

Brander Matthews Dramatic Museum collection on Charles Dickens4078700

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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Dickens, Charles, 1812-1870
Title:	Brander Matthews Dramatic Museum collection on Charles Dickens
ID:	4078700
ID:	MS#0346
Date [inclusive]:	circa 1840-1870
Physical Description:	7.5 linear feet 350 items in 2 manuscript boxes, 2 flat boxes, 5 oversized folders, mapcase
Language of the Material:	English

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Charles Dickens papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Summary

A collection of letters, engravings, prints, portraits, caricatures, other illustrations, and printed materials relating to Charles Dickens. Among the letters is an autograph letter by Dickens and copies of several Dickens letters to the publishers Lea & Blanchard. Many of the illustrations are portraits of Dickens while others are illustrations for his novels and stories, including numerous illustrations of scenes from dramatic versions of his works as well as some playbills for these productions.

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Arrangement

Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged.

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Revision Description

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Dramatic Museum. Method of acquisition--Transfer; Date of acquisition--1972. Accession number--M-72.

Ownership and Custodial History

Transferred from the Dramatic Museum, 1972.

Processing Information

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 06/--/89.

Renamed "Brander Matthews Dramatic Museum collection on Charles Dickens" from "Charles Dickens papers" in December 2025 to comply with DACS. kws

Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact rbml@columbia.edu for more information.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Illustration of books
- English literature -- 19th century
- Literature publishing -- England
- Publishers and publishing -- England
- Playbills
- Engravings (prints)
- Prints
- Portraits
- Cartoons (working drawings)
- Caricatures
- Illustrations
- Authors, English
- Lea & Blanchard

Collection Inventory

Charles Dickens papers, 1840-1870	
Title/Description	Instances
Original Dickens Letters:	
Dickens, Charles to G. W. Putnam, New York, 1 March 1842 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder (1 page a.l.s.)	box 13V Shared MS 1
Immediate Source of Acquisition	
Gift of Leo Pollack, 1972	
Dickens, Charles to Lewis Gaylord Clark, London, 30 July 1845 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder (1 page a.l.s.)	box 13V Shared MS 1
Immediate Source of Acquisition	
Gift of Leo Pollak, 1972	
Dickens, Charles to Frederic Ouvry, London, 25 June 1868 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder (1 page a.l.s.)	box 13V Shared MS 1
Original Dickens Documents:	
Dickens, Charles. Envelope Addressed to James T. Fields <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder (1 page, autographed document)	box 13V Shared MS 1
Scope and Contents	
(Removed from: Macready's Reminiscences, London, 1875)	
Dickens, Charles. Check, 6 October 1860 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folder (1 page, autographed document signed)	box 13V Shared MS 1
Correspondence, portraits, printed materials	box 1
Materials relating to the works of Dickens	box 2
Scope and Contents	
Miscellaneous. Materials by and about Dickens, Portraits and Drawings, Miscellaneous Pictures, Unidentified	
Engravings and prints of Charles Dicken	flatbox 438

Physical Description: 2 folders

Miscellaneous material by and about Dickens

Physical Description: 3 folders

Portraits and drawings

Physical Description: 2 folders

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Miscellaneous pictures

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Unidentified materials

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Playbills of dramatic versions of Dicken's works and additional oversized illustrations

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