Summary

Creator: Rossetti, Dante Gabriel, 1828-1882

Title: Dante Gabriel Rossetti collection of papers

Date: 1855]-1941 [bulk 1863-1882]

Size: 177 items

Source: This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources.

Abstract: This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, correspondence, legal documents, and portraits.

Physical Location: *Z-10350 [Microfilm]

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Creator History

Dante Gabriel Rossetti was a British painter and poet of Italian descent. Born on May 12, 1828 he left the Royal Academy of Art to become an apprentice to Ford Madox Brown. In 1845 he translated works by Dante and his predecessors which was published in 1861 as "The Early Italian Poets." He started writing poems in 1847 but relied on his painting to earn his living throughout his life. In 1848 Rossetti joined with six other artists to form the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood.
Custodial History

The bulk of the materials was previously owned by W. T. H. Howe. The photograph portrait of Rossetti is inscribed by him for George Price Boyce. Rossetti's "John Keats Sixty Years Dead" came with Sir Hall Caine's archive; and the holograph essay entitled "The Late D. G. Rossetti," by Leonard R. Valpy, came with Theodore Watts-Dunton's correspondence.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, correspondence, legal documents, and portraits. The collection includes a portrait photograph of Rossetti and a photostat of a drawing of Mrs. Ford Madox Brown. Among the manuscripts is a holograph poem entitled "John Keats Sixty Years Dead" and another holograph poem entitled "Aphorisms." The collection also includes manuscripts by: Max Beerbohm for the introduction of "Rossetti and his circle"; Sir Hall Caine for his poem "Recollections of Dante Gabriel Rossetti," as well as notes for the poem; and a holograph poem by William Bell Scott, "On the birth of Thomas Carlyle's great-nephew." Also present is a manuscript essay in the form of a letter to the editor, entitled, "The late D. G. Rossetti," by Leonard R. Valpy. The correspondence includes letters from Rossetti to George Price Boyce; to Ford Madox Brown mentioning Ford Madox Ford as a baby; to Clarence E. Fry; Charles Augustus Howell; Francis Hueffer; Macmillan and Co.; Charles Eliot Norton; James Anderson Rose; and others. Also included are letters from Gordon Bottomley to Edith Sitwell; from Charles Davis to Humbert Wolfe; from Harry Treffry Dunn to Theodore Watts-Dunton; from William Sharp to H. Buxton Forman; from Frederic J. Shields to Theodore Watts-Dunton; and from Watts-Dunton to various correspondents relating to Rossetti's house in 16 Cheyne walk. There are letters to Rossetti from James Anderson Rose, John Ruskin, Algernon Charles Swinburne, Sir Henry Taylor, Leonard Valpy, and Theodore Watts-Dunton, dating from [1855?] to 1882.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic
Correspondence

Names
Rossetti, Dante Gabriel, 1828-1882
Beerbohm, Max, Sir, 1872-1956
Bottomley, Gordon, 1874-1948
Boyce, George Price, 1826-1897
Boyce, George Price, 1826-1897
Brown, Ford Madox, 1821-1893
Brown, Ford Madox, Mrs
Caine, Hall, Sir, 1853-1931
Caine, Hall, Sir, 1853-1931
Carlyle, Thomas, 1795-1881
Dunn, Harry Treffry
Ford, Ford Madox, 1873-1939
Forman, H. Buxton (Harry Buxton), 1842-1917
Fry, Clarence E
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Howell, Charles Augustus
Hueffer, Francis, 1845-1889
Keats, John, 1795-1821
Norton, Charles Eliot, 1827-1908
Rose, James Anderson, 1819-1890
Ruskin, John, 1819-1900
Scott, William Bell, 1811-1890
Shields, Frederic, 1833-1911
Sitwell, Edith, 1887-1964
Swinburne, Algernon Charles, 1837-1909
Taylor, Henry, Sir, 1800-1886
Valpy, Leonard R
Watts-Dunton, Theodore, 1832-1914
Watts-Dunton, Theodore, 1832-1914
Wolfe, Humbert, 1885-1940
Macmillan & Co.
Container List

Manuscripts

Manuscripts written by Rossetti

Manuscript box Apophisms. Holograph n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box John Keats sixty years dead. Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Signed. Published in The collected works. London, Ellis and Elvey, 1897. Came with Sir Hall Caine's archive

Manuscripts relating to Rossetti

Manuscript box Beerbohm, Max. [Rossetti and his circle]. Holograph introduction 1922 (1 item) (1 item)

Signed. With original pencil drawing of the caricature of Dante Gabriel and Christina Rossetti and two pencil drafts for draperies on verso of p. 3

Manuscript box Caine, Sir Hall. Author's note [to his Recollections of Dante Gabriel Rossetti]. Holograph 1928 (3 p) (3 p)

Signed

Manuscript box Caine, Sir Hall. To Dante Gabriel Rossetti. Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Signed. Published as one of his Three sonnets on three poets [n.p.][n.d.] broadside

Oversize (+) Rose, J. A. 3 ms. accounts rendered to Dante Gabriel Rossetti: March 21-Oct. 25, 1862; May 6, 1862-March, 1863; May 6, 1862-Feb. 1, 1868 1862 - 1866 (17 p) (17 p)

With: Rossetti, D. G. 65 ALS to James Anderson Rose. Mostly from Chelsea, 61 dated Sept. 30, 1863-June 23, 1869; 5 undated


Signed

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

Manuscript box Allen, Mr. ALS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box Boyce, George Price. 3 ALS to. One undated, one dated 1855 Apr. 27, [1867? (3 letters) (3 letters)

Manuscript box Brown, Ford Madox. ALS to. Mentions Ford Madox Ford, born Dec. 17, 1873, as a baby 1874? (1 letter) (1 letter)

With envelope inscribed by Violet Hunt

Manuscript box Deacon, A. W. ALS to 1872 May 17 (3 p) (3 p)

Manuscript box Dodgson, Charles Lutwidge. ALS to 1864 Aug. 25 (3 p) (3 p)

Manuscript box Fry, Clarence E. 6 ALS, 1 letter (copies) to 1876 Mar. 15 - 1876 Apr. 10 (7 letters in 2 folders) (7 letters in 2 folders)

Manuscript box Gambart, [---?]. ALS to 1865 Nov. 2 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box Horne, R. H. ALS to 1871 Dec. 11 (1 p) (1 p)

H.

Manuscript box Howell, Charles Augustus. 2 ALS (copies) to 1876 Mar. 22, 1876 Mar. 23 (2 letters) (2 letters)

Manuscript box Hueffer, Francis. ALS to 1873 June 22 (1 letter) (1 letter)

Manuscript box Macmillan and Co. 20 ALS to 1858 June - [1863 Mar (20 letters in 4 folders) (20 letters in 4 folders)
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Correspondence (cont.)
Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Oversize (+)
Macmillan, A. ALS to 1865 Feb. 17 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Norton, [Charles Eliot]. ALS to 1869 Mar. 10 (1 p) (1 p)
H.

Manuscript box
Rose, [James] Anderson. 65 ALS to. Mostly from Chelsea, 60 dated Sept. 30, 1863-June 23, 1869; 5 undated. James Anderson Rose is a member of the firm Rose and Thomas, solicitors. 1863 Sept. 30 - 1869 June 23 (65 letters in 1 v) (65 letters in 1 v)
In the same volume are certificates, legal documents, etc.; B.

Manuscript box
Schott, Fanny. 2 ALS to. Drafts (?). Relates to George Frederick Watts or Theodore Watts-Dunton and J[--?] S[--?] B[--?] (?). Haydon n.d. (2 letters) (2 letters)

Manuscript box
Watts-Dunton, Theodore. Postcard to. Mentions Charles Wells 1878 Sept. 7 (1 letter) (1 letter)

Manuscript box
[--?]. ALS to n.d. (1 letter) (1 letter)

Incoming Correspondence

Oversize (+)
Rose, James Anderson. ALS to Rossetti 1866 Jan. 4 (2 p) (2 p)

Manuscript box
Ruskin, John. ALS to Rossetti 1855? May (1 p) (1 p)
R. B. Adam; Young

Manuscript box
Swinburne, Algernon Charles. ALS to Rossetti Jan. 7 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Swinburne, Algernon Charles. ALS to Rossetti Mar. 2 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Manuscript box
Taylor, Sir Henry. ALS to Rossetti 1882 Jan. 1 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Came with Sir Hall Caine's archive

Manuscript box
Valpy, Leonard R. ALS to Rossetti 1877 July 12 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
With: Dunn, H. T. ALS to Theodore Watts-Dunton. Oct. 8, 1877

Manuscript box
Watts-Dunton, Theodore. 9 ALS to Rossetti 1874 July 16 - 1876 Nov. 16 (9 letters in 2 folders) (9 letters in 2 folders)

Manuscript box
Watts-Dunton, Theodore. ALS to Rossetti n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Came with Sir Hall Caine's archive

Related Correspondence

Manuscript box
Bottomley, Gordon. ALS to Edith Sitwell. Mentions Dante Gabriel Rossetti 1941 Oct. 5 (1 letter) (1 letter)

Manuscript box

Manuscript box
With ALS to his sister Edith Hume, March 16, 1893 and letter from her to Watts. Original pen-and-ink sketch enclosed in July 28, 1882

Manuscript box
Dunn, Harry Treffry. ALS to Theodore Watts-Dunton. Relates to Dante Gabriel Rossetti. 1877 Oct. 8 (1 letter) (1 letter)
Correspondence (cont.)
Related Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box

Manuscript box
Hueffer, Catherine (Brown). ALS to Theodore Watts-Dunton. Relates to D. G. Rossetti and his wife. C. Hueffer is the daughter of Ford Madox Brown, the wife of Francis Hueffer, and the mother of Ford Madox Ford 1906 Oct. 19 (1 letter) (1 letter)

Manuscript box
Sharp, William. ALS to H. Buxton Forman 1883? Jan. (3 p) (3 p)
Encloses a printed slip from the catalogue of the Burlington Fine Arts Club's Rossetti exhibition held in 1883. H.

Manuscript box
Hueffer, Catherine (Brown). ALS to Theodore Watts-Dunton. Relates to D. G. Rossetti and his wife. C. Hueffer is the daughter of Ford Madox Brown, the wife of Francis Hueffer, and the mother of Ford Madox Ford 1906 Oct. 19 (1 letter) (1 letter)

Manuscript box
Smetham, James. ALS to Ford Madox Brown. Mentions Dante Gabriel's method of painting 1871 June 29 (1 letter) (1 letter)
In envelope postmarked Nov. 18, 1875, addressed to Catherine Brown Hueffer by her sister Lucy Madox Rossetti. Both daughters of correspondent

Manuscript box
Signed. Came with Theodore Watts-Dunton's correspondence

Manuscript box
Watts-Dunton, Theodore. 2 ALS to [--?] Hunt. Relates to D. G. Rossetti's house in 16 Cheyne walk. 1875 Aug. 1, 1877 Apr. 21 (2 letters) (2 letters)

Manuscript box

Manuscript box
Watts-Dunton, Theodore. ALS to William Michael Rossetti. Relates to D. G. Rossetti's house in 16 Cheyne walk. 1882 July 20 (3 p) (3 p)

Manuscript box
Watts-Dunton, Theodore. 2 ALS to St[--?] E[--?] Sullivan. Relates to D. G. Rossetti 1874 July 16 (2 letters) (2 letters)

Manuscript box
Watts-Dunton, Theodore. ALS to [--?]. Relates to D. G. Rossetti's house in 16 Cheyne walk. 1876 May 4 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Watts-Dunton, Theodore. ALS to [--?]. Relates to D. G. Rossetti 1877 Oct. 6 (3 p) (3 p)

Portraits

Manuscript box
Portrait photograph 1863 Mar. 13 (1 item) (1 item)
With another, unidentified picture of one of the Rossetti brothers (?), inscribed on verso by Violet Hunt. Inscribed by the sitter for George Price Boyce on verso

Manuscript box
Photostat of drawing of Mrs. Ford Madox Brown, identified by Violet Hunt on verso n.d. (1 item) (1 item)

Legal Documents

Manuscript box
Bond (fragment) for security of a picture lent to Mr. [Ford Madox] Brown n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Signed by Ford Madox Brown, William Morris and Dante Gabriel Rossetti