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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 677

CREATOR: Carlyle, Thomas, 1795-1881

TITLE: Thomas Carlyle collection

DATES: circa 1750-1951

BULK DATES: 1827-1882

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 7.17 linear feet (24 boxes + 1 broadside)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The Thomas Carlyle Collection is a mixed-provenance collection of material by and about Thomas Carlyle. Material includes writings, notes, maps, and correspondence that document Carlyle's research on German history and literature and on Oliver Cromwell, among other topics.

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

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acquired by gift and purchase from various sources, as noted on individual folders or on the catalog cards in Folder 1. A large portion of the papers was purchased at Sotheby's (lot 199) on the A.H. Childs Fund, 1932.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

The Thomas Carlyle Collection is comprised of material formerly classed as MS Vault Shelves Carlyle, MS Vault 12:4, and Uncat MS Vault File Carlyle.

This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing, in 2009. Various acquisitions associated with the collection have not been merged and organized as a whole.

The finding aid for this collection is compiled from individual catalog cards for each acquisition that were created at or around the time of receipt by the library. Information from the catalog cards was repurposed in the finding aid in accordance with current archival descriptive standards. Some catalog cards, filed in folder 1, include more detailed descriptions of individual items and/or provenance notes.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

Existence and Location of Copies

Portions of the collection are available on microfilm.

Thomas Carlyle, 1795-1881

Thomas Carlyle, biographer, literary critic, and historian, was born December 4, 1795 in Ecclefechan, Scotland and died February 5, 1881. Among his writings are the literary biography *The Life of Friedrich Schiller* (1825), the novel *Sartor Resartus* (1833-1834), the series of lectures *On Heroes, Hero-Worship & the Heroic in History* (1840), and *History of Friedrich II of Prussia, called Frederick the Great* (1858-1865).

Scope and Contents

The Thomas Carlyle Collection is a mixed-provenance collection of material by and about Thomas Carlyle. Material includes writings, notes, maps, and correspondence that document Carlyle's research on German history and literature and on Oliver Cromwell, among other topics. The bulk of the papers relate to Carlyle's *History of Friedrich II of Prussia, called Frederick the Great* and include maps, research notes, correspondence, drafts, and corrected proofs. Notes by Carlyle's assistant Joseph Neuberger (d. 1867) reveal the extent and character of Neuberger's contributions to the work. There is also a substantial amount of material related to *Oliver Cromwell's Letters and Speeches*, including an annotated three-volume set of the printed work that was used to prepare a revised edition, and several folders of contributions by

various correspondents. Other papers include drafts of essays and a book-length work on the history of German literature, letters to and from Carlyle about diverse aspects of his life and work, and photographs of Carlyle and his wife Jane Welsh Carlyle. Of particular interest are holograph drafts of *Past and Present* and fragments of *Chartism*.

Arrangement

Arrangement of the Thomas Carlyle Collection reflects the existing organization in 2009.

Collection Contents

b. 1	Catalog cards 2 Folders Catalog cards were created by Yale Library staff at or around the time of accession and contain descriptions and provenance information for material in the collection. Much of the information on the cards is duplicated on individual folders.	
	Sotzmann, Daniel Friedrich, Map of Poland and adjoining provinces 2 Folders (4 sheets, 59 x 48 cm) Stored in: Oversize.	1793
	Mazburg, Georg Ignaz von, Post Charte der Kais. Konig. Erblande (1 sheet, 54 x 80 cm) Stored in: Oversize.	1783
	Polen, Litauen und Kurland im Jahr 1775 [1793, 1796] (3 sheets, 44 x 50 cm) Stored in: Oversize.	1820?
	Buna, Wilhelm C., [Map of Bavaria] 3 Folders (9 sheets, 56 x 54 cm) Stored in: Oversize	1760?
b. Bsd	Carta geometrica del granducato di Toscana (1 sheet, 41.4 x 38 cm)	undated
b. Bsd	[Map of Casentino?] (1 sheet, 31.5 x 27 cm)	undated
b. Bsd	Munch, P.A. Karte over Norge till Brug ved elementaerundervüsningen udarbeidet af P.A. Munch. (1 sheet, 54 x 42.5 cm)	1857
b. Bsd	Reymann, Daniel Gottlob, Charte vom Westphaelschen Kreise. (1 sheet, 54.5 x 46 cm)	1804
b. Bsd	Society for the diffusion of useful knowledge, London. The environs of Paris. (1 sheet, 29.5 x 38 cm)	1832
b. Bsd	Tardieu, Pierre, Carte de France. (1 sheet, 52 x 73.5 cm)	1833
b. 2	Material used in writing the <i>History of Friedrich II of Prussia, called Frederick the Great</i> , including notes, and transcripts of documents in the hand of Joseph Neuberg 11 Folders	1850s-1860s, undated
b. 3	Material used in writing the <i>History of Friedrich II of Prussia, called Frederick the Great</i> , including notes, and transcripts of documents in the hand of Joseph Neuberg 5 Folders	1850s-1860s, undated
b. 3	Richard Brooks, notes on Yale University's acquisition of material related to Thomas Carlyle's <i>History of Friedrich II of Prussia</i> , typescript (copy), with clippings	1932, undated
b. 3	Material removed for a Yale University exhibit on Carlyle in 1956	1750s-1850s

b. 3	Correspondence <i>2 Folders</i>	1859-1867, undated
b. 4	Material used in writing the <i>History of Friedrich II of Prussia, called Frederick the Great</i> , including notes, correspondence, and fragments of proofs <i>10 Folders</i>	1850s, undated
b. 5	Material used in writing the <i>History of Friedrich II of Prussia, called Frederick the Great</i> , including notes, correspondence, and fragments of proofs <i>6 Folders</i>	1850s-1860s, undated
b. 6	Preliminary sketches of chapters of History of Friedrich II of Prussia, called Frederick the Great, holograph and manuscripts by Joseph Neuberg <i>14 Folders</i>	undated
b. 6	"A course of lectures on the history of literature by Mr. Carlyle, 1838," manuscript	[1838?]
b. 7	<i>History of Friedrich II of Prussia, called Frederick the Great</i> , drafts, holograph <i>11 Folders</i> Also stored in: Oversize	undated
b. 8	<i>History of Friedrich II of Prussia, called Frederick the Great</i> , proofs <i>2 Folders</i>	undated
b. 9	<i>History of Friedrich II of Prussia, called Frederick the Great</i> , proofs <i>2 Folders</i>	undated
b. 10	Carlyle, Thomas, <i>Oliver Cromwell's Letters and Speeches</i>, London: Chapman and Hall, Volume 1	1850
b. 11	Carlyle, Thomas, <i>Oliver Cromwell's Letters and Speeches</i> , London: Chapman and Hall, Volume 2	1850
b. 12	Carlyle, Thomas, <i>Oliver Cromwell's Letters and Speeches</i> , London: Chapman and Hall, Volume 3	1850
b. 13	<i>The Rakes of Mallow</i> , manuscript fragment in the hand of Joseph Neuberg annotated by Carlyle Microfilm available.	undated
b. 13	Portraits (photographs and reproduction of a painting) of Jane Welsh Carlyle and Thomas Carlyle.	1865, undated
b. 13	Carlyle Memorial Fund correspondence	1881-1882
b. 13	Signatures of Jane Welsh Carlyle, clipped from letters	undated
b. 13	Letter: Jane Welsh Carlyle to Mr. Cross	undated
b. 13	Letter: Jane Welsh Carlyle to Mrs. Cunningham	undated
b. 13	Letter: Jane Welsh Carlyle to Mrs. [Alexander] Gilchrist	undated
b. 13	Letter: Jane Welsh Carlyle to Mrs. Mackenzie	undated
b. 13	Letter: Jane Welsh Carlyle to [John] Ruskin	undated
b. 13	Letter: Jane Welsh Carlyle to Helen Welsh	undated

b. 13	Letter: Jane Welsh Carlyle to Mr. Woolner	undated
b. 13	Letter: Margaret Aitken Carlyle to her daughter	undated
b. 13	Letter: Mary Aitken Carlyle to John Ruskin	1873 November 12
b. 13	Carlyle, Thomas, article on Goethe's <i>Faust</i> , holograph Microfilm available.	1832 or 1833
b. 13	Carlyle, Thomas, "1840. Members of the Long Parliament," holograph	1840
b. 13	Carlyle, Thomas, "The English Talent for Governing"	circa 1848
b. 13	Carlyle, Thomas, biographical material for an essay on Grosshopf Müllner, holograph	1831
b. 13	Carlyle, Thomas, notes on the Carlyle pedigree, holograph	1865
b. 13	Carlyle, Thomas, Rejected fragments of <i>Chartism</i> , holograph	undated
b. 13	Carlyle, Thomas, "Industrial regiments," holograph	1848
b. 13	Carlyle, Thomas, "Creeds," holograph	1852
b. 13	Carlyle, Thomas, "Latter Day Pamphlets," holograph	1848
b. 13	Carlyle, Thomas, "Marlboro," holograph and Joseph Neuberger's hand	undated
b. 13	Carlyle, Thomas, notes on Norse literature, holograph	1840
b. 13	Carlyle, Thomas, manuscript on the project of appointing the civil service by merit alone, holograph	1854
b. 13	Carlyle, Thomas, poems, including translations from German, holograph	1820s-1840s
b. 13	Photograph of Thomas Carlyle, signed	undated
b. 13	Carlyle, Thomas, manuscript on the Reform Measure, holograph	1867
b. 13	Carlyle, Thomas, "Thirty-five unpublished letters of Oliver Cromwell" (fragment), holograph	1847
b. 13	Photographs of Thomas Carlyle, one signed	undated
b. 13	"History of the Thirty Years War, Book I," manuscript possibly in the hand of John Carlyle Microfilm available.	undated
b. 13	Carlyle, Thomas, "History of German Literature," holograph	circa 1829
b. 13	Shine, Hill (editor), <i>Carlyle's Unfinished History of German Literature</i> , Lexington: University of Kentucky Press	1951
b. 14	Carlyle, Thomas, "Simon Brodie had a cow..." (verse), holograph	1859 December 19
b. 14	Carlyle, Thomas, quotations, holograph	1851, undated

b. 14	Carlyle, Thomas, "Journey to Germany, Autumn 1858," holograph and typescript <i>2 Folders</i> Microfilm available.	1858, undated
b. 14	Letters: Thomas Carlyle to Mr. Cunningham and to unidentified recipients	1852, 1865
b. 14	Letters: Thomas Carlyle to unidentified recipients <i>5 Folders</i>	1834-1847, undated
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Lady Rosina Bulwer Lytton	1850 December 31
b. 14	Letters: Thomas Carlyle to unidentified recipients <i>7 Folders</i>	1856-1872
b. 14	Letters: Thomas Carlyle to Rev. David Aitken <i>2 Folders</i>	1835
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Sarah Taylor Austin	1850 February 17
b. 14	Letters: Thomas Carlyle to James Ballantine <i>2 Folders</i>	1844-1858
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Henry Barnard	1835 June 12
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to John Aitken Carlyle	1849 August 2
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to E. Chapman	1859 November 11
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to John Chapman	1854 July 18
b. 14	Letters: Thomas Carlyle to Chapman and Hall (publishers) <i>2 Folders</i>	1846, 1867
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to William Dougal Christie	1863 June 2
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Henry Cole	1840 April 25
b. 14	Letters: Thomas Carlyle to Thomas Constable	1850, 1855
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to George Lillie Craik	1847 April 12
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Edward FitzGerald	1846 September
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to the editor of <i>The Dumfries and Galloway Courier</i>	1830 April 12
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to James A. Froude	1860 October 23
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Alexander Gilchrist	1856 September 2
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Grant	1859 March 17
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to John Grieg	1846 June 20
b. 14	Letters: Thomas Carlyle to Leigh Hunt <i>2 Folders</i>	1836, undated

b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Margaret Hunt	1866 November 9
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Frederic Madden	1856 November 12
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to [Fr. Mimm?]	1844 June 6
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Mrs. Montague	1825 July 18
b. 14	Letters: Thomas Carlyle to Katherine Aurora Kirkpatrick	1868-1871
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to "Mr. Putnam's manager"	1846 July 10
b. 14	Letters: Thomas Carlyle to John James Ruskin <i>3 Folders</i>	1860-1866
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Miss Scott	1850 March 16
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to William Bell Scott	1851 June 17
b. 14	Letters: Thomas Carlyle to James Hutchison Stirling	1854-1868
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Robert Tait	1867 November 30
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Eliot Warburton	1851 November 23
b. 14	Letters: Thomas Carlyle to William White	1867
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Mr. Williams	1853 October
b. 14	Note: Thomas Carlyle to Messrs. Williams and Norgate	1855 June 27
b. 14	Letters: Sir Joseph Edgar Boehm to Thomas Carlyle	1874
b. 14	Letter: Thomas Markby to Thomas Carlyle	1865 May 4
b. 15	Notebook for Oliver Cromwell's Letters and Speeches, holograph	undated
b. 15	Notes for the articles "The Diamond Necklace" and "Cagliostro," holograph	1830s
b. 15	Letters: Thomas Carlyle to Richard Hengist Horne	1838-1839
b. 15	Letters: Thomas Carlyle to unidentified <i>2 Folders</i>	1842-1843
b. 15	Album apparently kept by Helen M. Welsh, inscribed by Thomas Carlyle	1830-1839
b. 15	Letters: Thomas Carlyle to Christian Bunsen	1843
b. 15	Letters: Thomas Carlyle to unidentified recipients <i>3 Folders</i>	1844-1849
b. 15	Carlyle, Thomas, Past and Present, holograph Microfilm available.	circa 1843
b. 15	Carlyle, Thomas, "Sir Robert Peel," holograph	circa 1849

b. 15	Syllabus and ticket for "On Heroes, Hero-Worship, and the Heroic in Human History" (lecture series), printed version	1840
b. 15	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to unidentified recipient	1850 March 16
b. 15	Letters: Thomas Carlyle to William Edward Forster and to unidentified recipients	1840-1847
b. 15	Carlyle, Thomas, manuscript relating to Oliver Cromwell's Letters and Speeches, holograph	undated
b. 15	Carlyle, Thomas, reading list on German literature, for the use of John Carlyle	1827 September 11
b. 15	Carlyle, Thomas, notes and memoranda related to Oliver Cromwell's Letters and Speeches, holograph	undated
b. 15	Carlyle, Thomas, Past and Present, holograph Microfilm available.	circa 1843
b. 16	Carlyle, Thomas, notes and memoranda relating to <i>Oliver Cromwell's Letters and Speeches</i> , holograph <i>4 Folders</i>	
b. 16	Various correspondents, contributions to <i>Oliver Cromwell's Letters and Speeches</i> , manuscript <i>8 Folders</i>	
b. 17	Various correspondents, contributions to <i>Oliver Cromwell's Letters and Speeches</i> , manuscript <i>5 Folders</i>	
	<i>Oliver Cromwell's Letters and Speeches</i> , draft, holograph Stored in: Oversize	undated, 1880s
b. 18	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Connop Thirlwall	1843 July 9
b. 18	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to "Dear Taylor"	1849 March 26
b. 18	Carlyle, Thomas. Quotation from his <i>French Revolution</i>	undated
b. 18	Carlyle, Thomas. Translation of Goethe's "Mason's Song," holograph, accompanied by letter from A. Carlyle to W.K. Dickson	1929, undated
b. 18	Carlyle, Thomas. Calling card addressed to Henry Inglis	1835
b. 18	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Barry W. Procter	undated
b. 18	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to "Dear Geraldine"	1864 December 8
b. 18	Carlyle, Thomas. Autographed note, signed, with small autographed photograph	1850 January 1
b. 18	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Edward Chapman	1854 January 4
b. 18	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Eckermann	1834 May 6
b. 18	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Mrs. Martin	1874 May 6
b. 18	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to [H.I. Merton?]	1844 March 29

b. 18	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Mrs. Barry W. Procter	undated
b. 18	Letters: Thomas Carlyle to his mother	1840-1846
b. 18	Letters: Thomas Carlyle to his sister, Jannet Carlyle Hanning	1842-1871
b. 18	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Lord Monteagle	1844 March 28
b. 18	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to [Mary] Rich	1838 April 19
b. 18	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to "My dear Madam"	1837 March 27
b. 18	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to unidentified recipient, accompanied by carte de visite	1855 June 26
b. 18	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to [George Henry] Lewes, accompanied by an engraving of Thomas Carlyle	1852 March 2
b. 18	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to Rev. W.J. Loewenberg	1872 July 2
b. 18	Letter: Thomas Carlyle to "My dear Sir"	1848 October 28
b. 19	A stone from the rocks at Kollin	1850
b. 22	Bronze cast of Thomas Carlyle's hands by T. Woolner	1800s
b. 23	Plaster cast of Thomas Carlyle's hands by T. Woolner	1800s
b. 24	Key to private, sound-proof room in Cheyne Walk, Chelsea	1800s
Oversize Papers		
b. 20 (Oversize)	Sotzmann, Daniel Friedrich, Map of Poland and adjoining provinces	1793
b. 20 (Oversize)	Mazburg, Georg Ignaz von, Post Charte der Kais. Konig. Erblande	1783
b. 20 (Oversize)	Polen, Litauen und Kurland im Jahr 1775 [1793, 1796]	1820
b. 20 (Oversize)	Buna, Wilhelm C., [Map of Bavaria]	1760
b. 21 (Oversize)	<i>History of Friedrich II of Prussia, called Frederick the Great</i> , draft, holograph	undated, 1850s
b. 21 (Oversize)	<i>Oliver Cromwell's Letters and Speeches</i> , draft, holograph	undated, 1880s

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, Scottish -- 19th century -- Archives
British literature -- 19th century
German literature
Scottish literature -- 19th century
Sculpture, British -- 19th century

Geographic Names

Prussia (Germany) -- History -- 18th century

Genres / Formats

Maps (documents)
Photographs

Names

Carlyle, Jane Welsh, 1801-1866
Carlyle, Thomas, 1795-1881
Cromwell, Oliver
Frederick, King of Prussia, II, 1712-1786
Neuberg, Joseph, 1806-1867
Woolner, Thomas, 1825-1892

Contributors

Carlyle, Thomas, 1795-1881
Neuberg, Joseph, 1806-1867