

# **Guide to the Mrs. Humphry Ward Collection**

**GEN MSS 134**



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 134

**CREATOR:** Ward, Mary Augusta Arnold, 1851-1920

**TITLE:** Mrs. Humphry Ward collection

**DATES:** [ca. 1850-1920]

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.75 linear feet (4 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of miscellaneous letters by Mrs. Humphry Ward and writings, including holographs of *The Marriage of William Ashe* and *A Writer's Recollections*.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Ongoing collection of documents acquired by gift and purchase from various sources.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

Mrs. Humphry Ward Collection. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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## Scope and Contents

This listing encompasses accessions of single manuscripts and small groups of manuscripts pertaining to Mrs. Humphry Ward acquired by gift or purchase from various sources by the Beinecke Library. Materials acquired prior to January 1995 have been arranged in two series. [Series I, Letters](#), consists of letters by Mrs. Humphry Ward and is alphabetically arranged by recipient. [Series II, Writings](#), contains writings by Mrs. Ward and is arranged alphabetically by title. Materials acquired after January 1995 are located in [Series III, Additions since January 1995](#), and are listed in accession order.

This register is updated periodically. For information on material added to the collection since the last update, please consult the Public Services desk.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Letters, 1900 Oct 12

b. 1, f. 1	Letter : to Mr. Bridgeman 1 item (2 leaves) ; 18 cm. ALS. Removed from copy of Marie Clothilde Balfour's <i>From Saranac to the Marquesas and Beyond</i> .	1900 Oct 12
b. 1, f. 2	Letters to Mr. and Mrs. Capper 2 items. 2 ALS, one (1904 Jan 22) concerning her 'Heresy Trial' letter and Mr. Beeby's resignation. Purchased in 1990.	1901, 1904
b. 1, f. 3	Letter : Villa Canessita, Rapallo, (Italy), to the Drapers' Company. 1 item (2 leaves) ; 21 cm. ALS to the Secretary of the Drapers' Company soliciting a contribution for the Passmore Edwards Settlement. Purchased in 1988.	1901 Mar 27
b. 1, f. 4	Letter : to Mrs. Field 1 item (2 leaves) ; 18 cm. ALS concerning proposed visit to the Passmore Edwards Settlement. Purchased in 1994.	1906 Oct 29
b. 1, f. 5	Letter : Hotel de la Poste, Bérisal, Valais [Switzerland], to Mr. Fitzmaurice 1 item (1 leaf) ; 20 cm. ALS. Purchased in 1994.	1899 Jun 26
b. 1, f. 6	Letter : to Miss Gould 1 item (1 leaf) ; 18 cm. ALS. Purchased in 1995.	1903 Sep 28
b. 1, f. 7	Letter : to Lord Guthrie 1 item (1 leaf) ; 18 cm. ALS. Purchased in 1995.	n.y. Mar 23
b. 1, f. 8	Letter : to Mrs. [Mary St. Leger Kingsley] Harrison 1 item (2 leaves) ; 18 cm. ALS expressing admiration for Charles Kingsley. Purchased in 1994.	1888 Mar 17
b. 1, f. 9	Letters to [Maurice] Hewlett 2 items. 2 ALS, one in praise of <i>The Forest Lovers</i> . Purchased in 1994	1898, 1901
b. 1, f. 10	Letter : to [Robert V.] Johnson 1 item (2 leaves) ; 18 cm. ALS. Purchased in 1967.	[1905?] Sep 16
b. 1, f. 11	Letter : Villa Pazzi, Arcetri, Florence, to Councillor J. Johnston 1 item (1 leaf) ; 25 cm. ALS. Purchased in 1994.	1910 Dec 22
b. 1, f. 12	Letter : to Rev. H. B. Jones 1 item (2 leaves) ; 18 cm. ALS asking him to conduct services for a Vacation School at the Passmore Edwards Settlement. Purchased in 1988.	1903 Jul 3
b. 1, f. 13	Letter : to Hughes Massie 1 item (2 leaves) ; 18 cm. ALS. Purchased in 1988.	1907 Aug 25
b. 1, f. 13a	Letter : to Sir Mountstuart (Grant Duff) 1 item (2 leaves) ; 18 cm. ALS. Purchased in 1993.	1890 Jan 12

b. 1, f. 14	Letter : Villa Canessita, [Rapallo, Italy], to Mrs. Pitt 1 item (2 leaves) ; 18 cm. ALS. Purchased in 1995.	n.y. Apr 6
b. 1, f. 15	Letter : to Lady Richmond 1 item (2 leaves) ; 18 cm. ALS. Purchased in 1995.	1904 Mar 5
b. 1, f. 16	Letter : Passmore Edwards Settlement, Tavistock Place, W. C., [London], to Mrs. Thompson 1 item (2 leaves) ; 25 cm. TLS asking that Mrs. Thompson allow herself to be proposed for election as a member of the Passmore Edwards Settlement. Purchased in 1995.	1915 Oct 28
b. 1, f. 17	Letter : to "My dear Olive" 1 item (2 leaves) ; 18 cm. ALS. Purchased in 1995.	1909 Jul 28
b. 1, f. 18	Letter : to "Dear Madam" 1 item (2 leaves) ; 21 cm. ALS declining an invitation to lecture in Lowell. Purchased in 1988.	1905 Oct 25
b. 1, f. 19	Letter : Hotel Californie, Cannes, Alpes Maritimes [France], to "Dear Sir" 1 item (2 leaves) ; 21 cm. ALS. Purchased in 1994.	1891 Oct 24
b. 1, f. 20	Letter : to "Dear Sir" 1 item (2 leaves) ; 18 cm. ALS. Purchased in 1994.	1895 Dec 20

**Series II: Writings, n.d.**

b. 1, f. 21	<a href="#"><u>"Helbeck of Bannisdale: Book II, Chapter 4. (The last chapter)," holograph, corrected</u></a> 1 v. (43 l.) ; 21 cm. Inscribed: "I give this original MS of the last chapter of Helbeck of Bannisdale to the Red Cross Sale 1917. Mary A. Ward." Bound in: ALS from George Meredith thanking Ward for sending him <i>Helbeck of Bannisdale</i> , (2 leaves), 1898 Aug 30. Purchased in 1989.	n.d.
<i>The Marriage of William Ashe</i>		
b. 1, f. 22-35	Holograph, corrected 1 item (ca. 590 leaves) ; 21 cm. and smaller. Original title: "Ashley's Marriage." Purchased in 1989.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 36	Page proofs of Chapter 1, corrected 1 item (8 leaves) ; 19 cm. Stamped: "From Spottiswoode & Co." Purchased in 1989.	1903 Nov 1
b. 1, f. 37	Page proofs of portions of Part IV, corrected 1 item (32 leaves) ; 19 cm. Stamped: "From Spottiswoode & Co." Purchased in 1989.	1904
<i>Sir George Tressady</i>		
b. 2, f. 38-60	Holograph and page proof, heavily corrected 1 item [ca. 750-800 leaves] ; various sizes. Chapters 1-5 fragmentary; 6-23 more complete; 24 in page proof only.	[not after 1896]
b. 3, f. 61-66	Notes and miscellaneous holograph draft pages 1 item [ca. 100 leaves] ; various sizes. Purchased in 1990.	n.d.
b. 3, f. 67-70	Page proof, heavily corrected and interleaved with holograph inserts 1 item [ca. 200 leaves] ; various sizes. Text incomplete. Stamped: "From Spottiswoode & Co." Purchased in 1988.	1896
b. 3, f. 71	Holograph of a revision of part of Chapter 18, corrected 1 item (12 leaves) ; 21 cm. Purchased in 1988.	n.d.
b. 3, f. 72-76	Miscellaneous holograph pages from a revision, corrected 1 item [ca. 100 leaves] ; various sizes. Purchased in 1988.	n.d.
b. 3, f. 77	"Notes on a Staff[ordshire] Visit," holograph 1 item (9 leaves) ; 20 cm. Possibly research notes for <i>Sir George Tressady</i> . Purchased in 1988.	n.d.
b. 3, f. 78	" <i>The War and Elizabeth</i> : Prospectus," holograph and typescript, corrected 1 item (2 leaves) ; 26 cm. and smaller. Given in 1972.	n.d.
b. 3, f. 79-89	<i>A Writer's Recollections</i> , holograph, corrected and revised 1 item [ca. 250 leaves] ; 26 cm. and smaller. Chapters 1-6 lacking. With: page proof for portion of Chapter 8 (16 leaves). Given in 1972.	n.d.
b. 4, f. 90	Notes for an unidentified novel, holograph, corrected 1 item (21 leaves) ; 20 cm. Purchased in 1988.	n.d.

**Series III: Additions since January 1995, 1888 Nov 27**

b. 4, f. 91	Letter : to "Dear Sir" 1 item (2 leaves) ; 18 cm. ALS declining an invitation to lecture on <i>Robert Elsmere</i> . Purchased in 1995.	1888 Nov 27
b. 4, f. 92	Letter : to "Dear Sir" 1 item (1 leaf) ; 18 cm. ALS declining an invitation by the Royal Society of Medicine. Purchased in 1995.	1908 Nov 4
b. 4, f. 93	Letter : 25 Grosvenor Place, S. W., to Miss Byham 1 item (2 leaves) ; 18 cm. ALS declining an invitation to speak on behalf of "Homes for Ladies." Purchased in 1996.	1908 Feb 25
b. 4, f. 94	Letter : Stocks, Tring, to Madame Blanc 1 item (4 leaves) ; 18 cm. ALS concerning Ward's health and the critical reception of <i>Fenwick's Career</i> . Purchased in 1997.	1906 Jun 27
b. 4, f. 95	Letter : Hampden House, Great Missenden, Bucks., to "Sir" 1 item (2 leaves) ; 18 cm. ALS concerning a biographical sketch of Ward. Signed: "Mary A. Ward". Purchased in 1997.	n.d.
b. 4, f. 96	Photograph : Portrait of Mrs. Humphry Ward	n.d.
b. 4, f. 97	Letter: Stocks, Tring., to W. Alexander 1 item (2 L.) ; 18 cm. LS (body of letter in third-party hand) concerning Mr. Bok's interview. Signed: "Mary A. Ward." With: envelope. Purchased in 1999.  Acc #: 990820-g	1909 Oct 4
b. 4, f. 98	Letter: Stocks, Tring., to Arthur Wagg 1 item (3 L.) ; 20 cm. ALS concerning Wagg's contribution to the Evening Play Center Fund and her work on their behalf. Tipped onto half sheet of stiff paper. Purchased in 1999.  Acc #: 990820-h	1912 Feb 2
b. 4, f. 99	Letter: Stocks, Tring., to Mr. [Vincent] Baddeley 1 item (2 L.) ; 18 cm. ALS concerning seats for George V's coronation and the naval review. With: explanatory ANS by Baddeley and a transcript. Purchased in 1999.  Acc #: 990820-i	1911 May 28
b. 4, f. 100	Letter : 25, Grosvenor Place, to Messrs. Harper 1 item (6 L.) ; 18 cm. ALS headed "Private" concerning the forthcoming serial publication of <i>Eleanor</i> , including corrections to the illustrations; also arguing against publication of the novel in 2 volumes in America. Purchased in 2001.  Acc. #: 20010720-h	[1899?]
b. 4, f. 101-121	<i>Fenwick's Career</i> : holograph, draft, with revisions and corrected page proof inserted throughout 1 item (ca. 350 L.) ; various sizes Chapters I-XIV represented. Purchased in 2001.  Acc #: 20011204-al	[1905-06]



b. 4, f. 122	Letters to Lady Mirrielees 4 items. 4 ALS to Lady Mirrielees concerning the charitable work done by the British St. Centre for children, inviting her to visit an exhibition of the children's handicrafts, and thanking her for a contribution. Purchased in 2002. Acc #: 20020212-e	1912-13, n.d.
b. 4, f. 123	Letter : 61 Russell Square, to "Sir" 1 item ; 17 cm. ALS insisting that she "did not wish her photograph to be sold to the trade." Annotated in another hand: "Mrs. Ward blows hot and cold... would you write her direct without allusion to me?" Purchased in 2002. Acc #: 20020812-m	1888 Nov 12
b. 4, f. 124	Letters : 25, Grosvenor Place to Mrs. Hugh Smith 2 items. 2 ALS concerning invitations and visits. Accompanied by typed transcript of 1895 Jun 27 letter. Purchased in 2002. Acc #: 20020812-n	1894, 1895

## **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 -- Archives  
Women authors -- England

### **Names**

Ward, Mary Augusta Arnold, 1851-1920