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# **Collection Overview**

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TITLE:	Joshua Reynolds Archive
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LANGUAGE:	English
SUMMARY:	The collection comprises correspondence, notebooks, writings, and other manuscript material by or about the artist Joshua Reynolds.
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b.	box
f.	folder
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# Administrative Information

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Gift of Frederick W. Hilles.

#### **Conditions Governing Access**

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# **Preferred Citation**

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### **Existence and Location of Copies**

Letters by Reynolds have been published by Hilles and Ingamells/Edgcumbe, as noted in the Bibliography herewith. Material in the present collection described in Ingamells has been annotated with the Ingamells entry number.

### **Related Materials**

Additional material from the Hilles collection of Reynolds material is now in the Department of Prints and Drawings at the Yale Center for British Art. Records for this material may be accessed in the YCBA's online catalog: <u>http://http://britishart.yale.edu/collections/search</u>

A portion of the Hilles collection of Reynolds material is now at the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library (Yale University), in the Frederick W. Hilles Manuscript Collection <a href="http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.hilles">http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.hilles</a>.

Frederick W. Hilles' copy of his *Letters of Sir Joshua Reynolds* (Cambridge, 1929), with his profuse annotations, is now in the collections of the Yale Center for British Art: <u>http://hdl.handle.net/10079/</u><u>bibid/582640</u>.

# **Biographical / Historical**

"There has never been a time when Joshua Reynolds was not regarded as one of the great men of the Enlightenment in England and a portrait and history painter of tremendous versatility, inventiveness, originality, and ambition.

Reynolds was the seventh of the ten or eleven children of a schoolmaster and his wife, both of whose families were abundant with Church of England clergymen. Showing prodigious talent as a boy, he was apprenticed for four years to the London portrait painter Thomas Hudson of Lincoln's Inn Fields, before establishing a burgeoning portrait practice in London and Plymouth. In 1749-50, Reynolds traveled to Italy and France by way of Spain and Morocco. In Rome he copied the Old Masters, for eighteen months scouring the city's churches' princely art collections and working his way back across the Continent, similarly absorbing a host of artistic exempla. Upon his return to London, Reynolds resumed his portrait practice and achieved rapid commercial and critical success, although the failure of some of his experiments with certain fugitive pigments and varnishes was soon apparent.

Beginning in 1760, when he leased a large house at 47 Leicester Square, Reynolds exhibited with the Society of Artists but eventually distanced himself from the squabbles that increasingly divided the members from their committee. He also hesitated before accepting the invitation to become the first President of a rival "Academy" that was founded in 1768 with patronage of King George III. As President, Reynolds was knighted in April 1769, an honor that was not without precedent but that signaled Reynolds's certain preeminence in the institutional art world of London. In the *Discourses* he delivered as President, Reynolds set out the principles to which a great national school of art should adhere, ennobled by poetry and

eloquence, intellectual dignity, and the purity of the so-called great style of Michelangelo, Raphael, and the Florentine-Roman tradition of *disegno*.

In the 1770s and 1780s, Reynolds's portrait subjects included most of the great men and women of the age: his own good friend Dr. Samuel Johnson, the king and queen, Sir Joseph Banks, James Boswell, Oliver Goldsmith, David Garrick, and others. He created a sideline in imaginative portrait studies of children, known as "fancy pictures," and also experimented with history painting. As Reynolds aged, he showed an increasing awareness of and interest in Dutch art and continued to be showered with honors, both domestic and foreign. In old age, the deafness he blamed on a chill he said he caught in the Sistine Chapel got worse (but that, like his harelip, was probably hereditary); in addition, his eyesight deteriorated. Although he was immensely self-important, and to that extent personally vain, in his marvelous self-portraits Reynolds freely acknowledged the existence of all three maladies, most obviously the harelip, but also his ear trumpet and spectacles, while other artists in their portraits of him rarely acknowledged their existence. After his death in 1792, Reynolds's body was attended by ten pallbearers, among whom were three dukes, two marquesses, three earls, and a cortègee of ninety-one carriages."--Paul Mellon's Legacy (2007).

**Frederick Whiley Hilles (1900-1975)** was a longtime professor of English at Yale University and editor of works on Samuel Johnson, James Boswell, and Joshua Reynolds. Hilles collected correspondence and other manuscript writings by James Boswell, Thomas Carlyle, Samuel Johnson, Joshua Reynolds, and members of their families. Most of this material is now at the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library (Yale University), in the Frederick W. Hilles Manuscript Collection (<u>http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.hilles</u>). Hilles's Reynolds collection was featured (along with material from other collections) in *An exhibition of books, manuscripts & prints pertaining to Sir Joshua Reynolds, on the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of his birth* (Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, 1973). A portion of Hilles's Reynolds material now forms the present collection at the Yale Center for British Art.

## Scope and Contents

The collection comprises correspondence, notebooks, writings, and other manuscript material by or about the artist Joshua Reynolds. Correspondents include Francis Barton Abington, Carl Fredrik Adelcrantz, John Bacon, Joseph Banks, Edmund Burke, Sir William Hamilton, John Hely-Hutchinson, Henry Hope, Hendrik Jansen, Samuel Johnson, William Johnson, Bennet Langton, Elizabeth Montagu, Thomas Percy, William Roscoe, Charles Manners, Duke of Rutland, Richard Brinsley Sheridan, F.G. Waldron, Benjamin West, and Pieter Yver. Several of the notebooks record Reynolds's travels on the Continent, with notes on paintings seen in France, Germany, and the Low Countries. Among the writings are Reynolds's thoughts on blindness, fragments of his Discourses, and notes on Pliny and Johnson. Some of the material throughout the collection concerns Reynolds's tenure as the first president of the Royal Academy.

# Bibliography

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Reynolds, Joshua. *The letters of Sir Joshua Reynolds*, edited by John Ingamells and John Edgcumbe. New Haven: Yale University Press for the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art, 2000.

Wendorf, Richard. *Sir Joshua Reynolds: the painter in society*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1996

Yale University Library. An exhibition of books, manuscripts & prints pertaining to Sir Joshua Reynolds. New Haven : Yale University Library, 1973.

#### Arrangement

The collection is arranged into four series: I. Correspondence; II. Commonplace books, notebooks, and diaries; III. Writings; and IV. Miscellaneous.

# **Collection Contents** Series I: Correspondence

b. 1, f. Reynolds 1	Letter to Miss Weston <i>3 pages ; 22 x 16 cm.</i> Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Written from Port Mahon, Minorca. Concerning his voyage to Italy. Ingamells no. 5. Geographic Names: Italy Description and travel Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence Weston (Miss) Correspondence	1749 December 10
b. 1, f. Reynolds 2	Letter to the Honorable William Hamilton at Naples 3 pages ; 23 x 19 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Regarding the establishment of the Royal Academy, of which Sir Joshua Reynolds has the honor of being president. Ingamells no. 21. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Hamilton, William, Sir, 1730-1803 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence Corporate Body: Royal Academy of Arts (Great Britain)	1769 March 28
b. 1, f. Reynolds 3	Letter to Frances Abington at Pallmall <i>1 page ; 20 x 17 cm.</i> Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Accepting an invitation. Ingamells no. 231. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Abington, Frances Barton, 1737-1815 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence	between 1769 and 1777? May 26

b. 1, f. Reynolds 4	Letter to Sir Joshua Reynolds and his nieces <i>1 page ; 7 x 10 cm.</i> Montagu, Elizabeth Robinson, 1718-1800 Written from Hill Street. Dinner invitation for 7 January 1777. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Montagu, Elizabeth Robinson, 1718-1800 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence	1777 January 4
b. 1, f. Reynolds 5	Letter to the Reverend Thomas Percy 1 page ; 19 x 16 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Requesting Thomas Percy's aid on behalf of a relative of Jane [Mrs. Edmund] Burke. Ingamells no. 60. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Burke, Jane Mary Nugent, 1734-1812 Percy, Thomas, 1729-1811 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence	1777 March 5
b. 1, f. Reynolds 6	Letter to John Hely-Hutchinson 2 pages ; 23 x 19 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Addressed to the Secretary of State in Ireland. Letter of recommendation for a young painter, William Doughty, a pupil of Reynolds, who wishes to spend a few months in Ireland. Ingamells no. 90. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Doughty, William, 1757-1780 or 2 Hely-Hutchinson, John, 1724-1794 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence	1780
b. 1, f. Reynolds 7	Letter to Sir Joshua Reynolds <i>1 page ; 8 x 11 cm.</i> Johnson, Samuel, 1709-1784 Sending him, presumably, his lives of Denham, Butler, and Waller, specially bound to be read by friends. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Johnson, Samuel, 1709-1784 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence	[1778] August 14

b. 1, f. Reynolds 8	Letter to William Johnson <i>4 pages ; 23 x 19 cm.</i> Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Apologizing to his nephew for his tardiness in writing, and wishing him success in India. Ingamells no. 91. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Johnson, William, d. 1779 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence	1780
b. 1, f. Reynolds 9	Letter to Edmund Burke <i>4 pages ; 23 x 19 cm</i> . Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	1781 August 10
	Written from Rotterdam. Includes impression of paintings by Rubens, with description of Rotterdam and surrounding countryside. Ingamells no. 95.	
	Geographic Names: Rotterdam (Netherlands) Description and travel	
	Genres / Formats: Correspondence	
	Names: Burke, Edmund, 1729-1797 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence Rubens, Peter Paul, 1577-1640	
b. 1, f. Reynolds 10	Letter to Sir Joshua Reynolds at London <i>3 pages ; 24 x 19 cm</i> . Yver, P. (Pieter), 1712-1787	1781 October 2
	Written from Amsterdam. An agent in Amsterdam, Yver, reports to Sir Joshua Reynolds on certain paintings he has purchased for him. Signed Pierre Yver.	
	Genres / Formats: Correspondence	
	Names: Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence Yver, P. (Pieter), 1712-1787 Correspondence	

b. 1, f. Reynolds 11	Letter to Sir Joshua Reynolds <i>3 pages ; 24 x 20 cm.</i> Hope, Henry, 1735 or 6-1811 Written from Amsterdam. Concerning the shipping of pictures purchased for Sir Joshua Reynolds by Pieter Yver. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Hope, Henry, 1735 or 6-1811 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence Yver, P. (Pieter), 1712-1787	1781 October 5
b. 1, f. Reynolds 12	Letter to William Johnson 2 pages ; 23 x 19 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Written from London. Introducing the young artist, Mr. Meyer, and mentioning the "violent inflammation in his [own] eye." Notes Miss Theophila Palmer's marriage to Robert Gwatkin. Ingamells no. 108. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Gwatkin, Theophila Palmer, 1757-1848 Johnson, William, d. 1779 Correspondence Meyer, Jeremiah, 1735-1789 Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence	1783 January 19
b. 1, f. Reynolds 13	Letter to Sir Joshua Reynolds 2 pages ; 26 x 21 cm. Johnson, Samuel, 1709-1784 Thanking him for Mason's translation of du Fresnoy and sending him the new edition of his <i>The Lives of the Poets</i> , just published. A presentation inscription from R. B. Adam, a former owner, to R. W. Chapman is written on the mount surrounding the letter. A copy of the pamphlet by R. W. Chapman, entitled <i>The lives of the poets: Sir Joshua Reynolds's copy of the first edition, sent to him by Johnson 19 February 1783</i> , 1929, is affixed to the back of the mount. Another copy of the pamphlet is affixed to the case. With the letter is cased: Gwatkin, R. G. ALS to R. W. Chapman. Oxford, January 13 [1930?]. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Dufresnoy, Charles-Alphonse, 1611-1668 Johnson, Samuel, 1709-1784 Correspondence Mason, William, 1725-1797 Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence	1783 February 19

b. 1, f. Reynolds 14	Letter to Sir Joshua Reynolds 3 pages ; 24 x 19 cm. Rutland, Charles Manners, Duke of, 1754-1787 Hoping to promote Joseph Palmer, Sir Joshua Reynolds' nephew. Congratulating Sir Joshua on his new appointment as principal painter to the King. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Palmer, Joseph, 1749-1829 Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence Rutland, Charles Manners, Duke of, 1754-1787 Correspondence	1784 September 16
b. 1, f. Reynolds 15	Letter to William Roscoe <i>1 page ; 23 x 19 cm.</i> Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Referring to the portrait of Colonel Tarleton. Ingamells no. 127. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence Roscoe, William, 1753-1831 Correspondence Tarleton, Lieutenant-General (Banastre), 1754-1833	1784 October 16
b. 1, f. Reynolds 16	Letter to Cunynham at Lille <i>3 pages ; 24 x 19 cm.</i> Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Written from London. Concerning two paintings by Rubens which Reynolds wishes to buy. Addressed to "Monsieur Cunynham, at Lille." Ingamells no. 146. Ingamells identifies the recipient as possibly William Burton Conyngham (1733-1796); previously identified as Edmund Francis Cunningham. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Conyngham, William Burton, 1732 or 3-1796 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence Rubens, Peter Paul, 1577-1640	1785 November 25

b. 1, f. Reynolds 17	Letter to Francis Godolphin Waldron 1 page ; 23 x 19 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Written from Leicester Fields. Concerning a picture of Milton. "Sir Joshua Reynolds presents his compliments to Mr. Waldron" Ingamells no. 145. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Milton, John, 1608-1674 Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence Waldron, F. G. (Francis Godolphin), 1744-1818 Correspondence	1785 November 5
b. 1, f. Reynolds 18	Letter to the Earl of Upper Ossory <i>3 pages ; 24 x 19 cm.</i> Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Written from London. Offering to trade Gainsborough's "Girl with Pigs" for a damaged "Venus and Adonis" copied by Titian. Ingamells no. 153. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Gainsborough, Thomas, 1727-1788 Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence Titian, circa 1488-1576 Upper Ossory, John Fitzpatrick, Earl of, 1745-1818 Correspondence	1786 July 10
b. 1, f. Reynolds 19	Letter to Sir George Beaumont at Tunbridge Wells 2 pages ; 30 x 21 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Written from London. Hastily telling him of paintings to see while in the Low Countries. Ingamells no. 156. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Beaumont, George Howland, Sir, 1753-1827 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence	1786 August 23

b. 1, f. Reynolds 20a	Letter to Henri Jansen 3 pages ; 23 x 19 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Written from London. Sending Jansen "all the Discourses since the year 1776." Expressing his appreciation for Jansen's translation of his Discourses into French. Ingamells no. 161. On same sheet as Reynolds 20b: Jansen's letter to Reynolds from Paris, October 10, 1786. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Jansen, Hendrik, 1741-1812 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence	1786 October 2
b. 1, f. Reynolds 20b	Letter to Sir Joshua Reynolds 2 pages ; 23 x 19 cm. Jansen, Hendrik, 1741-1812 First draft (?) of Jansen's response to Reynolds' letter of October 2, 1786. Written on same sheet as Reynolds 20a. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Jansen, Hendrik, 1741-1812 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence	1786 October 10
b. 1, f. Reynolds 21b	Letter to Henri Jansen 1 page ; 23 x 19 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Sending him a copy of the thirteenth <i>Discourse</i> , just published. Jansen was translating the <i>Discourses</i> into French. Ingamells no. 167. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Jansen, Hendrik, 1741-1812 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence	1787 January 10
b. 1, f. Reynolds 22	[no item]	

b. 1, f. Reynolds 23	Letter to Bennet Langton <i>1 page ; 21 x 17 cm.</i> Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Sending him a present in pottles for the Langton children. Ingamells no. 174. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Langton, Bennet, 1737-1801 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence	1787 August 31
b. 1, f. Reynolds 24	Letter to Joseph Palmer <i>3 pages ; 24 x 19 cm.</i> Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Offering condolences on the death of Palmer's patron, the Duke of Rutland, and giving further advice on the subject of patrons. Ingamells no. 179. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Palmer, Joseph, 1749-1829 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence Rutland, Charles Manners, Duke of, 1754-1787	1787 December 7
b. 1, f. Reynolds 25	Letter to Richard Brinsley Sheridan <i>3 pages ; 24 x 19 cm.</i> Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Presenting to him the portrait of Mrs. Sheridan as St. Cecilia, "the best picture I ever painted." Ingamells no. 191. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence Sheridan, Elizabeth Ann, 1754-1792 Sheridan, Richard Brinsley, 1751-1816 Correspondence	1790 January 20
b. 1, f. Reynolds 26	Letter to Mrs. ? <i>1 page ; 17 x 13 cm.</i> Sheridan, A. B. Written from Frampton Court, Dorchester. Presenting the letter written by Sir Joshua Reynolds to Richard Brinsley Sheridan, January 20, 1790. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Sheridan, A. B Correspondence Sheridan, Richard Brinsley, 1751-1816 Correspondence	1929 July

b. 1, f. Reynolds 27	Letter to John Bacon 2 pages ; 20 x 16 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 A note concerning the quarrel that led to Sir Joshua Reynolds' resignation from the Royal Academy. Ingamells no. 192. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Corporate Body: Royal Academy of Arts (Great Britain) Names: Bacon, John, 1740-1799 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence	1790 January
b. 1, f. Reynolds 28	Letter to Bishop Percy 1 page ; 30 x 24 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Written from Leicester Fields. A brief note accompanying Boswell's letter of the day before, mentioning his failing eyesight. Verso: Clipping of a short biography of Reynolds. With a stipple engraving of Reynolds by H. Meyer, after M. Haughton (from the original painted by Reynolds himself). Ingamells no. 198. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Engravings (prints) Names: Haughton, Moses, 1773-1849 Meyer, Henry, 1782?-1847 Percy, Thomas, 1729-1811 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence	1790 March 13
b. 1, f. Reynolds 29	Letter to Mr. West 1 page ; 23 x 19 cm. West, Benjamin, 1738-1820 , artist Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Offering to send his coach if West wishes to accompany him to see the drawings in the collection of Mr. Hankey. Ingamells no. 200. Verso: graphite sketch by West (23 x 26 cm). Genres / Formats: Correspondence Graphite drawings Names: Hankey, Thomas, d. 1793 Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence West, Benjamin, 1738-1820 Correspondence	[1790] April 8

b. 1, f. Reynolds 30	Letter to the Countess of Ossory 2 pages ; 24 x 20 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Letter of thanks for the hand-embroidered waistcoat. Ingamells no. 211. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Subjects: Clothing and dress Names: Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence Upper Ossory, Anne Liddell FitzRoy FitzPatrick, countess of, 1737 or 1738-1804 Correspondence	1791 January 1
b. 1, f. Reynolds 31	Letter to Sir Joseph Banks, Bart <i>1 page ; 20 x 17 cm.</i> Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Asking him as chairman of the committee to call a meeting concerning the monument to be erected to Dr. Johnson. Ingamells no. 215. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Banks, Joseph, 1743-1820 Correspondence Johnson, Samuel, 1709-1784 Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence	1791 March 15
b. 1, f. Reynolds 32	Letter to Sir Joshua Reynolds <i>3 pages ; 20 x 17 cm.</i> Adelcrantz, Carl Fredrik, 1716-1796 Written from Stockholm. Requesting that de Breda, now in London, be permitted to paint for the Swedish Academy a portrait of Sir Joshua Reynolds, "the most celebrated artist of this century." Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Adelcrantz, Carl Fredrik, 1716-1796 Correspondence Breda, C. F. von (Carl Fredrik), 1759-1818 Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence	1791 May 10

b. 1, f. Reynolds 49	Letter to Frances Reynolds 2 pages ; 16 x 10 cm. Johnson, Samuel, 1709-1784 Offering criticism on the writings of Frances Reynolds (sister of Joshua Reynolds). Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Johnson, Samuel, 1709-1784 Correspondence Reynolds, Frances, 1729-1807 Correspondence	1781 July 21
b. 1, f. Reynolds 50	Letter to Frances Reynolds <i>1 page ; 30 x 23 cm.</i> Johnson, Samuel, 1709-1784 Complaining of illness and solitude, and speaking of the comfort of having Frances Reynolds near. Mounted verso: "I have the honour to be/Sir/Your most Obedient and/most humble Servant/Howe." Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Johnson, Samuel, 1709-1784 Correspondence Reynolds, Frances, 1729-1807 Correspondence	1783 October 1
b. 1, f. Reynolds 51	Letter to Frances Reynolds 1 page ; 22 x 12 cm. Johnson, Samuel, 1709-1784 Dinner invitation. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Johnson, Samuel, 1709-1784 Correspondence Reynolds, Frances, 1729-1807 Correspondence	1783 December 8
b. 1, f. Reynolds 54	Letter (initialed "CB") to Miss Burney, at Queen's House 6 pages ; 23 x 19 cm. Burney, Charles, 1726-1814 Letter written to his daughter, Frances, after hearing Sir Joshua Reynolds deliver his final Discourse at the Royal Academy. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Burney, Charles, 1726-1814 Correspondence Burney, Fanny, 1752-1840 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Corporate Body: Royal Academy of Arts (Great Britain)	1790 December 13

b. 1, f. Reynolds 57a	Letter to Mrs. Johnson, at Torrington, Devon 2 pages ; 26 x 21 cm. Reynolds, Frances, 1729-1807 Written in London. Requesting personal information and important dates in the life of their brother, Sir Joshua Reynolds, on behalf of the biographer, Edmund Malone. With this is bound Elizabeth Johnson's letter to Frances Reynolds, 4 December 1796. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Johnson, Elizabeth, 1721-1798 Correspondence Malone, Edmond, 1741-1812 Reynolds, Frances, 1729-1807 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	1796 December 1
b. 1, f. Reynolds 57b	Letter to Edward (!sic) Malone Esq. at Queen Anne Street East <i>4 pages ; 26 x 21 cm.</i> Reynolds, Frances, 1729-1807 Inviting Edmund Malone to call in order that he might ask further questions concerning the biography of Sir Joshua Reynolds. Cased with Frances Reynolds' letter to Mrs. Johnson, at Torrington, Devon and Elizabeth Johnson's letter to Frances Reynolds. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Malone, Edmond, 1741-1812 Correspondence Reynolds, Frances, 1729-1807 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	[1796] December 8
b. 1, f. Reynolds 57c	Letter to Frances Reynolds 1 page ; 26 x 21 cm. Johnson, Elizabeth, 1721-1798 Apparently the text or first draft of a response to her sister. Additional script in same hand exists at bottom of sheet and is dated 15 December. Bound with Frances Reynolds' letter to Mrs. Johnson, at Torrington, Devon. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Johnson, Elizabeth, 1721-1798 Correspondence Malone, Edmond, 1741-1812 Reynolds, Frances, 1729-1807 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	1796 December 4

b. 1, f. Reynolds 62	Letter to G. Agar Ellis 1 page ; 12 x 10 cm. Jekyll, Joseph, 1754-1837 Concerning the unpublished "Johnson and Garrick" written by Sir Joshua Reynolds. Cased with "Johnson and Garrick." Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Dover, George Agar Ellis, Baron, 1797-1833 Correspondence Jekyll, Joseph, 1754-1837 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	1816? April 8
b. 1, f. Reynolds 64	Letter to Edmund Burke, Edmund Malone, and Philip Metcalfe <i>4 pages ; 23 x 19 cm.</i> Macartney, George Macartney, Earl, 1737-1806 Written from Curzon Street. Declining the invitation to Sir Joshua Reynolds' funeral. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Burke, Edmund, 1729-1797 Correspondence Macartney, George Macartney, Earl, 1737-1806 Correspondence Malone, Edmond, 1741-1812 Correspondence Metcalfe, Philip, 1733-1818 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	1792 March 2
b. 1, f. Reynolds 65	Letter to Sir Joshua Reynolds, at Leicester Square 2 pages ; 24 x 19 cm. Chambers, William, Sir, 1723-1796 Written from Whitton Place. Concerning Sir William Chalmers. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Chalmers, William, fl. 1798 Chambers, William, Sir, 1723-1796 Correspondence Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Correspondence	1790 October 18

b. 1, f. Reynolds	Letter to Sir Joshua Reynolds
66	1 page ; 24 x 19 cm.
	Chambers, William, Sir, 1723-1796

circa 1790?

Complaining about expensive presents offered by Sir William Hamilton to the Royal Academy.

Genres / Formats: Correspondence

Names:

Chambers, William, Sir, 1723-1796 -- Correspondence Hamilton, William, 1751-1801 Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 -- Correspondence

Corporate Body: Royal Academy of Arts (Great Britain)

# Series II: Commonplace books, notebooks, and diaries

Vol. Reynolds	Commonplace book: given to young Reynolds by his father 90 leaves ; 21 x 17 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Contains records copied from the family Bible and quotations from his reading. The latest date in the book is a year after Reynolds went to London to study under Thomas Hudson. Genres / Formats: Commonplace books Names: Hudson, Thomas, 1701-1779 Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	circa 1730-1741
Vol. Reynolds	Commonplace book 88 leaves ; 21 x 17 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Contains extracts from his reading (chiefly Pope and Shakespeare) and rough drafts of projected essays on painting. Genres / Formats: Commonplace books Names: Pope, Alexander, 1688-1744 Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Shakespeare, William, 1564-1616	circa 1753-1760
Vol. Reynolds	Notebook 44 leaves ; 19 x 13 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Lists people and houses to be seen in Paris, and pictures that he examined, chiefly those at the Hotel de Thiers that Catherine the Great was about to buy. This notebook is the subject of: Frederick W. Hilles, "Sir Joshua and the Hotel de Thiers," Gazette des beaux-arts (Oct. 1969): 201-210. Geographic Names: Paris (France) Description and travel Genres / Formats: Notebooks Subjects: Painting, European Names: Catherine, Empress of Russia, II, 1729-1796 Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	1773

vol. Reynolds 36	Travelling memorandum book 85 leaves ; 12 x 9 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Brief notes made on his first trip to Brussels. Also on microfilm. Geographic Names: Brussels (Belgium) Genres / Formats: Diaries Names: Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Diaries	1781
vol. Reynolds	Notebook 97 leaves ; 23 x 21 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Notes on paintings seen in Antwerp. In a pocket are business cards issued by picture dealers. Cased with Reynolds 38. Subjects: Painting, European Genres / Formats: Notebooks Geographic Names: Antwerp (Belgium) Description and travel	1781
vol. Reynolds	Diary 130 leaves (2 loose leaves) ; 23 x 21 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Inscribed: "A Painter's Journal through Flanders, Brabant, Holland, and part of Germany. June 24, 1781." Cased with Reynolds 37. Geographic Names: Belgium Description and travel Germany Description and travel Netherlands Description and travel Genres / Formats: Diaries Names: Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Diaries	1781

vol. Reynolds	Notebook 20 leaves ; 16 x 11 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Brief notes on pictures at St. Omers, Lisle, Tournay, Brussels, Mecklin, and Calais. Subjects: Painting, European Genres / Formats: Notebooks Names: Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	1785
Vol. Reynolds	Sketchbook formerly attributed to Sir Joshua Reynolds 41 leaves ; 21 x 17 cm. Sketchbook including sketches once believed to be in preparation for Mrs. Siddons as Tragic Muse. Genres / Formats: Sketchbooks Names: Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	late 18th century

# Series III: Writings

b. 1, f. Reynolds 41	Thoughts on blindness 2 pages ; 32 x 20 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 A description in Reynolds' hand of his sensations when his sight was impaired. Including two newsprint biographies of the artist and handwritten notation: "Autograph of Sir Joshua Reynoldsof J. Waller Fleet St 1876." Subjects: Blindness Names: Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	1781
b. 1, f. Reynolds 42	Fragments of <i>Discourses</i> and lecture <i>11 fragments</i> Northcote, James, 1746-1831 Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Includes handwritten annotations by James Northcote verifying the hand of Sir Joshua Reynolds.	late 18th century
b. 1, f. Reynolds 43	Draft dedication for <i>Art of painting</i> 2 pages ; 33 x 20 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Draft of a never-completed dedication to William Mason of a new edition of du Fresnoy's <i>Art of painting</i> , a Latin poem translated by Mason and annotated by Reynolds (published by A. Ward, 1783). Names: Dufresnoy, Charles-Alphonse, 1611-1668 Mason, William, 1725-1797	1783?
b. 1, f. Reynolds 44	Draft on Reynolds' collection of Old Masters 2 pages ; 24 x 19 cm. Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Rough draft of a portion of catalogue for Reynolds' exhibition of his collection of Old Masters in the spring of 1791. [Appears to be a draft for a paragraph which was published in the <i>Morning Chronicle</i> , Fri., April 22, 1791.] Names: Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	1791?
b. 1, f. Reynolds 45	Notes on Pliny <i>4 pages ; 19 x 15 cm.</i> Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Notes on Melmoth's translation of Pliny's letters, made in 1750 on the trip to Italy. Names: Melmoth, William, 1710?-1799 Pliny, the Younger	1750

b. 1, f. Reynolds 46	Notes on Johnson's <i>Lives of the poets</i> <i>3 pages ; 33 x 21 cm.</i> Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Notes on Johnson's <i>Lives of the Poets</i> , made after Johnson's death, and used when Reynolds was revising his <i>Discourses</i> for the collected edition. Discovered with Boswell Papers in a stable loft at Malahide Castle.	between 1784 and 1792
	Names: Johnson, Samuel, 1709-1784	
b. 1, f. Reynolds 47	Receipt for portraits of the Marquis of Granby <i>1 page ; 34 x 23 cm</i> . Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	1762 January 27
	Genres / Formats: Receipts (financial records)	
	Names: Granby, John Manners, Marquis of, 1721-1770 Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	

# Series IV: Miscellaneous

Vol. Reynolds 55	Obituary of Sir Joshua Reynolds <i>4 pages ; 39 x 25 cm</i> . Burke, Edmund, 1729-1797	1792 February 24
	Corporate Body: Royal Academy of Arts (Great Britain) Names: Farington, Joseph, 1747-1821	
b. 1, f. Reynolds 53	Heights of members of the Royal Academy Club <i>1 page ; 30 x 18 cm.</i> Farington, Joseph, 1747-1821 The list includes the names of 28 club members, but heights are recorded for five only: Reynolds, Sir William Chambers, John Singleton Copley, John Webber, and Ozias Humphry.	1787 November 23
	Series of bound letters; including handwritten descriptions of these twenty five letters by a relative of Mary Palmer (sister of Sir Joshua Reynolds), and typewritten description of the same on letterhead of Hamill & Barker, 230 North Michigan Ave., Chicago. Genres / Formats: Correspondence Names: Johnson, William, d. 1779 Correspondence Palmer, Mary Correspondence	
vol. Reynolds 52	<i>192 pages ; 25 x 21 cm.</i> Palmer, Mary	1781-1792
	Names: Barnard, Thomas, 1728-1806 Johnson, Samuel, 1709-1784 Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	
	<i>3 pages ; 33 x 20 cm</i> . Barnard, Thomas, 1728-1806 A reply in verse to a remark made by Johnson.	
48	"Epistle to Sir Joshua Reynolds & Co."	1775 December

b. 1, f. Reynolds 56	Copy of speech delivered to the Royal Academy, 28 February 1792 <i>4 pages ; 25 x 20 cm.</i> West, Benjamin, 1738-1820 Speech delivered to the Royal Academy at a special meeting held after Reynolds' death. Genres / Formats: Orations Corporate Body: Royal Academy of Arts (Great Britain) Names: Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	1792 February 28
b. 1, f. Reynolds 58	Humorous verses <i>1 page ; 24 x 20 cm.</i> Garrick, David, 1717-1779 Verses entitled "Merry and Wise" written when Beauclerk forgot an invitation he had extended to Reynolds, Barnard, and Garrick, probably in 1775. Names: Barnard, Thomas, 1728-1806 Beauclerk, Topham, 1739-1780 Correspondence Garrick, David, 1717-1779 Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	1775?
b. 1, f. Reynolds 59	Manuscript copy of "Lettera scritta da Giuseppe Baretti a Luigi Siries a Firenze" <i>4 pages ; 31 x 19 cm.</i> Giuseppe Pelli's copy of Baretti's printed pamphlet Baretti critical of Siries [see Reynolds 60, below]. Names: Baretti, Giuseppe, 1719-1789 Pelli Bencivenni, Giuseppe, 1729-1808 Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	1776 January 26

b. 1, f. Reynolds 60	<ul> <li>"Lettera scritta da Giuseppe Baretti a Luigi Siries a Firenze"</li> <li><i>4 pages ; 24 x 17 cm.</i></li> <li>Baretti, Giuseppe, 1719-1789</li> <li>In this privately printed pamphlet Baretti criticizes Siries for editing and publishing Baretti's translation of the first seven of Sir Joshua Reynolds' <i>Discourses</i> (Delle arti del disegno. Firenze, 1778) without mentioning Baretti's name in the publication, and for altering the text. Distributed gratis throughout Italy, particularly in Tuscany (cf. Hilles, p. 54). Discussion of this pamphlet and an English translation appear in Hilles, F.W. Literary career of Sir Joshua Reynolds (1936 ed.), p. 51-59. This copy is addressed in manuscript (and was evidently mailed to) Giuseppe Pelli, director of the Royal Art Gallery in Florence.</li> <li>Genres / Formats: Correspondence</li> <li>Names: Baretti, Giuseppe, 1719-1789 <ul> <li>Pelli Bencivenni, Giuseppe, 1729-1808</li> <li>Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792</li> <li>Siries, Luigi, 1743-1811</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1778
b. 1, f. Reynolds 61	Johnson and Garrick (Not Published). London, Printed by Nichols, Son, and Bentley1816 <i>15 pages ; 23 x 15 cm.</i> Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 "The following jeu d'esprit was written by Sir Joshua Reynolds to illustrate a remark which he made, 'That Dr. Johnson considered Garrick as his property, and would suffer anyone to praise or abuse him but himself.' In the first of these supposed dialogues, Sir Joshua himself, by high encomiums upon Garrick, is represented as drawing down upon him Johnson's censure; in the second, Mr. Gibbon, by taking the opposite side, calls forth his praise."Title page verso. Names: Garrick, David, 1717-1779 Johnson, Samuel, 1649-1703 Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	1816
b. 1, f. Reynolds 63	Invitation to Sir Joshua Reynolds' funeral at the Royal Academy <i>1 page ; 11 x 15 cm.</i> Genres / Formats: Invitations Corporate Body: Royal Academy of Arts (Great Britain) Names: Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	1792 March

b. 1, f. Reynolds 67	Collection of autograph drafts concerning his own collection of pictures <i>7 sheets ; 37 x 22 cm, and smaller.</i> Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792 Names: Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	circa 1790?
b. 1, f. Reynolds 68	Notes on the life of Sir Joshua Reynolds, containing an excerpt from a narrative by Anthony Pascin	circa 1800?
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	Names: Pascin, Anthony Reynolds, Joshua, Sir, 1723-1792	

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