

# Guide to the John Reynolds archive

MSS 74



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MSS 74

**CREATOR:** Reynolds, John, 1791-1868

**TITLE:** John Reynolds archive

**DATES:** 1826, undated

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet (1 document box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** This collection comprises a diary with original bindings and transcripts along with several etchings and other writings by John Reynolds.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/ycba.mss.0074>

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/ycba.mss.0074>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Yale Center for British Art, Paul Mellon Fund

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### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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### Conditions Governing Use

Public Domain

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## Preferred Citation

John Reynolds Archive, Yale Center for British Art Archives, Paul Mellon Fund.

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## Biographical / Historical

John Reynolds (1791 December to 1868 September) was a school teacher based out of London. Volume 3 of *Modern English biography[...]* by Frederic Boase notes that he was part of the founding of the London Mechanists Institute (now Birkbeck, University of London) where he taught French and geography, and the London Gymnasium. He ran a school out of 23 Chadwell Street, Pentonville from 1842 to his death, and authored several school books such as *The Young Ladies Guide to Arithmetic* (1858) and *Definitions of the Various Terms and Figures in Geometry* (1850).

John Reynolds is buried in Highgate Cemetery, London.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Material is arranged alphabetically.

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## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Diary	1826
	The diary mentions the founding of the London Gymnasium, a meeting of the Committee of London Mechanics Institutino, and several artists including John Martin. The transcript located in folder two contains an index of topics.	
b. 1, f. 2	Diary transcript in an unknown hand	undated
b. 1, f. 3	Eight engravings on seven pages featuring the London Mechanics Institute	undated
b. 1, f. 4	London topography continued	undated
b. 1, f. 5	Original binding for diary	undated
b. 1, f. 6	Trompe d'oeil with annotation on verso	undated

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## 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.

### Subjects

Art -- Study and teaching  
Teaching