

# **Guide to the Mary Russell Mitford Collection**

**GEN MSS 32**



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 32

**CREATOR:** Mitford, Mary Russell, 1787-1855

**TITLE:** Mary Russell Mitford collection

**DATES:** 1822-1854

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.2 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection includes professional correspondence regarding Mitford's book "Our Village" and other writings, personal correspondence, and manuscripts of poems and dramatic works. Correspondents include W. C. Bennett, Benjamin Robert Haydon, Thomas Noon Talfourd, William Morgan Kinsey, Abraham John Valpy, and Julia Rattray Waddington.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

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 as indicated on the individual folders. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

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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

Mary Russell Mitford 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. 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 the English writer Mary Russell Mitford (1787-1855), which the library has acquired from various sources.

The collection includes professional correspondence regarding Mitford's book *Our Village: Sketches of Rural Character and Scenery* and other writings, personal correspondence, and manuscripts of poems and dramatic works. Correspondents include W. C. Bennett, Benjamin Robert Haydon, William Morgan Kinsey, Thomas Noon Talfourd, Abraham John Valpy, and Julia Rattray Waddington.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: CORRESPONDENCE, 1822-1854

0.16 linear feet (30 folders)

Series I, *Correspondence*, is arranged alphabetically by recipient.

b. 1, f. 1	ALS to Mr. Bassett Discussing <i>Our Village</i> and other literary matters	n.d.
b. 1, f. 2	15 ALS and ANS to W. C. Bennett Bound in one volume; accompanied by ALS to Benjamin R. Haydon (1829 Apr 22), 3 portraits of Mary Russell Mitford, illustration from her book, <i>Our Village</i> , a portrait of William Mitford, ANS of John Mitford to his bookseller, Mr. Macphersson (1837 Jan 9)	1848-54
b. 1, f. 3	ALS to W. C. Bennett, [Swallowfield]	1851 Dec 22
b. 1, f. 4	ALS to Mrs. Blandy, Three Mile Cross, near Reading Accompanied by an engraved portrait of Miss Mitford	n.d.
b. 1, f. 4a	Envelope addressed to Charles Boner, Portland Place, London Note in Mitford's hand on verso concerning Caroline Clive ("V.")	1847 Jul 14
b. 1, f. 5	ALS to Rupert Clarke, [Reading]	n.d.
b. 1, f. 6	ALS to Mr. [Glennig?] Written in the third person	n.d.
b. 1, f. 7	ALS to John Hooke Greene Concluding lines only	1831 May
b. 1, f. 8	ALS to Mrs. [Samuel Carter] Hall, Three Mile Cross Concerning plans for a children's story	[1828 Feb 14?]
b. 1, f. 9	ALS to Mrs. Hanmer Removed from: <i>Our Village</i> by Mary Russell Mitford (London, 1856)	[1835?]
b. 1, f. 10	ALS to Mrs. Holland	1838 Mar 27
b. 1, f. 11	2 ALS to John Hughes, Reading	[1850], n.d.
b. 1, f. 12	ALS to John Hughes, Newbury Enclosed are copies of two poems, "A Thames Voyage" and "The Pauper's Drive," by Roden Berkeley Wriothsesley Noel	1850 Mar 28
b. 1, f. 13	2 ALS to John Hughes, Reading Accompanied by holograph transcription of a poem, "On Lending a Punch Bowl"	1851-52
b. 1, f. 14	ALS to Mrs. Hughes, Three Mile Cross, near Reading	1850 Jul 4
b. 1, f. 15	ALS to Mrs. Charles Kingsley	n.d.

b. 1, f. 16	ALS to William Morgan Kinsey Accompanied by engraved portrait of Mary Russell Mitford	n.d.
b. 1, f. 17	ALS in third person to James Kirkby, Three Mile Cross, near Reading	1845 [Oct 31]
b. 1, f. 18	<a href="#">3 ALS and 1 letter written in the hand of her mother to Thomas Noon Talfourd, Three Mile Cross</a> Accompanied by reproductions of an engraved portrait of Miss Mitford and an engraved picture of Mitford castle in Northumberland	1822-37
b. 1, f. 19	ALS to Charles Tilt Accompanied by a photomechanical reproduction of a portrait of Mary Russell Mitford	1837 [Jul 21]
b. 1, f. 20	ALS to Abraham Valpy, Three Mile Cross, near Reading	1828 Oct 31
b. 1, f. 21	AL to Julia Rattray Waddington Concerning Waddington's book <i>The Monk and the Married Man</i>	n.d.
b. 1, f. 22	AL to B. W.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 23	ALS to unidentified recipient, Three Mile Cross, near Reading Acknowledges a gift of "your Ladyship's portrait"	1831 Jan 4
b. 1, f. 24	AL (fragment) to unidentified recipient	n.d.
b. 1, f. 25	ALS to unidentified recipient	n.d.
b. 1, f. 26	ALS to an unidentified recipient [Reading]	n.d.
b. 1, f. 27	2 ALS to unidentified recipients One concerning the title of a book, and the other also on literary matters	n.d.
b. 1, f. 28	ALS fragment, to an unidentified recipient	n.d.
b. 1, f. 29	Draft of a letter from an unidentified correspondent, Worthing	1841 Dec 1

**Series II: WRITINGS, 1831-1847***0.04 linear feet (7 folders)*Series II, *Writings*, is arranged alphabetically by title or first line.

b. 1, f. 30	"Fair May! Beneath Thy Feet The Grass is Set," autograph poem, signed	1847 Jul 23
b. 1, f. 31	"Fair May! Beneath Thy Feet the Grass is Set," autograph poem, signed	1847 Jul 30
b. 1, f. 32	"Inez de Castro" "Extract from Inez de Castro, an unpublished Tragedy," autograph manuscript, 1 page, addressed to David Russell, London	1831 May 7
b. 1, f. 33	"Reply," autograph poem	n.d.
b. 1, f. 34	"Song," autograph poem Inscribed to a Miss Brooks	n.d.
b. 1, f. 35	"Sweet is the balmy evening hour," autograph poem, signed	n.d.
b. 1, f. 36	"Thy sorrowing hand to many a plant[?] hath given," autograph poem	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 -- Archives

### **Names**

Bennett, W. C. (William Cox), 1820-1895  
Haydon, Benjamin Robert, 1786-1846  
Kinsey, William Morgan, 1788-1851  
Mitford, Mary Russell, 1787-1855  
Talfourd, Thomas Noon, 1795-1854  
Valpy, Abraham John, 1787-1854  
Waddington, Julia Rattray