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SUMMARY: The papers contain correspondence and other manuscripts principally relating to the financial and familial troubles of Landor's last years. Letters from his niece Elizabeth Sophia Landor to Robert Browning discuss Landor's affairs in detail and Browning's attempts to assist his friend in Florence; Landor's letters to his children Walter, Julia and Charles present his view of the family's struggles. Other correspondents include his friend and admirer Rose Paynter; Richard Monckton Milnes; and Luizinha O'Donnell. The collection also contains approximately 300 manuscript fragments by Landor, including drafts of letters, short poems, statements concerning his legal affairs, and memoranda.

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WALTER SAVAGE LANDOR, 1775-1864

Walter Savage Landor was educated at Rugby School and Trinity College, Oxford, from which he was sent down in 1794 after firing a gun at the windows of a fellow-student. In the course of a long and frequently unsettled life, Landor published poetry, criticism, travel works and memoirs, and is now principally remembered for the prose dialogues *Imaginary Conversations* (1824-1853).

Landor was acquainted with some of the notable literary figures of his time, including Charles Lamb, William Hazlitt, Leigh Hunt, Charles Dickens, Robert Southey, and John Forster, but both his literary and his personal relationships were often marked by quarrels and difficulties. He married Julia Thuillier in 1811; the Landors and their growing family lived in Florence until 1835, when Landor separated from his wife and returned to England. In 1857, after a series of legal and financial entanglements culminated in a costly libel judgement against him, Landor fled back to Florence, where he made several unsuccessful attempts at residing with his family before he was eventually settled in an apartment by Robert Browning and given an allowance by his brothers at Browning's request. In the last year of his life, he was visited by Algernon Charles Swinburne, who dedicated his "Atalanta in Calydon" to him. Landor died in Florence on September 17, 1864, survived by his four children.

Scope and Contents

The Landor Papers contain correspondence and other material principally relating to the financial and family difficulties of Landor's later years. The papers span the dates 1838-1880 and have been organized into two series: I. Correspondence; and II. Other Papers.

Series I, [Correspondence](#), is housed in Boxes 1-2 and contains alphabetically arranged letters to and by Landor and other family members. The letters from Landor to his children, located in folders 48-54, present his view's of the family's quarrels and their financial burdens, while the letters of Elizabeth Sophia Landor discuss Landor's problems and Browning's attempts to assist him in Florence. Other correspondence includes many brief social notes from his friend and admirer Rose Paynter and business letters from several advisors.

Series II, [Other Papers](#), is housed in Boxes 2-3. Folders 84-99 contain a variety of fragments in Landor's late hand, many of them apparently quotations from his own work or attempts at versification. Other material includes genealogical notes and a partial description of some items in the collection.

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Series I: Correspondence

BALDELLI, GERTRUDE (WALKER), COUNTESS		
b. 1, f. 1	4 ALS to W. S. Landor, Florence Concerning Landor's health and his writing desk.	1863-64
BEVAN, WILLIAM		
b. 1, f. 2	ALS to W. S. Landor, Jr., 6 Old Jewry With draft of reply by W. S. Landor, Jr., on p. 4. Concerning legal action about legacy.	1865 Aug 29
BLOXHAM, THOMAS LAWRENCE, 1798-1880		
b. 1, f. 3	ALS to W. S. Landor, Rugby	1863 Jan 15
BOROUGH, E C. (Gawen)		
b. 1, f. 4	ALS to W. S. Landor, Newport, Shropshire	1858 Sep 3
BOYLE, CAROLINE COURTENAY		
b. 1, f. 5	2 ALS (both incomplete) to W. S. Landor, Portishead, Bristol	1858
BRICKMANN, CHRISTOPHER DEAKE		
b. 1, f. 6	4 ALS to W. S. Landor, Bath and Paris Concerning the Yescombe trial.	1858-63
b. 1, f. 7	4 ALS to W. S. Landor, Bath With 2 drafts of replies by Walter Savage Landor, Jr.	1865
DUKE, ELLEN SAVAGE (LANDOR), 1819-		
b. 1, f. 8	ALS to W. S. Landor, Church Eaton	1864 Jun 29
b. 1, f. 9	ALS to W. S. Landor, Jr., Church Eaton With draft of reply by W. S. Landor, Jr.	1865 May 12
DUKE, ROBERT RASHLEIGH, 1818-		
b. 1, f. 10	ALS to W. S. Landor, Church Eaton	1864 Aug 15
EDWARDS, JOSEPH		
b. 1, f. 11	ALS to C. S. Landor, Hutton	1883 Oct 6
b. 1, f. 12	5 ALS to W. S. Landor, Hutton	1865 Mar-Nov
EMPSON, CHARLES, D. 1861		

EMPSON, CHARLES, D. 1861 (continued)

b. 1, f. 13	ALS to [Col. Edward Stopford], Bath Includes messages for W. S. Landor.	1861 Jun 14
FIELD, MARY KATHERINE KEEMLE, 1838-1896		
b. 1, f. 14	ALS to W. S. Landor, Nonantrun Hill	1862 Dec 23
FRENCH, A.		
b. 1, f. 15	ALS to W. S. Landor, Jr., 36 Bury St., St. James's	1865 Oct 1
GARRETT, HENRY		
b. 1, f. 16	ALS to W. S. Landor, Bath	1858 Sep 20
HARE, ANNE FRANCES (PAUL)		
b. 1, f. 17	ALS to W. S. Landor, Hotel (?) Charles, Victoria	1858 Oct 14
HARE, AUGUSTUS JOHN CUTHBERT, 1834-1903		
b. 1, f. 18	ALS to W. S. Landor, Holmhurst	1864 Jun 3
HARRIS, SARAH		
b. 1, f. 19	ALS to W. S. Landor, New York Introduces Mrs. Ellet.	1862 May 7
HOUGHTON, RICHARD MONCKTON MILNES, 1ST BARON, 1809-1885		
b. 1, f. 20	ALS to Charles Landor, Basel	1883 May 20
b. 1, f. 21	3 ALS to W. S. Landor, 16 Upper Brook St. Includes invitations and a suggestion to call on Swinburne in Belgravia; the third letter contains a draft of Landor's reply.	1865 Mar
JAMES, E. N.		
b. 1, f. 22	ALS to W. S. Landor, [Bath]	[1856]
KIRKUP, SEYMOUR STOCKER, 1788-1880.		
b. 1, f. 23	ALS to W. S. Landor, Florence	1858 Oct 24
LANDOR, ARNOLD SAVAGE, 1818-1871		
b. 1, f. 24	ALS to Julia (Thuillier) Savage Landor, London	1842 Jun 9
b. 1, f. 25	ALS to W. S. Landor, [n.p.]	1853 Oct 8
LANDOR, ELIZABETH SAVAGE, 1776-1854		
b. 1, f. 26	ALS to A. S. Landor, Warwick	n.d.
b. 1, f. 27	ALS to Julia Landor, Warwick	1852 Feb 27

LANDOR, ELIZABETH SAVAGE, 1776-1854 (continued)

b. 1, f. 28	2 ALS to W. S. Landor, Warwick	1848, 1852
LANDOR, ELIZABETH SOPHIA, 1816-		
b. 1, f. 29-34	29 ALS to R. Browning, Tachbrooke Enclosed in No. 21 is ALS by W. S. Landor.	1859-64
b. 1, f. 35	3 ALS to W. S. Landor, Tachbrooke and Bath	1858-64
b. 1, f. 36	ALS to W. S. Landor, Jr., Tachbrooke Concerning details of W. S. Landor's will.	1864 Dec 22
LANDOR, HENRY EYRES, 1780-1866		
b. 1, f. 37	ALS to Arnold S. Landor, Warwick	1835 Dec 28
b. 1, f. 38	ALS to W. S. Landor, Warwick Concerns approaching death of Elizabeth Landor.	1854 Feb 6
LANDOR, JULIA ELIZABETH SAVAGE, 1820-1884		
b. 1, f. 39	2 ALS to W. S. Landor, Jr., Florence	1865 Mar, Sep
LANDOR, ROBERT		
b. 1, f. 40	7 ALS to W. S. Landor, Jr., Rugeley	1865 Mar, Aug
LANDOR, ROBERT EYRES, 1781-1869		
b. 1, f. 41	3 LS to Robert Browning, Birlingham Concerns Browning's kindness with W. S. Landor's effects.	1864 Nov-Dec
b. 1, f. 42	ALS to W. S. Landor, Birlingham	1852 Jun
b. 1, f. 43	LS to W. S. Landor, Tachbrooke In the hand of Sophy Landor.	1864 Jul 5
b. 1, f. 44	Letter to W. S. Landor, Jr., Birlingham	[1865] Sep 8
LANDOR, WALTER SAVAGE, 1775-1864		
b. 1, f. 45	Copy of 3 letters to William Allingham, Bath	1850, 1853
b. 1, f. 46	ALS to Robert Browning, Rugeley	1860 Sep 21
b. 1, f. 47-48	13 ALS to Arnold Landor, [v.p.]	1838-ca. 1860
b. 1, f. 49	7 ALS to Charles Landor, [v.p.]	[1851-1860]
b. 1, f. 50	Letter (copy, in Italian) to C. S. Landor, [Florence]	1863 Aug
b. 1, f. 51-52	22 ALS to Julia Landor, [v.p.]	1843-60
b. 1, f. 53-54	22 ALS to Walter Landor, Jr., [v.p.]	1849-60

LANDOR, WALTER SAVAGE, 1775-1864 (continued)

b. 1, f. 55	2 AL (drafts) to Rose Paynter, [n.p.]	n.d.
NAPIER, SIR WILLIAM FRANCIS PATRICK, 1785-1860		
b. 2, f. 56	ALS to W. S. Landor, [Bath]	1857 Dec 31
O'DONNELL, LUIZINHA (PEREIRA DE SODRE)		
b. 2, f. 57	12 ALS to W. S. Landor, Baltimore	1852-64
PAYNTER, ROSE		
b. 2, f. 58	ALS to Julia Landor, [n.p.]	n.d.
b. 2, f. 59-67	98 ALS to W. S. Landor, [v.p.] Chiefly short civility notes, including one from her infant daughter, Rosina.	1838-61
PAYNTER, SOPHIA (TWEED), 1790-1863		
b. 2, f. 68	4 ALS to W. S. Landor, [n.p.] One letter enclosed a lock of Rose Aylmer's hair (not present).	[1842-45]
SANDFORD, WILLIAM GRAHAM		
b. 2, f. 69	4 ALS to W. S. Landor, Genoa Bath	1858-63
SHEPPERD, EMILY		
b. 2, f. 70	ALS to Edward Stopford, [London]	[1850 May]
SHOUBRIDGE, CHARLES		
b. 2, f. 71	ALS to Mr. de Tivoli, 1 Lincoln's Inn Fields	1867 Jan 28
SHOUBRIDGE, HARRY		
b. 2, f. 72	5 ALS to W. S. Landor, Jr., 1 Lincoln's Inn Fields Concerns financial affairs of the Landor family.	1865 Oct-Nov
STOPFORD, EDWARD		
b. 2, f. 73	5 ALS to W. S. Landor, London and Madrid Letters concern family matters and several refer to Stopford's daughter, Theresa (Lady Charles Beauclerk), and her family. Letter has a post script by Mrs. Stopford.	1850-61
STOPFORD, LAURA (THUILLIER)		
b. 2, f. 74	ALS to C. S. Landor, Richmond	[ca. 1860]
b. 2, f. 75	5 ALS to W. S. Landor, [v.p.]	1855-62

STOPFORD, LAURA (THUILLIER) (continued)

b. 2, f. 76	5 ALS to W. S. Landor, Jr, Richmond and London	1862
b. 2, f. 77	2 ALS to W. S. Landor, Jr, Richmond and London	1864
STORY, EMELYN (ELDREDGE), D. 1894		
b. 2, f. 78	ALS (incomplete) to W. S. Landor, [Rome] Refers to Civil War in the United States.	[1863]
THUILLIER, LUCY		
b. 2, f. 79	2 ALS to W. S. Landor, Jr, [n.p.]	[1864]
TWISLETON, EDWARD TURNER BOYD, 1809-1874		
b. 2, f. 80	3 ALS to W. S. Landor, 3 Rutland Gate, London Personal and literary gossip.	1863-64
WALKER, ARTHUR DE NOE, FL. CA. 1820-1870.		
b. 2, f. 81	ALS to W. S. Landor, [n.p.]	1863 Feb 25
WEST, MRS. FREDERICK (WHITBY)		
b. 2, f. 82	3 ALS to W. S. Landor, Lymington and Italy	1863-64
WHITEHOUSE, E.		
b. 2, f. 83	2 ALS to W. S. Landor, Jr, Ipsley Legal affairs of Landor estate.	1865-66

Series II: Other Papers

MANUSCRIPT MATERIAL BY LANDOR

b. 2, f. 84	Epitaph fragments in Latin	n.d.
b. 2, f. 85	Grammatical humor fragments	n.d.
b. 2, f. 86	Italian fragments	n.d.
b. 2, f. 87-88	Latin fragments	n.d.
b. 2, f. 89	Letter drafts	n.d.
b. 2, f. 90	Literary personages fragments	n.d.
b. 2, f. 91-93	Prose fragments	n.d.
b. 2, f. 94-96	Verse fragments	n.d.
b. 2, f. 97-99	Miscellaneous fragments	n.d.
b. 2, f. 100	Autograph request	1858 Apr 17
b. 3, f. 101	Empty envelopes and visiting cards	n.d.
BIBLIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL		
b. 3, f. 102	Bibliographic publications	1967, 1968
b. 3, f. 103-104	Genealogical material	n.d.
b. 3, f. 105	Original descriptive material	1963, 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

Authors, English -- 19th century
Families -- England -- Domestic relations
Fathers and daughters
Inheritance and succession

Names

Boyle, Carolina Courtenay
Browning, Robert, 1812-1889
Hare, Augustus J. C. (Augustus John Cuthbert),
1834-1903
Landor, Arnold Henry Savage, 1865-1924
Landor, Elizabeth Sophia
Landor, Julia Elizabeth Savage
Landor, Robert Eyres, 1781-1869
Landor, Walter Savage, 1775-1864
Milnes, Richard Monckton, Baron Houghton,
1809-1885
O'Donnell, Luizinha
Paynter, Rose
Thuillier, Lucy