

# Guide to the John Britton archive

## MSS 41



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Yale Center for British Art, Rare Books and Manuscripts  
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**CALL NUMBER:** MSS 41

**CREATOR:** Britton, John, 1771-1857

**TITLE:** John Britton archive

**DATES:** 1839-1851

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.42 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection comprises correspondence, articles, cuttings, and other related material, concerning the English antiquary and topographer, John Britton (1771-1857).

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Yale Center for British Art, Paul Mellon Collection

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### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is unprocessed and may not be available for immediate access.

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### Conditions Governing Use

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### Preferred Citation

John Britton Archive, Yale Center for British Art, Paul Mellon Collection

## Scope and Contents

The collection comprises correspondence, articles, cuttings, and other related material, concerning the English antiquary and topographer, John Britton (1771-1857). It includes correspondence with Joseph Hume on the preservation of British antiquities. Also present is material related to Britton's various published works on architectural antiquities, including correspondence with the artist George Cattermole.

## **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**

Architecture, British  
Church Buildings -- Great Britain  
Monuments -- Great Britain

### **Geographic Names**

Great Britain -- Antiquities

### **Genres / Formats**

Clippings (information artifacts)  
Correspondence

### **Names**

Britton, John, 1771-1857  
Britton, John, 1771-1857 -- Correspondence  
Cattermole, George, 1800-1868 --  
Correspondence  
Hume, Joseph, 1777-1855 -- Correspondence  
Wyse, Thomas, Sir, 1791-1862

### **Contributors**

Britton, John, 1771-1857  
Cattermole, George, 1800-1868  
Hume, Joseph, 1777-1855  
Lamb, Edward Buckton  
Salvandy, N.-A. de (Narcisse-Achille), 1795-1856