William Wordsworth:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Wordsworth, William, 1770-1850
Title:	William Wordsworth Collection
Dates:	1804-1848, undated
Extent:	1 box (.21 linear feet)
Abstract:	Contains manuscripts and letters by the English Romantic poet, William Wordsworth. Correspondents include John Gardner, Richard Parkinson, Edward Quillinan, Richard Sharpe, and Mrs. Wordsworth.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-4594
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by:	Joan Sibley and Apryl Voskamp, 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:

Composed in one of the Catholic cantons, signed handwritten manuscript / copy, Dorothy Wordsworth Quillinan's hand, 1 page, undated. Written below an original pencil drawing.	**Container** 1.1
Lines composed a few miles above Tintern Abbey, on revisiting the banks of the Wye during a tour, July 13, 1798, signed handwritten manuscript / fragment / fair copy written on pastedown of the detached upper cover of a notebook, 1 page, 27 August 1825 (Rydal Mount).	**Container** 1.2
Lines left upon a seat in a yew-tree…, signed handwritten manuscript / fragment / fair copy, 1 page, 19 October 1848.	**Container** 1.1

Sonnet: Hark, tis the thrush - undaunted undeprest…, handwritten manuscript signed twice, Easter Sunday 1838. "Transcribed for his young friend, Miss Roughsedge, by the author." From the Hanley Collection.

Written after the death of Charles Lamb, page proofs with handwritten revisions and notes in Wordsworth's hand / photostatic copy, 7 pages, circa 1835. Gift of Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, NZ.

Letters:

3 ALS to Gardner, John, 27 December 1832, 3 February 1833, 20 August 1846. Removed from Wn W892 793d, Wn W892 793e, Wn W892 798ab. From the Wrenn Collection.

Container 1.3

ALS to Parkinson, Richard, 9 December 1834. Body of letter in another hand. From the Drake Collection.

2 ALS to Quillinan, Edward, 28 November 1828, undated. Removed from Wn W892 820r, Wn W892 846t. From the Wrenn Collection.

Container 1.4

ALS to Sharpe, Richard, 30 November 1804. From Hanley II.

Container 1.5

ALS to Wordsworth, Mrs., undated.

Container 1.3

Recipient:

	Container
Parkinson, Richard. ALS to Wordsworth, 8 December 1834. From the Drake Collection.	1.6

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