798
<b>Language:</b>	English, French, German
<b>Access:</b>	Open for research

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### Administrative Information

<b>Processed by:</b>	Joan Sibley and Sara Saastamoinen, 2012 <b>Note:</b> 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.
<b>Repository:</b>	<a href="#">Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin</a>

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**Works:**

- Almeryl clasped the hand..., handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated. See page 65 of *The Shaving of Shagpat*. **Container** 1.1
- Alsace-Lorraine, typescript with handwritten corrections, 33 pages bound, undated. **Container** 1.2
- Amendments and additions to letters to Mrs. Ross, collated with originals, 11 pages, undated. Published in *Letters of George Meredith*. **Container** 1.1
- Introduction to collected poems of Dora Sigerson Shorter, handwritten manuscript, 7 pages; printed copy, 5 pages; 1907, undated. With this: ALS from Meredith to Clement King Shorter, 7 July 1907. **Container** 1.3
- Lady Jane, handwritten manuscript, 8 pages, undated. Concerns the ballads of Robert Jamison. See letters from Frank Cole to T. J. Wise re this manuscript. **Container** 1.1
- O Mary Barrie, Mary Barrie..., handwritten manuscript, 2 pages, undated (14 September 1908?).
- Palgrave Simpson, the sallow and boyish, handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated.
- Poem, to the tune of Lady Geraldine, typescript / copy, 2 pages, undated.
- The question whither, handwritten manuscript, 2 pages, undated.
- The sentimentalists:
- Typescript with handwritten notes in various and unidentified hands, 30 pages, 1910. Name and address of J. M. Barrie on title page. Includes handwritten stage directions and list of characters and cast members. **Container** 1.4
- Act I, typescript, 29 pages, undated. Handwritten note "by George Meredith." Name and address of J. M. Barrie on title page. From Hanley II.
- Act I, carbon typescript, 29 pages, undated. Handwritten note: "by George Meredith (put together by J. M. B.)." Name and address of J. M. Barrie on title page. From Hanley II.
- The song of the blessed nail, signed handwritten manuscript, 8 pages, undated. From the Hanley Collection. **Container** 1.5
- To A. M., signed handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated. **Container** 1.1

Unacknowledged poems contributed to Household words by Meredith (London: 1909), page proofs with a few corrections in an unknown hand, 49 pages bound, undated.

**Container**  
1.6

Vittoria, chapter XXI, galleys with handwritten changes, 14 pages, undated.

**Container**  
1.1

**Letters:**

ALS to unidentified recipient, 2 July no year (1862?).

**Container 1.7**

ALS to unidentified recipient, 14 April no year.

ALS to unidentified recipient re Lady Emma Caroline Michell Wood, 17 December 1879.

ALS to unidentified recipient, 19 October 1882.

ALS to unidentified recipient, 22 July 1887.

ALS to Allen, Ellen Jerrard, 26 October 1887.

**Container 1.8**

ALS to Allen, Grant, 29 December 1885.

2 ALS to Ayscough, John, 26 July 190?, 17 December 1908.

ALS to Baddeley, Welbore Saint Clair, 11 June 1894.

ALS to Bain, John, 6 October 1902.

ALS to Baker, A. Bartrick, Mrs., 19 June 1897.

ALS to Baker, A. Bartrick, Mrs., 13 November 1901.

ALS to Barker, Miss, 27 April 1859.

7 ALS to Barrie, Mary (Mrs. James Matthew), 1907-1909.

**Container 1.9**

ALS to Barwell, F. B., 21 July 1888. From the Cline Collection. Included with this: debit slip from C. L. Cline's bank for transaction purchasing this letter, 1986. On permanent display in the Cline Room.

ALS to Benecke, Alfred, 1 November 1892.

**Container 1.8**

ALS to Benecke, Ida L., 18 May 1879.

ALS to Bishop, Edith, 16 February 1903.

ALS to Blunt, Arthur Cecil, 4 July 1871.

ALS to Bowkett, Sidney, 18 June 1893.

ALS to Boyce, George P., 25 July no year.

ALS to Brackenbury, Charles Booth, 21 November 1883.

ALS to Brackenbury, Charles Booth, Mrs., 14 June 1877.

ALS to Bullen, Arthur Henry, 10 July 1905.

ALS to Burnand, Francis, Sir, 19 January 1906.

ALS to Carlyle, Jane Baille Welsh, 2 July 1862.

**Container 1.10**

ALS to Carr, Joseph William Comyns, 9 June 1883.

ALS to Chapman, Edward, 30 June no year. Mounted on card with photograph of unidentified man on verso.

4 ALS, ALS / facsimile to Chapman, Frederic, 1867-1890.

33 ALS to Chapman, Frederic, 1880-1891, undated.

**Container 1.11**

ALS to Chapman, Frederic, 28 April 1882. Enclosed with this: ALS from C. B. Brackenbury to George Meredith, 27 April 1882.

**Container  
1.10**

APCS to Chapman & Hall, Messrs., 1 November 1889.

ALS to Clarke, Bo, 4 September 1902.

ALS to Clodd, Edward, 31 May 1899.

ALS to Clodd, Edward, 24 March 1901.

ALS to Colles, William M., 1 April 1892.

18 ALS to Colles, William Morris, 1892-1894.

ALS to Colvin, Sidney, Sir, 15 July 1886.

ALS, 2 TL / copies to Colvin, Sidney, 1886-1898.

ALS to Compton, C. G., 30 November 1892.

ALS to Compton-Rickett, Arthur, 12 November 1906.

APCS to Constable, A., 22 September 1900.

ALS to Crawford, Oswald John Frederick, 6 October 1902.

3 ALS to Cust, Henry John Cockayne, 1893, undated. Body of letter dated March 5 in another hand.

ALS to Daudet, Julia Rosalie Céleste Allard, 24 May 1895.

**Container 2.1**

ALS to Davray, Henry-David, 1 May 1897.

ALS to Davray, Henry D., 12 September 1897. In French. From the Cline Collection. **Container 2.2**

ALS to Davray, Henry-David, 23 May 1898. In French. **Container 2.1**

ALS to Day, Mrs., 20 June 1889. Included with this: duplicate carbon dealer's description of the letter. From the Cline Collection. On permanent display in the Cline Room.

ALS to Deverell, John Croft, 10 November 1896. **Container 2.1**

AL / incomplete, 3 ALS to Doubleday, Herbert Arthur, 1895-1898. Written on these: notes in other hands.

ALS to Douglas, J. B., 17 September 1883.

ALS to Duff-Gordon, Alexander Cornwall, Sir, 5 April no year.

ALS to Dufton, Henry, 18 September 1867. Enclosed with this: 2 ALS Chapman and Hall to Henry Dufton, 13 and 23 September 1867.

AN to Emilie, undated. Contains flowers from Box Hill. **Container 2.3**

ALS to Escott, T. H. S., 14 May 1886. **Container 2.1**

ALS to Fenn, George Manville, 27 October 1870.

10 ALS to Field, Michael (pseudonym), 1887-1899. Two addressed to Katharine Harris Bradley. **Container 2.4**

ALS to Florence, 2 December 1886. **Container 2.1**

ALS to Ford, Ford Madox, 17 October 1908. Addressed to "Hueffer."

2 ALS to Friend, J. W., 1 and 4 December 1875.

ALS to Garnett, Richard, 21 June 1897.

ALS to Gaye, Meta Chapman, 15 July 1889.

3 APCS, ALS to Gill, A. M., Mrs., 1894-1895.

ALS to Gissing, George Robert, 10 September 1895.

ALS to Greenwood, Florence, 14 November 1907.

**Container**  
2.5

2 APCS to Hachette & Co., 25 September 1889, 16 May 1904.

ALS to Haldane, Richard B., 29 March 1897.

ALS to Hamilton, Nicholas Esterhazy Stephen Armytage, undated.

8 ALS to Harris, Frank, 1891-1908, undated

ALS to Harris, G. W., 5 February 1908.

5 ALS to Harrison, Frederic, 1876-1905.

ALS to Heinemann, W., 22 October 1896.

2 ALS to Henderson, Sturge, Mrs., 15 October 1906, 9 October 1907.

TL / copy to Henley, William Ernest, 24 June 1884.

ALS to Hill, Frank, Mrs., 23 June 1884.

ALS to Hopley, Catherine Cooper, 24 October 1862. With ANS to Hopley re Meredith. Signed Chapman & Hall.

ALS to Hooper, Charles, secretary of the Rationalist Press Association, 24 April 1906.

ALS to Hozier, Henry Montague, 11 August 1882.

ALS to Hunt, Violet, 10 April 1908.

ALS to Jannasch, Adolph Hermann, 1844 (London). In German.

ALS to Jenkinson, J. A., 8 August 1895.

23 TL / copies to Jessopp, Augustus, 1862-1908, undated.

**Container 2.6**

ALS to Jessopp, Augustus, 16 May 1882.

2 TL / copies to Jessopp, Mary Ann Cotesworth, undated.

ALS to Kyllmann, Otto, 24 September 1907.

**Container 2.7**

TL / copy to Le Gallienne, Richard, 22 December 1891.

2 ALS to Lewin, T. H., Mrs., 25 November and 5 December 1907. December letter is written on ALS from Robert Haldane to Meredith, 5 December 1907.

ALS to Little, James Stanley, 4 February 1891.

3 ALS to the librarian, London Library, 1901.

7 TccL / copies, 3 TccL / copies / incomplete to Longueuil, Hilda de, 1886-1887, undated.

ALS to McHinch, Bessy, 25 July 1907.

ALS to MacKenzie, Miss, 21 December 1881.

ALS to MacKenzie, Mrs., 18 July 1887.

11 ALS, APCS to Meredith, Marie Vuilliamy, 1869-1882, undated.

**Container**  
2.8

ALS to Meredith, William Maxse, 18 October 1895. Included with this: TLS Bertram Rota Ltd. to C. L. Cline, 2 February 1982, together with Rota's invoice for the letter. From the Cline Collection. On permanent display in the Cline Room.

7 ALS to Meredith, William Maxse, 1895-1901, undated.

**Container 2.8**

ALS to Meredith, William Maxse, 27 October 1908.

49 ALS to Meynell, Alice, Mrs., 1896-1906.

**Container 2.9-10**

ALS to Morison, James Cotter, 26 May no year.

**Container 2.11**

ALS to Morison, James Augustus Cotter, 15 June 1880.

ALS to Morley, Charles, 6 February 1884.

ALS to Morley, Henry, 22 June 1876. Written on FL sent by Morley to Meredith.

39 ALS, AL, APC to Palmer, Jean, 1892-1901. The bodies of two letters written by a secretary. Also included are 22 envelopes for which the letters are lacking.

**Container**  
3.1-2

2 ALS to Palmer, Walter, 1 August 1895, undated.

**Container 2.11**

ALS to Parker, John W., Jr., undated.

ALS to Pearson & Co., 2 June 1904.

ALS to Peto, Harold A., 13 April 1887.

ALS to Pollock, W. H., 13 January 1883.

ALS to Powell, B. M., 26 September 1906.

ALS to Prideaux, Miss, 18 July 1897.

3 ALS to Raffalovich, M. André, 1881-1886.

ALS to Rate, Lachlan Mackintosh, Mrs., 7 December 1887.

ALS to Reeves, William, 7 November 1885.

ALS to Ritchie, Leitch, 30 November 1849. Included with this: Maggs Brothers Ltd. invoice to C. L. Cline, 7 August 1972. From the Cline Collection. **Container**  
3.3

ALS to Robinson, Lionel ("Poco"), 13 June 1892. **Container** 2.11

ALS to Rossetti, Dante Gabriel, 19 November 1871.

6 ALS to Sandys, Frederic R., 1874-1884, undated. **Container** 3.4

ALS to Scott, A. J., Professor, July? 1851.

ALS to Scott, E., 14 September 1908.

ALS to Shaw, Edward J., Mrs., 9 July 1905.

ALS to Shore, Louise, 11 August 1876.

4 ALS to Shorter, Clement King, 1899-1908. **Container** 3.5

4 ALS to Sieveking, Albert Forbes, 1888-1891. **Container** 3.4

ALS to Slater, circa 1843. Written in a schoolboy's autograph album / commonplace book with 17 other poems or drawings. **Container**  
3.6

ALS to Spurgeon, Arthur, Sir, 27 July 1902. **Container** 3.4

ALS to Steele, Anna Caroline Wood, 21 March 1865.

22 ALS to Steele, Anna Caroline Wood, 1867-1908, undated. **Container**  
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20 ALS to Stephen, Julia Prinsep Jackson, Lady, 1884-1892. Bound with Meredith, 11 ALS to Sir Leslie Stephen, 1882-1904. **Container**  
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11 ALS to Stephen, Leslie, Sir, 1882-1904. Bound with these: Meredith, 20 ALS to Lady Stephen.

6 ALS to Stevenson, Callandria, 1891-1898, undated. **Container** 3.4

TL / copy to Stevenson, Fanny Van de Grift, 27 October 1886.

ALS to Stevenson, George, 25 August 1891. Addressed to "Glasgogo."

ALS to Stevenson, George, 26 September 1892. Included with this: TL / copy to Stevenson, 20 January 1892. Some addressed to "Glasgogo."

21 AL / copies to Stevenson, George, 1886-1892.

4 TL / copies to Stevenson, Robert Louis, 1879-1886.

ALS to Strang, William, 25 February 1906.

12 ALS to Sturgis, Jack O., 1904-1909.

ALS to Sturgis, Marie Eveleen Meredith, 22 August 1891.

TL / copy to Swinburne, Algernon Charles, 12 March 1866.

ALS to Swinburne, Algernon Charles, 27 January 1868.

ALS to Taylor, Laura Barker, 4 October 1888.

**Container 3.9**

3 ALS to Taylor, Tom, 1871, undated.

ALS to Taylor, Wycliffe, 7 November 1908.

ALS to Teesdale, John Marmaduke, Mrs., 2 January 1877.

ALS to Thompson, Henry Yates, 8 January 1884.

ALS to the editor of The Times, 4 January 1907. Enclosed is epigram on the Baroness Burdett Coutts, beginning Long with us, now she leaves us; she has rest... .

ALS to Tinsley, Edward, 11 August 1865. On verso: ALS to Meredith from Edward Tinsley.

ALS to Trimble, W. J., Mrs., 9 April 1909. Attached to letter is clipping from Times literary supplement, 13 July 1940. Included with this: part of the envelope addressed by Meredith; TLS Winifred A. Meyers (Autographs) Ltd. to C. L. Cline, 10 August 1982, together with a typed description of the letter on a separate slip. From the Cline Collection. On permanent display in the Cline Room.

ALS to Trollope, Anthony, 3 December 1872.

**Container 3.9**

ALS to Trower, Seymour, 2 October 1897. Chairman, Executive Committee of the Navy League.

ALS to Trower, Seymour, Mrs., 2 August 1894.

ALS to Tудie, 7 January 1908.

ALS to Underwood, Francis Henry, 28 August 1893.

ALS to Underwood, Francis Henry, Mrs., 28 September 1894.

ALS to Upward, Mrs., 7 March 1899.

ALS to Vulliamy, Elizabeth, 19 June 1906.

ALS to Walford, Edward, 11 August 1865.

ALS to Ward, Mary Augusta Arnold, 29 June 1897.

9 TL / copies to Watts-Dunton, Theodore, 1901-1907.

2 ALS to Wheatcroft, Katherine Vulliamy, 6 and 10 June 1864. Included with these: 2 envelopes. Also included: 2 ALS Antoinette Campbell to Siegfried Sassoon, 22 and 29 October 1952; Maggs Brothers Ltd. invoice to C. L. Cline, with a clipping from an auction catalogue describing these letters. From the Cline Collection. On permanent display in the Cline Room.

ALS to Wheatcroft, Rachel, 13 April 1907.

**Container 3.9**

ALS to Wilkinson, Louis, 28 August 1905.

ALS to Wilson, Frederick William, 19 October 1900. Addressed to: the editor of the M. O. Leader.

ALS to Wolf, Lucien, 20 January 1906.

ALS, ANS to Wood, Emma Caroline Michell, Lady, 6 October 1868, 28 January 1869.

ALS to Wyse, W. C. Bonaparte, 18 December 1876.

**Letters I:**

3 ALS to Benecke, Miss, 23 September and 5 November 1879, 23 March 1880.  
Bound with 2 ALS to Lawrence, Miss, 1886-1887. From Hanley II. **Container**  
4.1

2 ALS to Lawrence, Miss, 14 October 1886, 10 May 1887. Bound with 3 ALS to  
Benecke, Miss, 1879-1880 From Hanley II.

**Recipient:**

Cawein, Madison Julius, 1865-1914. ALS to Meredith, 15 July 1891.

**Container**  
4.2

**Miscellaneous:**

Unidentified author. Mr. Meredith is willing to sign his name..., AN, 4 February 1905. Written for Meredith. **Container**  
4.3

Aïdé, Charles Hamilton, 1826-1906. ALS to Palmer, Jean, undated.

Astor, William Waldorf Astor, 1848-1919. Memorandum of agreement with Meredith re Lord Ormont and his Aminta, AD, 2 pages, 23 June 1893.

Author's Syndicate. Bill to Meredith, 18 December 1893.

Bartle, Emile (Daily Chronicle, 31 Whitefriars Street). ALS to Meredith, 26 January 1903. Note from Meredith on back.

Bowen, Mary. On reading George Meredith's Modern love, signed handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated.

Burlingame, E. L. ALS to Colles, William Morris, 11 April 1893.

Chapman, Frederic, 1823-1895. 2 ALS to Colles, William Morris, 17 and 27 January 1894. Enclosed with this: ALS S. Saenger to unidentified recipients, 26 January 1894.

Chapman and Hall Limited. Agreements sent to Meredith, 3 items, 1890-1894.

Cole, Frank. 2 ALS to Wise, Thomas James, 27 and 30 August 1909. Concerns sale of Lady Jane manuscript by Meredith in Ransom Center collection.

Archibald Constable and Company. Agreements, commission account, and statements sent to Meredith and William Maxse Meredith, 35 items, 1895-1899. **Container**  
4.4

Doubleday, Herbert Arthur, 1867-1941. ALS to Meynell, 14 September 1912. **Container**  
4.3

Forman, Maurice Buxton. ALS to Shorter, Clement King, 8 April 1920. Withdrawn from PR 5013 A435 1919 HRC Cline. On permanent display in the Cline Room.

Grylls, Rosalie Glynn, 1905-. Note concerning a photograph of Meredith's son, handwritten manuscript on envelope, 1 page, undated. The carte-de-visite photograph, in the Photography Collection, has a note by W. M. Rossetti on verso. **Container**  
4.3

Halsey, Jean Margaret Palmer Brooke, Lady. ALS to Cline, Clarence Lee, undated. Enclosed with this: photograph of a portrait by Frederick Sandsy of Mrs. Walter Palmer. From the Cline Collection. On permanent display in the Cline Room.

Hayward, E. ALS to Colles, William Morris, 7 December 1893. Letterhead: Chapman & Hall. **Container**  
4.3

Macmillan and Company. General statements to Meredith, 8 pages, 1 July 1894 to 30 June 1895. Titles include: Tragic life; Joy of earth; A reading of earth; Modern love; The empty purse. **Container**  
4.5

Maxse, Frederick Augustus, 1833-1900. ALS to Austin, Alfred George Meredith, 6 December 1891.

Meredith, George, 1828-1909:

ANS, undated. Considered to be a forgery. **Container** 4.5

ADS / check, 19 August 1897. Not the signature of Meredith. **Container**  
4.6

Items concerning negotiations preceding Meredith's second marriage, 18 items, 1863-1864. Most written at the request of Justin Th. Vulliamy. **Container**  
4.5

Miscellaneous autograph signatures of Meredith, 7 items, undated.

Publisher's readers reports, handwritten manuscripts, 2 pages, undated.

Meredith, George William Lewin, 1894- . ALS to Cline, Clarence Lee, 12 December 1957. From the Cline Collection. On permanent display in the Cline Room.

Meredith, Mary. 3 ALS to Chapman, Edward, 1860, undated. **Container**  
4.5

Meredith, Mary. ALS to Kent, Charles, 24 January 1856.

Meredith, William M. 2 ALS to Colles, William Morris, 9 April 1894, undated.

Meredith, William Maxse, b. 1865:

ALS to Colles, William Morris, 22 March 1897. **Container** 4.5

TLS to Douglas, J. B., 27 July 1909.

ALS to the editor of Morning Leader, 8 December 1906.

Michael. ALS / copy to Meredith, 17 November 1899.

Roberts Brothers. Statement to Meredith, 4 pages, 1 January 1895.

Robinson, Lionel G. George Meredith, handwritten manuscript, 32 pages, 11 December 1909.

Charles Scribner's Sons. Agreements, royalty reports, letters, statements to Meredith, 48 items, 1893-1903. **Container**  
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- Shorter, Clement King, 1857-1926. TLS to Parke, Ernest, 24 September 1907. Letterhead: The sphere. **Container**  
4.5
- Sturgis, Marie Eveleen Meredith, 1871- . ALS to Field, Michael (pseudonym of Miss Bradley), 1 May 1892.
- Sturgis, Marie Eveleen Meredith. ALS to Holland, Clive re Meredith, 4 October no year.
- Sturgis, Marie Eveleen Meredith. ALS to Nan, circa 1909.
- Tauchnitz, Bernhard (firm, Leipzig). TLS to Meredith, William Maxse, 3 August 1922. Enclosed with this: annual account of the sale of Rhoda Fleming and The egoist, 2 pages, 22 July 1922.
- Ward, Lock and Bowden, Limited. Agreements, statements, letters to Meredith, 48 items, 1894-1898. **Container**  
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## 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