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# Guide to the Alexander Pope Collection

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 270

**CREATOR:** Pope, Alexander, 1688-1744

**TITLE:** Alexander Pope collection

**DATES:** 1713-1855

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.2 linear feet (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Contains letters from Pope to various people, including John Conduitt, Robert Craggs Nugent, and Jonathan Richardson; a holograph draft of Pope's translation of the first 48 lines of Book 8 of Homer's "Iliad"; a holograph inscription for Jonathan Swift's grandfather's tomb (with holograph notes by Swift); and an album (formerly owned by John Murray) that contains material by and about Pope.

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## Requesting Instructions

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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. 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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## **Conditions Governing Use**

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## **Preferred Citation**

Alexander Pope 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 Alexander Pope, which the library has chosen to group and list as an artificial collection.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Letters from Alexander Pope, [1736] Feb 12

b. 1, f. 1	ALS to [Allen, First Lord Bathurst?], Twickenham Purchase, 1983.	[1736] Feb 12
b. 1, f. 2	ALS to "My dear Lord" [Bathurst?], Twickenham Purchase, 1956.	[1739?] Aug 9
b. 1, f. 3	ALS to Hugh Bethel, Twickenham Accompanied by five portraits of Pope. Purchase, 1944.	1737 Feb 11
b. 1, f. 4	ALS to Mr. Bethel Accompanied by an engraving of Pope. Purchase, 1971.	1744 Mar 26
b. 1, f. 5	ALS to William Borlase, Twickenham Purchase, 1944.	1740 Mar 9
b. 1, f. 6	ALS to John Brinsden Accompanied by a copy of a letter from Pope to Brinsden, 1741 Nov 6. Gift, 1957.	[1741] Jun 8
b. 1, f. 7	ALS to Samuel Buckley "From Lord Cornbury's".	[1737 Nov 23]
b. 1, f. 8	ALS to John Conduitt, Twickenham Accompanied by draft of AL to Pope from Conduitt, 1727 Nov 8; two manuscript copies (one in English and signed, the other in French with manuscript corrections) of Conduitt's dedicatory epistle to Queen Caroline that appeared in Sir Isaac Newton's <i>The Chronology of Ancient Kingdoms Amended...</i> (London, 1728); proof sheets, with manuscript corrections, of signatures A and a containing the title-page, dedicatory epistle, table of contents, and advertisement. Purchase, 1943.	1727 Nov 10
b. 1, f. 9	ALS to [Thomas Dancastle?] Purchase, 1944.	1719 Nov 9
	ALS to [William Fortescue] Gift, 1952.  <a href="#">See: [Robert Craggs Nugent, Lord Nugent], Box 1, folder 10</a>	[1732/3] Mar 8
b. 1, f. 10	5 ALS to [Robert Craggs Nugent, Lord Nugent], Twickenham In volume. With printed transcripts, an envelope addressed to Sir George Nugent in an unidentified hand, and an autograph letter from Pope to William Fortescue, with typescript. Gift, 1952.	1740
b. 1, f. 11	ALS to Jonathan Richardson, Twickenham Purchase, 1983.	[1734] Nov 4
b. 1, f. 12	ALS to Mr. [Jonathan] Richardson Purchase, 1946.	[ca. 1737]

b. 1, f. 13	AN and address leaf to Richardson Purchase, 1966.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 14	ALS to G[eorge Augustus] Selwyn, Twickenham Purchase, 1948.	Sep 27
b. 1, f. 15	ALS to Sir William Trumbull Page 3 includes an autograph manuscript letter from Charles Jervas to Sir William Trumbull, 1713 Jun 6. Gift, 1964.	[1713 Jun 6]

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

b. 1, f. 16	Homer, <i>Iliad</i> , Book 8. English translation by Pope Autograph manuscript of the first 48 lines. Removed from Pope's copy of George Chapman's translation of Homer's <i>Iliad</i> (London, 1611). Gift, 1966.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 17	"A Proper reply to a lady, occasioned by her verses addressed to the Imitator of the First Satire of the second Book of Horace, by Mr. Pope" Manuscript copy in an unidentified hand. Purchase, 1919.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 18	Inscription for Jonathan Swift's grandfather's tomb With additional notes in hand of Jonathan Swift. Purchase, 1958.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 19	Address from letter (clipped) Holograph. Gift, 1953.	n.d.
	Album, formerly owned by John Murray, containing items either by Pope or related to him Contains: mezzotint of Pope after Godfrey Kneller, 1722; ALS to Sir Godfrey Kneller, 1717/18 Feb 18; crayon drawing of Pope by Jonathan Richardson, n.d.; printed receipt to Robert Packer, Esq., for the subscription copy of Homer's <i>Iliad</i> , signed: "A. Pope"; ALS to Mrs. Howard, [1729 May]; ALS to Mr. Richardson, Cirencester, [1737] Jun 25; Pope's preface to the <i>Works</i> , with many corrections (removed from album and purchased by Professor Tinker before the Library bought album; now Tinker Ms 1668); first copy of manuscript verses by Pope on the Grotto of Twickenham composed entirely of English metals, minerals, marbles, corrected with his own hand, 1740/1 Feb 6; original proof of two pages from Pope's <i>Epistles</i> , pages 69 and 70, with the author's corrections; 2 ALS from John Murray to John Wilson Croker, London, 1854 May 19 and Jun 8; ALS from John Wilson Croker to Mr. Cooke, 1855 Aug 1; leaf from the printed catalogue of the collection of H. B. Ray, newspaper clippings, and envelope addressed to John Murray in an unidentified hand. Purchase, 1939. <a href="#">See: Oversize, Box 2, folder 20</a>	1717-1855

**Oversize, 1717-1855**

b. 2, f. 20 [Album, formerly owned by John Murray, containing items either by Pope or related to him \(in Series II\)](#) 1717-1855

Contains: mezzotint of Pope after Godfrey Kneller, 1722; ALS to Sir Godfrey Kneller, 1717/18 Feb 18; crayon drawing of Pope by Jonathan Richardson, n.d.; printed receipt to Robert Packer, Esq., for the subscription copy of Homer's *Iliad*, signed: "A. Pope"; ALS to Mrs. Howard, [1729 May]; ALS to Mr. Richardson, Cirencester, [1737] Jun 25; Pope's preface to the *Works*, with many corrections (removed from album and purchased by Professor Tinker before the Library bought album; now Tinker Ms 1668); first copy of manuscript verses by Pope on the Grotto of Twickenham composed entirely of English metals, minerals, marbles, corrected with his own hand, 1740/1 Feb 6; original proof of two pages from Pope's *Epistles*, pages 69 and 70, with the author's corrections; 2 ALS from John Murray to John Wilson Croker, London, 1854 May 19 and Jun 8; ALS from John Wilson Croker to Mr. Cooke, 1855 Aug 1; leaf from the printed catalogue of the collection of H. B. Ray, newspaper clippings, and envelope addressed to John Murray in an unidentified hand. Purchase, 1939.

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## **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**

Conduitt, John, 1688-1737  
Murray, John, 1808-1892  
Nugent, Robert Nugent, Earl, 1702-1788  
Pope, Alexander, 1688-1744  
Richardson, Jonathan, 1665-1745  
Swift, Jonathan, 1667-1745

### **Contributors**

Pope, Alexander, 1688-1744  
Homer (Iliad, Book 8, English)