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# Guide to the Dante Gabriel Rossetti Collection

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 268

**CREATOR:** Rossetti, Dante Gabriel, 1828-1882

**TITLE:** Dante Gabriel Rossetti collection

**DATES:** 1840-1881

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.4 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Letters by Rossetti to various parties, including Sir Frederic Burton and Frederic James Shields, along with one letter from Charles Augustus Howell to Rossetti. One manuscript by Rossetti: "At Wellington's Funeral. 18th November 1852," an autograph receipt, and a deck of playing cards painted by Rossetti at the age of 12.

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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. 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.

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## Preferred Citation

Dante Gabriel Rossetti Collection. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Processing Information

This finding aid was produced from previously existing cards in the Manuscripts Catalog, or from another inventory. All pertinent bibliographical information has been retained. If the collection also contains unlisted or unsorted material, it has been noted in the box-and-folder list. This finding aid will be updated periodically to account for new materials that may be added to the collection. The date of the most recent update is noted on the title page. For information on material that may have been added since the last update, please consult the Public Service Desk.

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## Scope and Contents

This finding aid encompasses accessions of single manuscripts and small groups of manuscripts and other papers, by or pertaining to Dante Gabriel Rossetti, which the library has chosen to group and list as an artificial collection. Materials incorporated into the collection prior to June 1997 have been organized into three series. [Series I, Correspondence](#), principally contains items written by Rossetti, with one letter written to Rossetti by Charles Augustus Howell. The single item in [Series II, Writings](#), is a manuscript poem. The [Other Materials in Series III](#) consist of an autograph receipt and a set of playing cards painted by Rossetti at the age of 12.

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**Collection Contents**
**I. Correspondence**

	HOWELL, CHARLES AUGUSTUS	
b. 1, f. 1	ALS to Dante Gabriel Rossetti, London	1875 Dec 15
	ROSSETTI, DANTE GABRIEL	
b. 1, f. 2	ALS to William Cox Bennett, London Purchase, 1954	[1851 Jan 8?]
b. 1, f. 3	ALS to Mr. Blunt Gift, 1942	1872 Feb 29
b. 1, f. 4	<a href="#">1 AL &amp; 1 ALS to Sir Frederic Burton, [London?]</a> Purchase, 1957	n.d.
b. 1, f. 5	Autograph draft of a telegram to Hall Caine Rossetti's name has been clipped from the manuscript. Purchase, 1956	[after 1880]
b. 1, f. 6	ALS to Ernest Gambart, Chelsea Purchase, 1956	1865 Dec 19
b. 1, f. 7	ALS to Alexander Gilchrist Gift, 1939	[1861 Jul 10]
b. 1, f. 8	ALS to Thomas Hake, London Purchase, 1958	n.y. Wednesday
b. 1, f. 9	ALS to Francis Albert Marshall, Hawkhurst Removed from his <i>Poems</i> , London, 1870, lp.R735.870P. Gift, 1952	1870 May 7
b. 1, f. 10	ALS to his mother Frances Mary Lavinia Polidori Rossetti From the library of Bishop Charles A. Clough, Yale 1926. Gift.	1879 Apr 27
b. 1, f. 11-12	61 ALS to Frederic James Shields A complete list accompanies the manuscripts. Purchase, 1956	1869-81
b. 1, f. 13	ALS to Henry Virtue Tebbs, Chelsea Purchase, 1954	[c. 1865] Jul 8
b. 1, f. 14	ALS to Henry Wallis, Chelsea Paper is watermarked "1865". Purchase, 1975	[1865] Monday
b. 1, f. 15	ALS to [Theodore] Watts[-Dunton] Removed from D. G. Rossetti's <i>Dennis Shand</i> [1869], lp.R735.869s Gift, 1950	n.d.

ROSSETTI, DANTE GABRIEL (continued)

b. 1, f. 16

ALS to Thomas Woolner, London  
Gift, 1939

1853 Apr

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## II. Manuscripts, n.d.

b. 1, f. 17      "At Wellington's Funeral, 18th November 1852", AMS, with notes concerning the same by W. M. Rossetti      n.d.  
Gift, 1964

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**III. Other Materials, 1876 Mar 21**

b. 1, f. 18	Autograph receipt in his hand to Clarence E. Fry for payment on account of a painting Purchase, 1954	1876 Mar 21
b. 1, f. 19-20	52 hand painted playing cards Accompanied by letters attesting to the provenance of the cards: William Michael Rossetti to Mrs. Belcher, 1895 Jun 24, and C. J. Belcher to Sotheby & Co., 1927 Dec 5 Purchase, 1969	1840 Dec



## **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  
Painters -- England

### **Genres / Formats**

Playing cards

### **Names**

Burton, Frederic William, 1816-1900  
Howell, Charles Augustus, 1840?-1890  
Rossetti, Dante Gabriel, 1828-1882  
Shields, Frederic, 1833-1911