Edwin W. Field Correspondence: Finding Aid

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Overview of the Collection
Title: Edwin W. Field Correspondence
Dates (inclusive): 1828-1899
Collection Number: mssHM 42884-42939
Extent: 56 items in 1 box
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Abstract: This collection consists of letters from various English artists primarily addressed to lawyer and amateur artist Edwin W. Field (1804-1871) or his son, Walter Field (also an artist). A few of the letters concern Field’s attempts to establish an artistic copyright law.
Language: English.
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Provenance
Purchased from Theodore Hofmann, July 18, 1966.
Biographical Note
Edwin Wilkins Field (1804-1871) was a lawyer and amateur artist in England, where he worked for a measure for establishing artistic copyright. He was honored in 1863 by the Old Water-Colour Society, among whom he had a large acquaintance.
Scope and Content
Collection of letters from various artists, mostly addressed to Edwin Wilkins Field, with some addressed to his son Walter Field who was also an artist. A few of the letters concern Field’s efforts to pass some kind of measure ensuring artistic copyright.
Most of the letters are from members of either the Royal Academy or the Old Water-Colour Society.
Among the correspondents are:
   2 letters from George Cruikshank. HM 42895 & 42896
   1 letter from Sir John Everett Millais. HM 42922
   3 letters from Samuel Cousins. HM 42890-42891
Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library’s Online Catalog.
Subjects
Field, Edwin W. (Edwin Wilkins), 1804-1871.
Field, Walter, correspondent.
Artists -- Great Britain -- Correspondence.
Copyright -- Art -- Great Britain.
Forms/Genres
Letters (correspondence) -- Great Britain -- 19th century.

Alternate Authors
Cousins, Samuel, 1801-1887.
Cruikshank, George, 1792-1878.
Field, Walter, correspondent.
Millais, John Everett, 1829-1896.

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