

# John Ruskin:

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

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Ruskin, John, 1819-1900
<b>Title:</b>	John Ruskin Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1845-1960, undated
<b>Extent:</b>	5 boxes (2.10 linear feet)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Includes manuscripts and chiefly correspondence by the influential British art and social critic John Ruskin. The collection includes Ruskin's letters to Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Charles Augustus Howell, Henry Jowett, Thomas Matthews Rooke, Lilius Trotter, Richard St. John Tyrwhitt, William Ward, Alexander Dundas Ogilvy Wedderburn, and many others.
<b>Call Number:</b>	Manuscript Collection MS-3654
<b>Language:</b>	English, French
<b>Access:</b>	Open for research

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### Administrative Information

<b>Processed by:</b>	Joan Sibley and Daniela Lozano, 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:**

- Arrows of the chase: preface and epilogue, signed handwritten manuscript with emendations, 3 pages; signed handwritten manuscript with emendations, 2 pages; galley proofs with handwritten emendations, 1 page; page proofs with handwritten emendations, 5 pages; 1880. Bound. **Container** 1.1
- Botanical notes and some diary entries, handwritten manuscript with many drawings / incomplete, 90 pages bound, 1861-1862. **Container** 1.2
- Fors clavigera, handwritten manuscript, 15 pages bound, undated. From the Stark Collection. **Container** 1.3
- Fors clavigera: letter 58, St. George's creed and resolution, handwritten manuscript / copy, 2 pages, undated. **Container** 1.4
- The Oxford Museum: first letter, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 6 pages, circa 1859. From Hanley II. **Container** 1.5
- The Oxford Museum: second letter, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 15 pages, 1859. Included with this: ALS John Phillips to Dr. Acland, used as appendix in The Oxford Museum, with handwritten note by Ruskin, 6 pages, 21 January 1859. From Hanley II. **Container** 1.6
- Time and tide, by weare and tyne, twenty-five letters to a working man of Sunderland on the laws of work, handwritten manuscript, 139 leaves, 1867. Written to Thomas Dixon; includes ALS to Ruskin from Frederick James Shields, 8 April 1867 and ALS from Marion Coke Smith, undated. **Container** 1.7-8

**Letters:**

ALS to unidentified recipient, undated. Removed from Stark 3522.

**Container**  
1.9

ALS / draft to unidentified recipient, undated.

ALS to unidentified recipient "Dear Sir", undated.

ALS to unidentified recipient, 14 August 1865. From the Hanley Collection.

ALS to unidentified recipient, 4 December 1878. On verso: ALS from C. J. Rhodes to Lucy, 26 June 1895.

ALS to unidentified recipient Freddy, 21 May 1868? Included with this: typed transcript; TLS from curator J. S. Dearden of The Ruskin Galleries to Levy, 25 October 1960. Removed from ND 1280 F5 HRC.

ALS to unidentified recipient Tom, undated.

2 ALS to unidentified recipients, 23 November no year, undated. Included with these: closing and signature cut from a letter by Ruskin to an unidentified recipient, undated; enveloped addressed by Ruskin to Louise Bradford.

ALS to unidentified recipients "my dear students," 5 June 1883.

ALS to Acland, Henry Wentworth, 21 or 22 December 1872.

2 ALS to Allen (George) Ltd., 21 March 1880, 2 February 1887. Included with this: ALS from Allen (George) Ltd. to Ruskin, 21 April 1879.

ALS to Britton, John?, 9 February 1849. From the Stark Collection.

18 ALS, 2 ALI to Browning, Robert, 1856-1884, undated. Several also addressed to Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Bound. **Container**  
1.10

ALS to Cole, Henry, 12 December 1853. Removed from Wp R897 854o. From the Wrenn Collection. **Container**  
1.9

ALS to Coles, F. R., 16 January 1875. Removed from Wp R897 D86a copy 2. From the Wrenn Collection.

ALS to Colvin, Sidney, 13 November 1872. From the Stark Collection.

3 ALS to Crawley, Frederick, 1875, 24 December 1877, 7 August 1883. Removed from Wp R897 857cc; Wp R897 D864q; Wp R897 D873n. From the Wrenn Collection.

- AL / copy to the Daily telegraph, 12 January 1871. In the hand of Thomas Dixon. **Container**  
2.1
- 13 ALS to Dixon, Thomas, 1867-1875, undated. **Container** 2.2
- ALS to Eastlake, Elizabeth Rigby, Lady, undated. **Container** 2.1
- ALS to Elwyn, Miss, 2 February 1869.
- ALS to Furneaux, undated.
- ALS to Furnivall, Frederick James, undated. Removed from Wp R897 D852n.  
From the Wrenn Collection.
- ALS to Howell, Charles Augustus, 19 January 1868. Enclosure: ALS from I. S. to  
Ruskin.
- ALS to Howell, Charles Augustus, 31 March 1868. Signed by Ruskin; body of  
letter in unknown hand.
- 54 ALS, 2 AN to Howell, Charles Augustus, 1867-1870:
1867. **Container** 2.3
- 1868; included with this: ALS Miss Borrell? to Ruskin, 14 August 1868: **Container**  
2.4
- 1869-1870. **Container** 2.5
- ALS to Hunt, William Holman re the Pre-Raphaelites, undated. **Container**  
2.1
- ALS to Jennings, Hargrave, 12 June no year. Removed from WP R897 D870f.  
From the Wrenn Collection.
- ALS to Jones, 2 January 1882.
- ALS to Jones, George, 14 October no year.
- 48 ALS to Jowett, Henry, 1874-1888, undated. **Container** 2.6
- ALS, 3 ALI, ANI to Jowett, Henry, 1881-1888, undated. **Container** 2.1
- AL / copy to Lowell, James Russell, 25 April 1884. Copy in the hand of  
Alexander Wedderburn.
- ALS to Martin, Mrs., 19 November no year (1853?).

ALS to Neale, E. P, undated. This letter was at one time in Robert Risings's collection.

ALS to Norton, undated.

ANS to Rockstro, W. S., 8 August 1882. Removed from 61-14111.

44 ALS to Rooke, Thomas Matthews, 1879-1888, undated. Body of one letter in another hand. **Container 2.7**

ALI to Rossetti, Dante Gabriel, undated. Letter is torn with some loss of text. Written on verso: AN by W. M. Rossetti. **Container 2.1**

ANS to Runciman, Charles, undated. Written on verso of printed invitation to a conversazione of the Society of Arts, 15 April 1857. Ruskin to give talk on pre-Raphaelitism.

2 ALS to Smith, George, 26 November 1845, 28 October 1846. Removed from Wp R897 D849s; Wp R897 D870s. From the Wrenn Collection.

ALS to Stephenson, William, 22 November no year (Edinburgh).

ALI / draft to the Times, undated.

10 ALS, 26 ALI, AL / signature clipped to Trotter, Lilius, 1879-1887, undated. **Container 2.8**

ALS to Trubner and Co., undated. **Container 2.1**

65 ALS, 45 ALI, 4 AL to Tyrwhitt, Richard St. John, 1859-1880, undated. Enclosure: ALS from James Anthony Froude to Ruskin. **Container 2.9-3.1**

TL / copy to Tyrwhitt, Richard St. John, 30 September 1872. Original belongs to Mrs. Richard Tyrwhitt Huws, England. **Container 2.1**

ALS to Virtue and Company, 18 November 1867.

7 ALS to Ward, Marcus J., 1877-1881, undated. Two with handwritten copies in another hand. **Container 3.2**

315 ALS to Ward, William, 1855-1886, undated:

Index. **Container 3.3**

1855-January 1866. **Container 3.4**

April 1866-September 1869. **Container 3.5**

November 1869-November 1872. **Container 3.6**

January 1873-July 1875. **Container 4.1**

August 1875-September 1876. **Container 4.2**

November 1876-September 1879. **Container 4.3**

December 1879-April 1881. **Container 4.4**

May 1881-November 1886. **Container 4.5**

Undated letters and miscellaneous envelopes, 1861-1877. **Container 5.1**

40 ALS, 63 ALI, 3 AL, 3 AL / incomplete, 2 AL / copies, AL / copy / incomplete to Wedderburn, Alexander Dundas Ogilvy, 1874-1888, undated. Included are 3 ALS to **Container**  
 May Wedderburn, 11 February 1881, undated and AL from Wedderburn to Ruskin, **5.2-3**  
 undated. Also included, but separately from letters are 9 envelopes.

ALS to Wright, 3 December 1877. **Container 2.1**

ALS to Wright, Bryce, 7 September 1879. Removed from Wp R897 851p. From the Wrenn Collection.

**Recipient:**

Unidentified author. ALS to Ruskin, 8 June 1885.

**Container 5.4**

Burne-Jones, Edward Coley, Sir, 1833-1898. 3 ALS to Ruskin, undated.

Ingelow, Jean, 1820-1897. ALS to Ruskin, 30 September no year.

Simon, John, Sir, 1816-1904. ALI to Ruskin, 25 September 1833 (sic, 1883).

Taglioni, Marie, Comtesse Gilbert de Voisins, 1804-1884. ALS to Ruskin, 24 December 1879. Written in French.

Taylor, John Scott. ALS to Ruskin, 4 March 1887. Removed from ND 1280 F5 HRC.



**Miscellaneous:**

Unidentified author. List of letters from John Ruskin to Marcus John Ward, handwritten manuscript, 6 pages, undated.

**Container**  
5.5

Anderson, Sara D. 3 ALS to Rooke, Thomas Matthews, 1887-1888.

Barrett, Wilson, 1848-1904. ALS to unidentified recipient, 11 November 18\_\_.  
Written to John Ruskin?

Bertolacci, Caroline C. ALS to Ruskin, 25 January 1866. Written on this: ANS from Ruskin to Howell, Charles Augustus.

Boughton. ALS to Ruskin, 25 January 1881.

Bowring, Lewin Bentham, 1824-1910. ALS to unidentified recipient, 5 October 1887. Written to John Ruskin?

Broms, T. ALS to unidentified recipient, 3 July 1879. Written to John Ruskin?

Card, Henry E. ALS to Ruskin, 22 April 1887.

Collingwood, William Gershom, 1854-1932. ALS to Sayle, Charles, 19 January 1897.

Corlass, H. ALS to Ruskin, 27 March 1866. Written on this: AN from Ruskin to Howell, Charles Augustus.

Gregory, Caspar René, 1840-1917. ALS to unidentified recipient Eyes, 20 June 1886.

Hall, S. C. ALS to Ruskin, 14 August no year.

**Container 5.6**

Harrison, Frederic. ALS to Ruskin, 20 July 1877.

Herbert, A. ALS to Audenon, S. re Ruskin, 28 September 1888.

Hodgetts, J. Frederick. ALS to Ruskin, 14 August 1886.

De Laveley, Emile. ALS to Ruskin, 29 October no year.

Marco. ALS to Ruskin, 27 November 1878.

Marten, Mary E. ALS to Reed, 16 May 1851.

Müller, Friedrich Max, 1823-1900. ALS to Aberdare, Henry Austin, Bruce, 1st baron, 2 February 1887.

Müller, Friedrich Max, 1823-1900. ALS to Ruskin, 5 November 1884.

Myers, Frederic William Henry, 1843-1901. ALS to Ruskin, 8 August 1884.

Payn, James, 1830-1898. ALS to unidentified recipient, undated. Written to John Ruskin? **Container 5.7**

Rawlins, Henry S. ALS to Ruskin, 25 March 1868. Written on this: AN from Ruskin to Howell, Charles Augustus and ALS from Howell, Charles Augustus to Rawlins, Henry E.

Rolleston, Thomas William, 1857-1920. TLS, ALS, ANS to Ward, Marcus, Mrs., 1895.

Ruskin, John James, 1785-1864. AL to Messrs. Dundas, 27 May 1862. Letter written in third person.

Severn, Arthur, 1842-1931. ALS to Simon, Mrs., 12 February 1873.

Severn, Joan Ruskin:

ALS to Jowett, Henry, 6 March no year. **Container 5.7**

2 ALS to Rooke, Thomas Matthews re Ruskin, 28 June 1888, undated.

ALS to Tyrwhitt, Richard St. John re agreements with Ruskin, 18 June 1891.

3 ALS to Wells, J. Ellis, 1890-1891.

Shaftesbury, Anthony Ashley-Cooper, 7th earl of, 1801-1885. ALS to Ruskin, 18 January 1885.

Stead, William Thomas, 1849-1912. ALS to Ruskin, 16 December 1889.

Swanick, Anna. ALS to Ruskin, 6 May no year.

Tenniel, John. ALS to Wedderburn, Alexander Dundas Ogilvy, 27 January 1906.

Trotter, Isabella Strange, 1816-1878. 2 ALS, AL to Ruskin, 1876. Possibly drafts.

Ward, Marcus J. Untitled notes on conversations with Ruskin, handwritten manuscript, 5 pages, circa 1877.

Ward, Marcus J. 4 ALS to Ruskin, 1879-1880. **Container 5.8**

Ward, Marcus, Mrs. ALS to Rolleston, Thomas William, 13 December 1895. **Container 5.7**

Ward, Wilfrid Philip, 1856-1916. ALS to Ruskin, 24 November 1884.

Wigzell, John J. ALS to Ruskin, 10 June 1868. Written on this: ANS from Ruskin to Howell, Charles Augustus.

Wood, Evelyn. ALS to Ruskin, 3 July 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