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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 260

CREATOR: Norton, Caroline Sheridan, 1808-1877

TITLE: Caroline Sheridan Norton collection

DATES: 1830-1876

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 linear foot (4 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection contains letters and writings by or about Caroline Sheridan Norton. The letters are to recipients such as Robert Browning, Henry Cholmondeley-Pennell, Mrs. Catherine Gore, Nathaniel Ogle, Lady Anna Stirling Maxwell, and Frances Trollope, as well as a letter to William Francis Cowper-Temple concerning the death of his uncle, Lord Melbourne. Writings include several autograph poems, and the autograph manuscript of "Love in the World," a novel written when Norton was a young girl.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Ongoing collection of documents acquired by gift and purchase from various sources. Type of accession (gift or purchase) and date of acquisition is noted in the box-and-folder list. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

This finding aid encompasses accessions of single manuscripts and small groups of manuscripts and other papers, by or pertaining to Caroline Sheridan Norton, which the library has chosen to group and list as an artificial collection. The finding aid was produced from previously existing cards in the Manuscripts Catalog, or from another inventory. All pertinent bibliographical information has been retained. If the collection also contains unlisted or unsorted material, it has been noted in the box-and-folder list. This finding aid will be updated periodically to account for new materials that may be added to the collection. The date of the most recent update is noted on the title page.

Material in this collection was reclassified from MS Vault Sheridan in 1997.

Caroline Sheridan Norton, 1808-1877

Caroline Sheridan Norton was a British feminist, social reformer, and author.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains letters and writings by or about Caroline Sheridan Norton. The letters are to recipients such as Robert Browning, Henry Cholmondeley-Pennell, Mrs. Catherine Gore, Nathaniel Ogle, Lady Anna Stirling Maxwell, and Frances Trollope, as well as a letter to William Francis Cowper-Temple concerning the death of his uncle, Lord Melbourne. Writings include several autograph poems, and the autograph manuscript of "Love in the World," a novel written when Norton was a young girl.

Accompanying the collection is a typescript of Bertha Coolidge Slade's undated essay "Some Unrecorded Letters of Caroline Norton in the Altschul Collection of the Yale University Library."

Arrangement

Organized into three series: I. Frank Altschul Gift, 1839-1876. II. Bertha Coolidge Slade Gift, 1840-1865. III. Other Papers, 1830-1874.

Collection Contents

Series I: Frank Altschul Gift, 1839-1876

Gift of Frank Altschul, 1937-1958.

Organized into two subseries: Correspondence, and Writings.

Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1	ALS to Robert Browning, London With typescript	1876 May 18
b. 1, f. 2	AL in third person to Messrs. Chapman & Hall, London	1851 Jan
b. 1, f. 3	2 ALS to Lord Conyngham [Albert Denison, 1st Baron Londesborough], Frampton, Dorchester; London	[1840], undated
b. 1, f. 4	4 ALS to Mrs. William Francis Cowper-Temple	undated
b. 1, f. 5	ALS to William Francis Cowper-Temple, [London] Concerning the death of Lord Melbourne	[1848]
b. 1, f. 6	2 ALS to William Francis Cowper-Temple, Airtrey, Scotland	1872, [1875]
b. 1, f. 7	3 ALS to Mr. Foublanque	undated
b. 1, f. 8	ALS to Lt. Gore-Jones	undated
b. 1, f. 9	ALS to Dr. Edward Craven Hawtrey, Richmond, England	[1840?] May 18
b. 1, f. 10	ALS to Edward Hopkins	1850 Jun 16
b. 1, f. 11	ALS to Richard Henry Horne, London	1844 Feb 19
b. 1, f. 12	ALS to Charles Henry Bellenden Ker, [Lisbon]	[1848]
b. 1, f. 13	ALS to "Dearest Kitty" Paper watermarked 1866	[1866?]
b. 1, f. 14	ANS to James Philip Lacaite	[1848?] Nov 12
b. 1, f. 15	6 ALS to Charles Locock	[1846-1863?]
b. 1, f. 16	ALS to Daniel Maclise	undated
b. 1, f. 17	ALS to "Moppy," Netherby, Carlisle Mentioning Ian Campbell's book of Gaelic studies	[1860?]
b. 1, f. 18	14 ALS and 1 AL to Nathaniel Ogle Enclosures: T. H. Talfand's AL (copy) to Lord Lyndhurst; Ogle's notes on the Infant Custody Bill, and what appears to be his notes on Mrs. Norton's trial	[1839-1844?]
b. 1, f. 19	ANS to Anthony Panizzi, London	circa 1845
b. 1, f. 20	AL, signed with initials to "Presumptuous Scot," Stover House	[1856?]

Correspondence (continued)

b. 1, f. 21	ALS to Henry Reeve, Netherby, Carlisle	[1847] Dec 13
b. 1, f. 22	ALS to Mrs. Henry Reeve	[1866?]
b. 1, f. 23	ALS to Mrs. Henry Reeve Paper watermarked 1860	[1867?]
b. 1, f. 24	ALS to [Alexis Francois] Rio, [London]	undated
b. 1, f. 25	ALS to Mrs. John Edward Sartoris Paper watermarked 1857	[1857]
b. 1, f. 26	ALS to Dr. Sedgwick, Sorrento, Italy	[1876?]
b. 1, f. 27	ALS to Lady Anna Stirling Maxwell	undated
b. 1, f. 28	ANS to General Vulp, London	undated
b. 1, f. 29	8 ALS to unidentified recipients Letter of 1873 concerns Sara Coleridge	1840-1873, undated
b. 1, f. 30	Photocopy of a letter to an unidentified recipient, Friday, Sep 8	undated
Writings		
b. 1, f. 31	"The Child of the Islands," autograph manuscript poem	undated
	"An Entomological Postscript to a Botanical Specimen," photocopy of a poem in an unidentified hand, accompanied by a picture of the bread fruit tree See: Oversize, Box 4, folder 108	undated
b. 1, f. 32	"From Moore," photocopy of an autograph manuscript poem dated 1835 Dec 22	undated
b. 1, f. 33	"The Mother," autograph manuscript	undated
	"On Mr. C. Sheridan saying he feared Mrs. Stanhope," photocopy of autograph manuscript poem dated 1835 Dec 24 See: Oversize, Box 4, folder 109	undated
b. 1, f. 34	Photocopy of a title-page of "A Plain Letter to the Lord Chancellor...By Pearce Stevenson, Esq.," with signature of Mrs. Norton, and part of a note in her hand concerning the pseudonym	undated
	"The Question," photocopy of an autograph manuscript poem See: Oversize, Box 4, folder 110	undated
b. 1, f. 35	"To the Sun, at Lisbon, 1849," autograph manuscript poem, signed	1849

Series II: Bertha Coolidge Slade Gift, 1840-1865

Gift of Bertha Coolidge Slade, 1938-1940.

b. 1, f. 36	Green volume labeled: Caroline Norton Original Manuscripts and Letters. Contents analyzed below, in order of appearance in volume.	
	Pen and ink sketch of a female figure riding a broom, signed and dated	1847
	"The Poet's Inkstand": autograph manuscript poem Manuscript note verso, "I have your letter, dear, since I wrote"	undated
	ALS (in French) to Mme. Richard?, London	Feb 6
	AL to "Marie" With pen and ink sketch	undated
	ALS to Mrs. Symons, London	[1846?] Apr 8
	ALS to [Henry?] Taylor, London	undated
	ALS to [John Doran?], Newton Abbott, Devon	undated
	AL, signed with initials, to Mrs. Edmund Phipps Illustrated with pen and ink drawings	undated
	AL, signed with initials, to Brinsley Homan, Frampton, Dorchester	1840 Apr 23
	AL, signed with initials, to "Brinn"	undated
	ALS to William Cox Bennett, London	1861 Feb 11
	ALS to William Chappell	undated
	ALS to unidentified recipient	undated
	ALS to Mrs. [Samuel Carter?] Hall	undated
	ALS to William Charles Macready, London	undated
	ALS to James Howard, London	undated
	ALS to unidentified recipient	undated
	AL, signed with initials, to [Alexander Duff-Gordon]	undated
	ALS to Thomas Crofton Croker, London	undated
	ALS to unidentified recipient, London	undated
	ALS to Mrs. [Samuel Carter?] Hall, London	undated
	3 ALS to Henry Cholmondeley Pennell, London	[1865?]
	ALS to Richard Bentley	undated
	ALS to "Dear Bird," London	1863

Green volume labeled: Caroline Norton Original Manuscripts and L [...] (continued)

	ALS to unidentified recipient, fragment	undated
b. 1, f. 37	ALS to Mr. Combe [?] Concerning the "Case of Joshua Hardy"	1843 Mar 10
b. 1, f. 38	ALS to [whom it may concern], Hampton Court, Dorchester Recommending John Payte for a position	
b. 1, f. 39	Slade, Bertha Coolidge. Typed copy of her essay, "Some Unrecorded Letters of Caroline Norton in the Altschul Collection of the Yale University Library"	undated

Series III: Other Papers, 1830-1874

The series contains additional materials acquired from various sources between 1942 and 1986.

Organized into two subseries: Correspondence, and Writings

Correspondence

b. 2, f. 40	ALS to James Alexander, Kirkaldy, N.B. Purchase, 1969	1872 Nov 11
b. 2, f. 41	ALS to Sir Augustus Purchase, 1974	Apr 10
b. 2, f. 42	ALS to [Mr. Bareley?] Purchase, 1969	undated
b. 2, f. 43	ALS to Mr. Barnes Purchase, 1960	undated
b. 2, f. 44	ALS to Lord Belfast About music Purchase, 1966	undated
b. 2, f. 45	ALS to Dear Bird Purchase, 1942	undated
b. 2, f. 46	ALS to Henry George Bohn, London	1871 Nov 28
b. 2, f. 47	ALS to Miss Byrne Gift, 1962	undated
b. 2, f. 48	ALS to Messrs. Chapman & Hall Gift, 1962	undated
b. 2, f. 49	ALS to Lady Chatterton Gift, 1953	undated
b. 2, f. 50	ALS to "Lord Clarence," Mayfair With 2 autograph notes from Lord Clarence and "The Duke" added Purchase, 1969	undated
b. 2, f. 51	ALS to Lady Clifford Purchase, 1974	undated
b. 2, f. 52	ALS to [R. Colburn], Bolton St Purchase, 1969	[1840 Oct 26]
b. 2, f. 53	ALS to G. Conant at the Marlborough Police Office, Framington, Dorchester Purchase, 1968	Nov 16
b. 2, f. 54	ALS to Mrs. Cowper Purchase, 1967	undated

Correspondence (continued)

b. 2, f. 55	ALS to T. Dantis [?], London Concerns <i>Stuart of Dunleath</i> Purchase, 1971	May 7
b. 2, f. 56	2 ALS to Miss Dempster Purchase, 1968	1867, [1869?]
b. 2, f. 57	2 ALS to Mlle. D'Henin, [Greenwich?]; London Accompanied by a fragment of a letter to an unidentified recipient containing a small pen sketch labeled (in another hand) "The effects of a gale at Boulogne" Purchase, 1944	undated
b. 2, f. 58	ALS to Father Ellice Purchase, 1969	undated
b. 2, f. 59	ALS to [Fisher, Son & Co.], London About Fisher's drawing-room scrapbooks, edited by Mrs. Norton Purchase, 1983	[1846-1849]
b. 2, f. 60	10 ALS to Mrs. Catherine Gore, Frampton Park Purchase, 1971	1836, undated
b. 2, f. 61	ALS to Lt. Gore-Jones Purchase, 1960	undated
b. 2, f. 62	ALS to Grote Purchase, 1986	undated
b. 2, f. 63	ALS to Dr. Hawtrey Purchase, 1968	circa 1845
b. 2, f. 64	ALS to "My Good Henchman" Purchase, 1971	undated
b. 2, f. 65	4 ALS to Henrietta, Frampton Court Last on page 2-4 of a note written by an unidentified granddaughter Purchase, 1965	1860-1874
b. 2, f. 66	ALS to Mrs. Hort, Keir near Dunblace, N.B. Purchase, 1971	undated
b. 2, f. 67	ALS to Mrs. Hughes Purchase, 1986	Jun 12
b. 2, f. 68	ALS to Mr. Jesse Purchase, 1970	Nov 16
b. 2, f. 69	ALS to William Lefanu, Keir Purchase, 1942	[1874?] Nov 30

Correspondence (continued)

b. 2, f. 70	ALS to "Dear Mary," Southampton Purchase, 1965	1843 Sep-Oct
b. 2, f. 71	ALS to John Murray, London Purchase, 1986	Mar 10
b. 2, f. 72	ALS to Miss Peard, Torquay Purchase, 1942	1874 Mar 1
b. 2, f. 73	2 ALS to Henry Cholmondeley-Pennell, Dorchester Purchase, 1942 and 1944	[1865?]
b. 2, f. 74	ALS to Miss Philp Purchase, 1986	1870 Oct 15
b. 2, f. 75	ALS to Mrs. Reid Purchase, 1969	Jun 1
b. 2, f. 76	Envelope to Madame Richard Purchase, 1969	undated
b. 2, f. 77	4 ALS to Mr. [John Edward] Sartoris Purchase, 1965	undated
b. 2, f. 78	AN, invitation to Mr. Sheet in the third person, Mayfair Purchase, 1969	Apr 14
b. 2, f. 79	AL, signed with initials, to Mrs. Shelley Purchase, 1946	1837 Mar 22
b. 2, f. 80	ALS to her mother, Caroline Henrietta Callander Sheridan Purchase, 1965	[1850-1851]
b. 2, f. 81	ALS to Mrs. Sinclair, [London] Purchase, 1970	undated
b. 2, f. 82	AL in third person to Mr. Smethurst [?], London	[1877 Mar 3]
b. 2, f. 83	ALS to "Soft-Eyes" Purchase, 1986	May 27
b. 2, f. 84	ALS to Richard Stephens, Brighton Returning his son's "roll" of poetry and criticizing the same. Purchase, 1969	Apr 16
b. 2, f. 85	ALS to Mrs. Stirling Purchase, 1965	Mar 2
b. 2, f. 86	ALS to Mr. Taylor, Mayfair Purchase, 1969	1857 Jan 19

Correspondence (continued)

b. 2, f. 87	ALS and postal cover to Mr. Tom Taylor, London Purchase, 1969	[1852] Nov 15
b. 2, f. 88	ALS to Annie Young Gift, 1977	undated
b. 2, f. 89	11 ALS to unidentified recipients	[1830]-1853, undated
b. 2, f. 90	ALS to "Sir" Sending "a vol: of Poems I have just published" with the hope that "if they should seem to you to deserve a good word of favourable opinion - you would be rendering me an essential service at this time" Purchase, 1969	1840 Jun 11
b. 2, f. 91	ALS to an unidentified recipient "I enclose the signature for the portrait. . ."	[1840]
b. 2, f. 92	ALS to an unidentified recipient Purchase, 1967	[1862] Feb 8
b. 2, f. 93	ALS to an unidentified stained-glass window manufacturer, Scotland With fragment of an ALS concerning lady pianists Purchase, 1986	1870 Feb 6
b. 2, f. 94	ALS to an unidentified recipient, Maiden Bradley Purchase, 1972	Jan 3
b. 2, f. 95	ALS to an unidentified recipient, [London] Gift, 1977	Jan 12
b. 2, f. 96	ALS to an unidentified recipient, London Purchase, 1970	Mar 29
b. 2, f. 97	ALS to Frances Trollope Purchase, 1973	[1832] Aug 16
b. 2, f. 98	ALS to an unidentified recipient Purchase, 1967	undated
b. 2, f. 99	ALS to unidentified recipient, Frampton, Dorchester About "The Abbess of Minister" Purchase, 1983	undated
b. 2, f. 100	ALS to an unidentified recipient Purchase, 1967	undated
b. 2, f. 101	AN to an unidentified recipient Purchase, 1969	undated

Writings and Other Papers

Writings and Other Papers (continued)

b. 2, f. 102	"In the Storm": AMs poem, signed Wrapper addressed to the editor of The Scotsman Purchase, 1971	undated
b. 2, f. 103	"Love in 'The World'": autograph manuscript of a novel Endorsed by Mrs. Norton: "Prosy, foolish little book written partly as a girl." Fragmentary drafts of verses are written on end papers Purchase, 1957 See also: Volumes, Box 3, folder 107	1830
b. 2, f. 104	Untitled poem, beginning "Like one who knows that he has wooed in vain" (with fragment of a poem on reverse crossed out) autograph manuscript Purchase, 1969	undated
b. 2, f. 105	Untitled poem, beginning "Truth! no more of women-": autograph manuscript Purchase, 1969	undated
b. 2, f. 106	Photograph of Caroline Sheridan Norton Purchase, 1971	undated
b. 3, f. 107	"Love in 'The World'": autograph manuscript of a novel Endorsed by Mrs. Norton: "Prosy, foolish little book written partly as a girl." Fragmentary drafts of verses are written on end papers Purchase, 1957	1830

Oversize, undated

b. 4, f. 108	"An Entomological Postscript to a Botanical Specimen," poem in an unidentified hand, accompanied by a picture of the bread fruit tree	undated
b. 4, f. 109	"On Mr. C. Sheridan saying he feared Mrs. Stanhope"	1835 Dec 24
b. 4, f. 110	"The Question"	undated

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

Authors, English -- Archives
British literature -- 19th century

Occupations

Authors -- Great Britain -- 19th century

Names

Browning, Robert, 1812-1889
Cholmondeley-Pennell, H. (Henry), 1837-1915
Gore, Catherine Grace Frances, 1799-1861
Melbourne, William Lamb, Viscount, 1779-1848
Mount-Temple, William Francis Cowper-
Temple, Baron, 1811-1888
Norton, Caroline Sheridan, 1808-1877
Ogle, Nathaniel
Stirling Maxwell, Anna, -1874
Trollope, Frances Milton, 1780-1863