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CALL NUMBER: OSBORN D51

CREATOR: Upcott, William, 1779-1845, collector

TITLE: [Letters and portraits of eminent persons]

DATES: 1824-1825

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.24 linear feet (1 volume)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Autograph MSS.
Collection of autograph letters and portraits, mainly of 18th and 19th century literary figures, formed by Anne Nichols (also a collector) for William Upcott; many of the letters are accompanied by engraved portraits of either the writers or recipients.

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Scope and Contents

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| b. 1 | ALS to [?John Nichols (1745-1826)] St. James Park 2 p.; 19 x 14 cm. Concerns the history of Durham and Robert Hutchinson (b. 1750). d.51/105 | 1816 Apr 17 |
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BEXLEY, NICHOLAS VANSITTART, 1ST BARON, 1766-1851

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| b. 1 | ALS to unnamed recipient Coombelodge near Reading Asks the recipient to mention his name to a "Mr. Manning." 1 p.; 16 x 18 cm. d.51/74 | 1811 Sep 9 |
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HARDINGE, GEORGE, 1743-1816

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| b. 1 | AL in 3rd person to Edward Thurlow, 1st baron (1731-1806) | n.d. |
| b. 1 | Great Ormonde Street 1 p.; 22 x 19 cm. Invitation to dinner. d.51/61 | |

MORGAN, JOHN R.

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| b. 1 | ALS to Mary Ann Nichols Norwich 4 p.; 16 x 10 cm. Concerning the sale of the autographs of William Upcott (1779-1845). d.51/106 | 1870 Jan 27 |
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PARKES, SAMUEL, 1761-1825

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| b. 1 | ALS to an unnamed recipient Goswell Street 1 p.; 23 x 19 cm. Letter in behalf of Arthur Aikin (1773-1854) who is applying as Secretary of Arts. d.51/1 | 1817 Feb 7 |
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PARR, SAMUEL, 1747-1825

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| b. 1 | ALS to John Nichols (1745-1826) n.p. 2 p.; 16 x 10 cm. Invitation to dine. d.51/2 | [no yr] Sep 28 |
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PARRY, SIR WILLIAM EDWARD, 1790-1855

PARRY, SIR WILLIAM EDWARD, 1790-1855 (continued)

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| b. 1 | Signature, on fragment of a letter Craven St., Strand 1 p.; 7 x 12 cm. d.51/3 | 1818 Jan 29 |
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PATON, GEORGE, 1721-1807

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|------|--|-------------|
| b. 1 | ALS to Richard Gough (1735-1809) Edinburgh 1 p.; 25 x 21 cm. Concerns the catalogues of upcoming book sales in which Gough has apparently expressed interest. d.51/4 | 1798 Nov 30 |
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PECK, FRANCIS, 1692-1743

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|------|---|-------------|
| b. 1 | ALS to Joseph Ames (1689-1759) Godeby 1 p.; 28 x 21 cm. Concerns a letter, to Dr. Thomas Deacon (1697-1753), which Peck worries has been lost in post. d.51/5 | 1740 Feb 22 |
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PEGGE, SAMUEL, 1704-1796

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| b. 1 | ALS to Richard Gough (1735-1809) Whittington 2 p.; 20 x 16 cm. Presents his regrets on the death of Mrs. John Nichols as well as inquiring about personal matters. d.51/6/a | 1788 Mar 10 |
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PEGGE, SAMUEL, 1704-1796

| | | |
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| b. 1 | ALS to [John Nichols (1745-1826)] [Whittington] 1 p.; 16 x 11 cm. Sends his condolences. d.51/6/b | 1788 Mar 1 |
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PERCEVAL, SPENCER, 1762-1812

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|------|--|-------------|
| b. 1 | ALS to [?John Nichols (1745-1826)] Lincoln's Inn Fields 2 p.; 23 x 18 cm. Concerns his interest in books, apparently in Nichols's stock. d.51/8 | 1802 Mar 24 |
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POLWHELE, RICHARD, 1760-1838

POLWHELE, RICHARD, 1760-1838 (continued)

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| b. 1 | ALS to John Nichols (1745-1826) Truro 3 p.; 23 x 18 cm. Offering copies of his works for stock. d.51/11 | 1818 Jan 16 |
| POPE, JANE, 1742-1818 | | |
| b. 1 | ALS to unnamed recipient n.p. 1 p.; 6 x 17 cm. Poem with a note explaining why the lines are tardy. d.51/13,14 | n.d. |
| POPHAM, SIR HOME RIGGS, 1762-1820 | | |
| b. 1 | ALS to Mr. Pearce [Buenos Ayres] 2 p.; 18 x 11 cm. Short description of current events on a ship with a French general and American captain; in another hand on verso of last leaf of letter, a short description of Popham's accomplishments. d.51/15 | [?1806] |
| PORSON, RICHARD, 1759-1808 | | |
| b. 1 | Signature, on an engraved form acknowledging receipt of a book from Joseph Adams (1756-1818) London 1 p.; 8 x 12 cm. d.51/16 | 1808 Jul 12 |
| PORTEUS, BEILBY, BP. OF LONDON, 1731-1808 | | |
| b. 1 | ALS to Richard Gough (1735-1809) St. James's Square 1 p.; 23 x 19 cm. Responds to an inquiry. d.51/17 | 1801 May 1 |
| PRETYMAN-TOMLINE, SIR GEORGE, BP. OF WINCHESTER, 1750-1827 | | |
| b. 1 | ALS to an unnamed recipient Gt. George Street 3 p.; 24 x 19 cm. Concerns the recipient's brother. d.51/18 | 1785 Oct 5 |
| REED, ISAAC, 1742-1807 | | |

REED, ISAAC, 1742-1807 (continued)

b. 1 ALS to [?John Nichols (1745-1826)] 1778
 Staple Inn
 3 p.; 21 x 17 cm.
 Complains of the ill treatment of
 Thomas Cadell (1742-1802).
 d.51/21

REES, ABRAHAM, 1743-1825

b. 1 ALS to [John Nichols (1745-1826)] 1824 May 24
 Finsbury
 1 p.; 25 x 20 cm.
 Concerns autographs of his "literary
 correspondents".
 d.51/22

RENNELL, THOMAS, 1754-1840

b. 1 ALS to [John Nichols (1745-1826)] 1825 Feb 2
 Winchester
 1 p.; 23 x 19 cm.
 Requests a paper copy and plates of
 "British Monachism" by Thomas Dudley
 Fosbroke (1770-1842) as well as the
 advertised illustrations for
 Fosbroke's "Encyclopaedia of
 Antiquities".
 d.51/23

RENNIE, JOHN, 1761-1821

b. 1 ALS to [John Nichols (1745-1826)] 1808 Jun 17
 Stamford St.
 1 p.; 19 x 12 cm.
 Concerns a package which he presumes
 contains books and articles which he
 ordered.
 d.51/24

ROGERS, SAMUEL, 1763-1855

b. 1 Signature, with two specimens of his hand. 1819 Jan 7
 St. James's Place
 d.51/25

ROSCOE, WILLIAM, 1753-1831

b. 1 ALS to John McCreery (1768-1832) 1821 Dec 17
 Holkham
 1 p.; 19 x 17 cm.
 Discusses his corrections of a
 manuscript proof.
 d.51/26

ROSE, GEORGE, 1744-1818

ROSE, GEORGE, 1744-1818 (continued)

b.1 ALS to [John Nichols (1745-1826)] 1811 May 8
 Old Palace Yard
 1 p.; 23 x 19 cm.
 Inquires about Bacon's works.
 d.51/27

SAUMAREZ, JAMES SAUMAREZ, 1ST BARON, 1757-1836

b.1 ALS to [John Nichols (1745-1826)] 1819 Jan 7
 Guernsey
 2 p.; 20 x 12 cm.
 Requests that Nichols forward
 information for Sir Henry Blackwood
 (1770-1832).
 d.51/29

SCHOMBERG, ISAAC, 1714-1780

b.1 ALS to an unnamed recipient 1744 Jun 26
 Wells
 1 p.; 15 x 15 cm.
 A brief word about his present
 literary project.
 d.51/30

SHARP, GRANVILLE, 1735-1813

b.1 ALS to Joseph Plymley, later Corbett (ca. 1760-1830) 1794 Jul 17
 Garden Court
 1 p.; 22 x 18 cm.
 Concerns the anti-slavery movement.
 d.51/35

SHARP, THOMAS, 1770-1841

b.1 ALS to [John Nichols (1745-1826)] 1809 Mar 16
 Coventry
 1 p.; 22 x 18 cm.
 A case of arbitration.
 d.51/36

SHERLOCK, THOMAS, BP. OF LONDON, 1678-1761

b.1 ALS to an unnamed recipient 1748/9 Feb 11
 Temple
 2 p.; 22 x 17 cm.
 Concerns papers sent to him by the
 correspondent.
 d.51/39

SHIELD, WILLIAM, 1748-1829

SHIELD, WILLIAM, 1748-1829 (continued)

b.1 ALS to [?John Nichols (1745-1826)] 1824 May 7
31 Berners St.
1 p.; 17 x 12 cm.
Presents his regrets to an
invitation to the anniversary of
the Literary Fund.
d.51/40

SMALRIDGE, GEORGE, BP. OF BRISTOL, 1663-1719

b.1 ALS to an unnamed recipient n.d.
n.p.
1 p.; 19 x 15 cm.
Discusses his imminent trip to
Windsor and his present colleagues.
d.51/44

SMITH, JOHN THOMAS, 1766-1833

b.1 ALS to Anne Nichols 1824 Mar 4
British Museum
1 p.; 25 x 19 cm.
Presents a page to the collection of
autographs.
d.51/48

SPENCER, JOHN CHARLES SPENCER, 3RD EARL, 1782-1845

b.1 AL in 3rd person to John Nichols (1745-1826) 1816 May 25
St. James's Place
1 p.; 23 x 17 cm.
Discusses recent orders from Messrs
Nichols Son and Bentley.
d.51/50

STAMFORD, GEORGE HARRY GREY, 5TH EARL OF, 1737-1819

b.1 AL in 3rd person to John Nichols (1745-1826) 1815 Mar 6
Enville [Staffs.]
1 p.; 24 x 20 cm.
Accompanied by another note, 6 x 15
cm.; both letters order books.
d.51/51

STEEVENS, GEORGE, 1736-1800

b.1 ALS to John Nichols (1745-1836) [1784]
n.p.
1 p.; 8 x 10 cm.
Concerns the funeral of Samuel
Johnson (1709-1784).
d.51/54

STRUTT, JOSEPH, 1749-1802

STRUTT, JOSEPH, 1749-1802 (continued)

b. 1 ALS to [John Nichols (1745-1836)] 1802 May 8
 Charles Street, Hatton Garden
 1 p.; 23 x 17 cm.
 Concerns the settlement of an
 outstanding bill.
 d.51/55

TANNER, JOHN, 1684-1759

b. 1 ALS to Joseph Ames (1689-1759) 1744 Apr 7
 Lowestoft
 1 p.; 20 x 16 cm.
 Sends a manuscript for consideration.
 d.51/58

THICKNESSE, PHILIP, 1719-1792

b. 1 Essay on William Dodd (1729-1777): autograph MS, initialled n.d.
 4 p.; 24 x 18 cm. and 1 p.; 15 x
 10 cm.
 d.51/58a,59

THROSBY, JOHN, 1740-1803

b. 1 ALS to [John Nichols (1745-1836)] 1800 Mar 24
 [Leicester]
 1 p.; 22 x 16 cm.
 Concerns the Sacheverell family.
 d.51/60

THURLOW, EDWARD THURLOW, 1ST BARON, 1731-1806

b. 1 ALS to John Bowyer Nichols (1779-1863) 1824 Apr 13
 Brighton
 1 p.; 22 x 18 cm.
 Discusses his recent translation of
 Horace.
 d.51/62

TICKELL, THOMAS, 1686-1740

b. 1 ALS to Mr. Worsley 1721 May 30
 Whitehall
 1 p.; 23 x 17 cm.
 Discusses his payment of a bill.
 d.51/63

TILLOCH, ALEXANDER, 1759-1825

b. 1 ALS to John Nichols (1745-1836) 1816 Nov 15
 Star Office
 1 p.; 24 x 19 cm.
 Introduces a Dr. Henderson to Mr.
 Nichols.
 d.51/64

TODD, HENRY JOHN, 1763-1845

b.1 AL in 3rd person to Anne Nichols [no yr] Jul 19
 Coulsdon
 1 p.; 21 x 18 cm.
 Presents two autographs for the collection.
 d.51/65

TOMKINS, THOMAS, 1743-1816

b.1 ALS to James Asperne 1816 May 12
 Sermon Lane
 1 p.; 20 x 16 cm.
 Declines a request for a favor.
 d.51/66

TOOKE, WILLIAM, 1744-1820

b.1 ALS to John Nichols (1745-1836) 1788 Aug 25
 St. Petersburg
 3 p.; 24 x 19 cm.
 Corrections and thoughts on a pamphlet he has sent to Nichols for review.
 d.51/68

TOOKE, WILLIAM, 1744-1820

b.1 ALS to an unnamed recipient 1819 Mar 11
 Ormond St.
 1 p.; 9 x 19 cm.
 Fragment of a letter, perhaps a letter of condolence.
 d.51/69

TOOKE, WILLIAM, 1744-1820

b.1 ALS to [John Nichols (1745-1836)] n.d.
 n.p.
 1 p.; 10 x 19 cm.
 Fragment; inquires about the family's health.
 d.51/69a

TRIMMER, SARAH (KIRBY), 1741-1810

b.1 ALS to Joseph Plymley, later Corbett (ca. 1760-1830) 1798 Aug 23
 Brentford
 2 p.; 23 x 19 cm.
 Thanks the recipient for his interest in the new edition of "The Day School Spelling Book."
 d.51/70

TURNER, DAWSON, 1775-1858

TURNER, DAWSON, 1775-1858 (continued)

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| b. 1 | ALS to Anne Nichols Yarmouth 1 p.; 25 x 20 cm. Reply to her order for some etchings. d.51/71 | 1824 Dec 15 |
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UPCOTT, WILLIAM, 1779-1845

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| b. 1 | ALS to Anne Nichols London Institution 1 p.; 23 x 19 cm. Reply to a dinner invitation. d.51/78 | 1823 Oct 19 |
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VINCENT, WILLIAM, 1739-1815

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| b. 1 | ALS to an unnamed recipient Deanery, Westminster 1 p.; 23 x 19 cm. Requests the return of his books. d.51/77 | 1808 Nov 25 |
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WAKEFIELD, GILBERT, 1756-1807

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| b. 1 | ALS to [John Nichols (1745-1826)] Nottingham 1 p.; 20 x 16 cm. Complaint about a reviewer. d.51/79 | 1789 Oct 2 |
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WARBURTON, WILLIAM, BP. OF GLOUCESTER, 1698-1779

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| b. 1 | Memorandum for "The Divine Legation of Moses": autograph MS n.p. 3 p.; 20 x 16 cm. Possibly an emendation intended for a revised edition of the work. d.51/81 | n.d. |
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WARE, JAMES, 1756-1815

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| b. 1 | ALS to [John Nichols (1745-1826)] n.p. 1 p.; 18 x 12 cm. Reply to an invitation. d.51/82 | n.d. |
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WARTON, JOSEPH, 1722-1800

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| b. 1 | ALS to [John Nichols (1745-1826)] Winchester 2 p.; 23 x 18 cm. Discusses a recent work. d.51/83 | 1783 Jun 7 |
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WARTON, THOMAS, 1728-1790

WARTON, THOMAS, 1728-1790 (continued)

b.1 ALS to Richard Gough 1782 Sep 22
Winchester
1 p.; 30 x 20 cm.
Discusses corrections for an
imminent publication.
d.51/85

WATHEN, JAMES, 1751-1828

b.1 ALS to [?Anne Nichols] 1825 Jan 1
Hereford
3 p.; 23 x 19 cm.
Sends his portrait with the letter.
d.51/86

WATSON, RICHARD, BP. OF LLANDAFF, 1737-1816

b.1 ALS to [John Nichols (1745-1826)] 1804 Dec 19
Calgarth Park
1 p.; 23 x 19 cm.
Requests that his order be sent.
d.51/87

WHALLEY, PETER, 1722-1791

b.1 ALS to [John Nichols (1745-1826)] 1786 Jun 2
St. Olave's School
2 p.; 25 x 19 cm.
Answer to inquiries made by Nichols
in previous correspondence.
d.51/90

WHITAKER, THOMAS DUNHAM, 1759-1821

b.1 ALS to [John Nichols (1745-1826)] 1803 Sep 22
Holme
1 p.; 23 x 17 cm.
Inquires about a proof sheet he sent
previously.
d.51/91

WHITBREAD, SAMUEL, 1758-1815

b.1 ALS to John Nichols (1745-1826) 1791 Jul 28
Tonbridge
1 p.; 22 x 18 cm.
d.51/92

WHITE, JOSEPH, 1745-1814

WHITE, JOSEPH, 1745-1814 (continued)

b.1 ALS to [John Nichols (1745-1826)] 1788 Jan 30
 Oxford
 3 p.; 22 x 18 cm.
 Asks Nichols to complete the
 printing of his new study of Arabic
 and Latin types.
 d.51/94

WILBERFORCE, WILLIAM, 1759-1833

b.1 ALS to an unnamed recipient 1803 Dec 29
 Clapham
 2 p.; 18 x 13 cm.
 Returns his proxy.
 d.51/96

WILBERFORCE, WILLIAM, 1759-1833

b.1 ALS to an unnamed recipient [1804?] May 5
 n.p.
 2 p.; 24 x 19 cm.
 Discusses an attempt to see William
 Pitt (1759-1806) at Downing Street.
 d.51/97

WILLIAMS, DAVID, 1738-1814

b.1 ALS to John Calder (1733-1815) 1789 Feb 4
 Gt. Russell St.
 1 p.; 23 x 19 cm.
 Informs Calder of his temporary
 illness.
 d.51/99

WILLIS, BROWNE, 1682-1760

b.1 ALS to Richard Grey (1694-1771) 1734 Oct 10
 Whadden
 1 p.; 19 x 18 cm.
 Informs him of his health and other
 family matters.
 d.51/100

WILKIE, SIR DAVID, 1785-1841

b.1 ALS to Robert Balmanno 1819 Apr 19
 Lower Phillimore Place
 1 p.; 17 x 18 cm.
 Reply to an invitation.
 d.51/101

WODHULL, MICHAEL, 1740-1816

WODHULL, MICHAEL, 1740-1816 (continued)

b.1 ALS to [?John Nichols (1745-1826)] 1795 May 3
Old Hummums, Covent Garden
1 p.; 22 x 18 cm.
Desires to be placed on a list of
subscribers.
d.51/102

WOODFALL, WILLIAM, 1746-1803

b.1 ALS to [John Nichols (1745-1826)] 1785 Oct 4
Dorset St.
1 p.; 22 x 18 cm.
Returns a copy of "Biographical
Anecdotes" by William Bowyer
(1699-1777) and requests a sketch.
d.51/103

WRANGHAM, FRANCIS, 1769-1842

b.1 ALS to John Nichols (1745-1826) 1815 May 29
Hunmanby
1 p.; 23 x 18 cm.
Inquires whether a collection of
books he has just purchased
previously belonged to William
Bowyer (1699-1777).
d.51/104

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

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