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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 266

CREATOR: Scott, Walter, 1771-1832

TITLE: Sir Walter Scott collection

DATES: 1803-1831

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2 linear feet (2 boxes) + 4 volumes

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection consists primarily of letters from Scott to various correspondents, including James Ballantyne, John Wilson Croker, and Mary Ann (Watts) Hughes; and writings by Scott, including The House of Aspen and The Talisman.

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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

Sir Walter Scott Collection. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Processing Information

This finding aid was produced from a previously existing card set in the Manuscripts Catalog, or from another inventory. All pertinent bibliographical information has been retained. If the collection also contains unlisted or unsorted material, this has been noted in the box-and-folder list. This finding aid will be updated once final folder numbering and labeling have been completed.

Scope and Contents

This finding aid encompasses accessions of single manuscripts and small groups of manuscripts and other papers, by or pertaining to Sir Walter Scott, which the library has chosen to group and list as an artificial collection.

Collection Contents

Series I: Letters by Sir Walter Scott

b. 1, f. 1	ALS to James Ballantyne Accompanied by original agreement between James Ballantyne and Constable & Co. for <i>Quentin Durward</i> dated 1821 Sep 3 and by engraving of Sir Walter Scott. Gift, 1973.	1821 Sep 7
b. 1, f. 2	ALS to [Mr. Balmanno], Abbotsford Accompanied by typescript. Robert Balmanno was secretary of the Artist's Fund, and publisher.	1827 Aug 2
b. 1, f. 3	ALS to Mr. Blackwood, Abbotsford Purchase, 1952.	[1824 May?]
b. 1, f. 4	ALS to [Sir Egerton Brydges?] Gift, 1953.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 5	ALS to George Bullock Purchase, 1956.	n.y. Apr 1
b. 1, f. 6	ALS to Messrs. Cadell & Davis, Edinburgh With 2 LS with initials C & D, London, 1801 Dec 29, 1802 Feb 23 on p. 2 and 3, with portrait. Purchase, 1959.	1801 Dec 26
b. 1, f. 7	2 ALS to John Clarke-Whitfield, Edinburgh Accompanied by a manuscript transcript of both letters. Gift, 1943.	1811, 1816
b. 1, f. 8	ALS to [Messrs. R & J] Cockburn, Castle Street Gift, 1944	n.y. Jun 28
b. 2 (Oversize), f. 48	30 ALS to John Wilson Croker Bound by Wallis in green full morocco. Accompanied by portrait and printed memoir. Gift, 1927.	1810-1831
b. 1, f. 9	ALS to William J. East Gift, 1943.	1820 Jan
b. 1, f. 10	ALS to James Ellis, Edinburgh Describing his northern tour, and inquiring for the author of the <i>Reedwater minstrel</i> . The author of the <i>Reedwater Minstrel</i> was Rob Roxby. Gift, 1941.	1814 Dec 15
b. 1, f. 11	ALS to William Erskine, Abbotsford Gift, 1926	1821 Sep 29
b. 1, f. 12	ALS to [John Gibson?], Abbotsford One of Scott's three trustees, concerning publication and financial matters. Purchase, 1942.	1826 Apr 20

b. 1, f. 13	Letter to Lady Katherine Halket, Edinburgh Purchase, 1958.	1819 Jun
b. 1, f. 14	ALS to [Matthew Weld] Hartstonge, Abbotsford Accompanied by a carbon typescript. From the William Harris Arnold collection. Gift, 1944.	1814 Jul 18
b. 1, f. 15	AL to Miss Hayman, Edinburgh Signature cut off. Purchase, 1952.	[1807] Nov 10
b. 1, f. 16	4 ALS to Richard Heber, Edinburgh Purchase, 1965.	1805-13
b. 1, f. 17	AL, signed with initials, to [James] Hogg Removed from James Hogg's <i>Poetic Mirror</i> , London, 1816 Purchase, 1930.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 18	ALS to Thomas Hood (Bookseller) Gift, 1954.	1828 Sep 26
b. 1, f. 19-25	42 ALS and 2 AL to Mrs. Mary Ann (Watts) Hughes, various places Accompanied by a typewritten copy of "Extracts etc. not printed in <i>Letters and recollections of Sir Walter Scott</i> " Purchase, 1952.	[1807?]-31
b. 1, f. 26	ALS to [William] Millar, the bookseller, [Edinburgh?] Gift, 1936.	1808 Mar 25
b. 1, f. 27	ALS to Sir Woodbine Parish, Edinburgh Purchase, 1955.	[1803?] Dec 14
b. 1, f. 28	ALS to Robert Pitcairn, Abbotsford Gift, 1926.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 29	ALS to Henry Raeburn Gift, 1957.	n.y. May 8
b. 1, f. 30	ALS to Owen Rees, the publisher, Edinburgh Gift, 1926.	[1808] Jun 9
b. 1, f. 31	ALS to John Richardson, Abbotsford Mentions a visit from Washington Irving. Accompanied by typewritten transcript. Purchase, 1938.	[1817] Sep 22
b. Volume 1	Letter to Spottiswood & Robertson, Solicitors, with a fragment in Scott's hand Inserted in Scott's personal copy of the British Bankruptcy and Jury Acts, published in 1814 and 1815. The Acts are bound together, with blank leaves between, with manuscript forms of Interlocutors in Sequestration, not in Scott's hand, but with corrections by Scott. Gift, 1926.	1812 Jul 2
b. 1, f. 32	ALS to Richard [Robert] Surtees, Abbotsford "Diccon the Reaver" mentioned in this letter refers to Surtees' poem "The reever's penance." Gift, 1926.	[1828] Apr 1

b. 1, f. 33	ALS to Mr. John Williams, Jermyn Street With manuscript notes on Scott and Williams. Purchase, 1956.	n.y. Mar 24
b. 1, f. 34	ALS to "Sir", Abbotsford With typewritten transcript, engraved portrait and clipped signature. Gift, 1955.	1821 Nov 3
b. 1, f. 35	ALS to an unnamed correspondent, Edinburgh Purchase, 1960.	n.y. Dec 4
b. 1, f. 36	ALS to unidentified recipient, Abbotsford Gift, 1950.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 37	Letter in the third person in an unidentified hand extending a dinner invitation to Mr. Sharpe.	[1817?]

Series II: Writings by Sir Walter Scott*The House of Aspen, a tragedy founded upon a German Story*

b. Volume 2	The original manuscript on paper <i>Bound in red morocco, by Orrock, with the Marquess of Lothian's arms.</i> Written in the hand of an amenuensis, but with numerous corrections in the author's autograph. The whole of the fifth act is in Walter Scott's hand. Purchase, 1932.	circa 1799
b. Volume 3	Manuscript in an unidentified hand, with a few corrections by Scott. <i>Paper watermarked 1799. Bound in brown calf.</i> Gift, 1954. Autograph of O. Rees; subsequently in the library of Dr. Thomas Rees.	circa 1799
b. 1, f. 38	Review of Charles Maturin's novel <i>Women; or Pour et Contre</i> Autograph manuscript. Inlaid and bound with the manuscript is the printed review, as it appeared in the <i>Edinburgh Review</i> , June 1818. Gift, 1926.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 39	"Sir Walter Scott and Mr. Wilkie", galley proof of a "Letter from Sir Walter Scott to Sir Adam Ferguson..." At head of caption in Scott's hand: "Morning Chronicle, Monday 15 Oct. 1827 and one correction in the text. With ALS to Mr. Balmanno, Abbotsford, 1827 Aug 2; heavily corrected proof of the same article (with slight changes) as it appeared in <i>The Bijou</i> , London 1828; printed copy of article from <i>The Bijou</i> ; typescript of Scott's additions and corrections; and a portrait of Sir Walter Scott. Purchase, 1943.	1827 Oct 15
b. Volume 4	<i>The Talisman</i> Page proofs with autograph manuscript corrections and additions; with criticisms and comments in the hand of the printer, James Ballantyne, and Scott's replies. Bound in are 6 ALS to James Ballantyne, [1825?]. Bookplate of Charles George Milnes Gaskell. Bound in brown russia.	1825
b. 1, f. 40	"The Violet" Autograph manuscript poem. Mounted with fragment in 16th century Italic hand, labeled "Phil Melancthon, cut from margin of his copy of Plutarch's Lives."	n.d.
b. 1, f. 41	"The Visionary No. III" Autograph manuscript, bound, with notes and corrections. Purchase, 1939.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 42	<i>Waverley</i> Fragment (about 60 words) of the autograph manuscript. Accompanied by another fragment with note, "Thomas Thomson Esq. from W Scott" in the latter's hand, and a photograph of a portrait of Scott.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 43	Penciled memorandum of directions for a trip to the Trossachs Gift, 1926	n.d.
b. 1, f. 44	Page of manuscript describing a battle between the Saracens and Christians Gift, 1926	n.d.

Series III: Other Papers, 1805–06

b. 1, f. 45	"Particulars of charges for Messrs. Constables Proportions of the different editions 'Lay of the Last Minstrel'" Manuscript accounts in an unidentified hand.	1805–06
b. 1, f. 46	Typewritten list of autograph letters, manuscripts and miscellaneous papers of Scott that comprised the collection of his attorney, John Gibson and purchased by Hugh Walpole from John Howell. With 2 TLS to Wilmarth S. Lewis from John Howell, 1952. Gift, 1952	n.d.
b. 1, f. 47	Manuscript fragment	n.d.

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

English literature -- 19th century

Names

Ballantyne, James, 1772-1833

Croker, John Wilson, 1780-1857

Hughes, Mary Ann Watts, 1770?-1853

Scott, Walter, 1771-1832