

Charles Reade:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Reade, Charles, 1814-1884
Title:	Charles Reade Collection
Dates:	1851-1872, undated
Extent:	1 document box, 3 oversize boxes (3.92 linear feet)
Abstract:	Includes manuscripts and letters written by the English playwright and novelist Charles Reade as well as letters and manuscripts related to Reade written by the Irish actor and playwright Dion Boucicault.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-3427
Language:	English
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:

Foul play (novel, 1868)

Handwritten manuscript / incomplete with many revisions, undated. First 3 pages missing. **Container** 2.1-6

Handwritten manuscript / incomplete in unidentified hand with revisions by Reade, pages 1-33, 64-122, 152-174, undated. **Container** 4.1

Foul play (play, 1871)

Handwritten manuscript / draft with revisions and attached printed inserts, undated. **Container** 4.2

The wandering heir, 5-act drama, handwritten manuscript / incomplete with extensive revisions and some printed paste-ons, 143 leaves, undated (produced circa 1872). Lacks the last 4 pages of Act I. **Container** 3.1

Letters:

2 ALS to Boucicault, Dion, 4 May 1868, undated.

Container 1.1

2 ALS to Hatton, Joseph, 28 and 31 July, no year.

ALS to House, 8 December no year.

ALS to Madam, 26 April no year.

ALS to Taylor, Tom, 10 June 1851?

ALS to Yates, 11 December no year.

Miscellaneous:

- Unidentified author. Ebauche (play outline), handwritten manuscript by Reade?, undated. **Container**
1.2
- Boucicault, Dion. ALS to unidentified recipients re Reade, 15 February no year.
- Boucicault, Dion. 2 ALS to Reade, 2 May 1868, 12 January no year.
- Boucicault, Dion? 2 ANI re Reade, undated.
- Boucicault, Dion. Foul play; suggestions for plot for Reade, handwritten notes written on varying pages and envelopes, undated (novel published 1868). **Container**
3.2
- Boucicault, Dion. Unidentified play, page proofs / incomplete (pages 1-8, 18-26) with handwritten notes by Reade? at head of page 1, 8 May no year. **Container**
1.2
- Reade, Charles. ANS re Dion Boucicault and Foul play, 4 June 1869.
- Reade, Compton. ALS to Hatton, Joseph, 6 February no year.

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