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### John Watson Dalby and George James De Wilde Collection, 1826-1877: Finding Aid

#### Summary Information

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<b>Abstract:</b>	The John Watson Dalby and George James De Wilde Collection consists of correspondence between John Watson Dalby (b. 1799) and George James De Wilde (1804-1871) covering the years 1826-1871. Both were poets and literary men, as well as friends of Leigh Hunt, whom their letters frequently concern. Dalby's letters often include verses of his poetry, excerpts of Leigh Hunt's works, and discussions on other contemporary authors. Dalby's published work includes <i>Poems</i> (London, 1822) and <i>Tales, Songs, and Sonnets</i> (London, 1866).

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## **Biographies of John Watson Dalby and George James De Wilde**

John Watson Dalby and George James De Wilde were both poets and literary men, as well as friends of Leigh Hunt, whom their letters frequently concern.

### **Description**

This collection consists primarily of correspondence between John Watson Dalby and George James De Wilde spanning the period between 1826 and 1875. Included are 290 letters from Dalby to De Wilde and 4 letters from De Wilde to Dalby, as well as 7 manuscripts, and a small selection of letters by and to Leigh Hunt. In addition, there are miscellaneous correspondence of John Hunter, Maria Wilby, and others, and miscellaneous items including a report on the Leigh Hunt Memorial fund in the hand of Robert Browning.

The following standard abbreviations, or their variations, are used to identify materials in this collection: ALS = autograph letters signed, AMs = autograph manuscript.

#### **Series 1: John Watson Dalby**

**Subseries 1A: Writings**

**Subseries 1B: Letters to George James De Wilde**

#### **Series 2: George James De Wilde**

**Subseries 2A: Letters to John Watson Dalby**

**Subseries 2B: Letters to Thornton Hunt**

#### **Series 3: Leigh Hunt**

**Subseries 3A: Letters by Hunt**

**Subseries 3B: Letters to Hunt**

**Subseries 3C: Miscellaneous**

#### **Series 4: Miscellaneous**

**Subseries 4A: Correspondence**

## Subseries 4B: Items

### Arrangement

Organized into the following series:

Series 1: John Watson Dalby

Subseries 1A: Writings

Subseries 1B: Letters to George James De Wilde

Series 2: George James De Wilde

Subseries 2A: Letters to John Watson Dalby

Subseries 2B: Letters to Thornton Hunt

Series 3: Leigh Hunt

Subseries 3A: Letters by Hunt

Subseries 3B: Letters to Hunt

Subseries 3C: Miscellaneous

Series 4: Miscellaneous

Subseries 4A: Correspondence

Subseries 4B: Items

### Access and Use

#### Access

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### Processing and Other Information

#### Preferred Citation

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#### Processing Information

This collection was processed by Laura Hidalgo in 2003. Finding aid written by Laura Hidalgo in 2003.

## Encoding

Machine-readable finding aid encoded in EAD 2002 by Techbooks, Cristela García-Spitz, and Diann Benti on April 6, 2007. Created from MARC record via MarcEdit and XSL stylesheets in 2007.

## Descriptive Rules Used

Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

## Subject Headings

These materials have been indexed in the [Princeton University Library online catalog](#) using the following terms. Those seeking related materials should search under these terms.

- English poetry -- 19th century.
- Poets, English -- 19th century.
- Correspondence.
- Poems.
- De Wilde, George James, 1804-1871.
- Hunt, Leigh, 1784-1859.
- British literature

<b>Contents List</b>
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**Series 1: John Watson Dalby**


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**Subseries 1A: Writings**


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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>
7 AMss poems	1
5 AMss prose, on notes, articles, quotes, etc.	1
AMsS about Leigh Hunt's "Social Morality?"	1

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**Subseries 1B: Letters to George James De Wilde**


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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>
1826-1832:	
3 ALsS, 1826	2
ALS, 1830	2
2 ALsS, 1831	2
5 ALsS, 1832	2
1833-1834:	
9 ALsS 1833	3
20 ALsS, 1834	3
1835: 17 ALsS	4
1836: 24 ALsS	5
1837: 21 ALsS	6
1838: 21 ALsS	7

**Subseries 1B: Letters to George James De Wilde ... (Continued)**

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1839: 26 ALsS	8
1840-1858:	
ALS, 1840	9
ALS, 1841	9
2 ALsS, 1854	9
5 ALsS, 1856	9
5 ALsS, 1857	9
6 ALsS, 1858	9
1859-1862:	
9 ALsS, 1859	10
14 ALsS, 1860	10
4 ALsS, 1861	10
10 ALsS, 1862	10
1863-1865:	
5 ALsS, 1863	11
5 ALsS, 1864	11
18 ALsS, 1865	11
1866-1868:	
13 ALsS, 1866	12
16 ALsS, 1867	12
9 ALsS, 1868	12
1869-1871:	
8 ALsS, 1869	13
9 ALsS, 1870	13
2 ALsS, 1871	13

**Series 2: George James De Wilde ... (Continued)**

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**Series 2: George James De Wilde**

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**Subseries 2A: Letters to John Watson Dalby**

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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>
1825-1865: 4 ALsS	14

**Subseries 2B: Letters to Thornton Hunt**

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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>
1862: 2 ALsS	15

**Series 3: Leigh Hunt**

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**Subseries 3A: Letters by Hunt**

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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>
Dalby, John Watson: ALS, 1839, L (copy) undated	16
De Wilde, George James: 2 Ls (copies), 1834	16
“Madam”: L (copy), undated	16

**Subseries 3B: Letters to Hunt**

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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>
Barnett, John: ALS, 1850	17
Hunter, John: 7 AlsS, 1855-1858	17
Richardson, D. L. (David Lester): ALS, 1857	17
Wilby, Maria A.: ALS, 1838	17
“Charlotte”: ALS, undated	17

**Subseries 3B: Letters to Hunt ... (Continued)**

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“W.E.”: ALS, undated	17
[Unidentified]: ALS, undated	17

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**Subseries 3C: Miscellaneous**

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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>
Treasurer's report on the Leigh Hunt Memorial Fund, circa 1869, in the hand of Robert Browning	18
2 tickets to the inauguration of the Leigh Hunt Memorial	18

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**Series 4: Miscellaneous**

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**Subseries 4A: Correspondence**

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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>
Clarke, C. Cowden	
ALS to John Watson Dalby, 1869	19
ALS to Mrs. Towshend Mayer, 1876	19
ALS (incomplete)	19
Forman, H. Buxton	
ALS to John Watson Dalby, 1877	19
Goodall, J.	
ALS to John Watson Dalby, 1863	19
Haddon, T. C.	
ALS to George James De Wilde, 1858	19
Hunt, Thornton	
ALS to “Ralph,” 1873	19

**Subseries 4B: Items ... (Continued)**

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**Subseries 4B: Items**

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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>
Ollier, Edmund: AMs "Sonnet," 1 p.	20
"Notes of a Lover of Books: No. 2 Pope," AMs (unidentified)	20
Pencil sketch of tree	20
Envelopes	20
Clippings	20