Descriptive Summary
Title: Warren D. Mohr/Charles Darwin Collection: Manuscripts
Dates: 1855-1993
Date (bulk): (bulk 1874-1910)
Collection Number: mssMohrDarwin
Creator: Mohr, Warren D.
Extent: 2 boxes70 items
Repository: The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens Manuscripts Department

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Abstract: Warren D. Mohr assembled this collection of material related to Charles Darwin. It contains correspondence, photographs, prints, ephemera, and clippings.

Language of Material: The records are in English.

Access
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Acquisition Information

Biography
Charles Darwin, an English naturalist, revolutionized the study of evolution. Born in 1809 to a prominent family, his father Robert Darwin was a physician, and the son of English poet, philosopher and naturalist Erasmus Darwin. His mother, Susannah Wedgwood Darwin, was the daughter of industrialist-potter and abolitionist Josiah Wedgwood.

After graduating from Christ’s College, Cambridge, Darwin accepted an invitation to serve as a gentleman naturalist on the H.M.S. Beagle, which departed on a five-year scientific expedition to the Pacific Coast of South America on December 31, 1831. The research resulting from this voyage formed the basis of his theory of natural selection, and led to the 1859 publication of his monumental work, On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection. Darwin continued to research and publish important works on biology throughout his life. He lived with his wife and children at their home in the village of Downe, 15 miles from London. He died on April 19, 1882 and lies buried in Westminster Abbey.

Scope and Content
The collection includes correspondence, photographs, prints, ephemera and clippings. Highlights include an 1875 letter from Charles Darwin (with his son, William Erasmus Darwin) to Lawson Tait regarding mice tails, and a portrait taken by Henry Barraud (1811-1874) which is believed to be the last photograph taken of Darwin. There are also cartes-de-visite photographs of Darwin, as well as printed portraits and other ephemera. Also of note are three letters by Richard Owen, plus photographs of him.

The collection also contains a few modern negatives from items in the Warren D. Mohr/Charles Darwin Collection of rare books at The Huntington.

Arrangement
The collection is arranged by type, with one oversize box:
Related Materials in the Huntington Library

The Warren D. Mohr/Charles Darwin Collection includes over 1000 different book-form editions of Darwin’s writings, and over 500 supporting volumes by his contemporaries and followers. All of Darwin’s works are represented in one form or another. These may be searched under Title: "Warren D. Mohr/Charles Darwin Collection", or under Author: "Mohr, Warren D., former owner" in the Huntington Library’s Online Catalog.

Other related manuscript materials

- Inventory of Charles Darwin Correspondence in the Huntington Library
- Handwritten single page of Descent of Man, [approximately 1871]. Call number: mssHM 80997
- Charles Darwin letter to John Ralfs, 1874, July 8. Call number: mssHM 76527
- Charles Darwin letter to B.D. Wrangham, 1880, September 16. Call number: mssHM 72756
- Charles Darwin letter to “Dear Sir,” [undated]. Call number: mssHM 72755
- Charles Darwin correspondence in the Frances Power Cobbe correspondence, 1855-1904. Call number: mssCB 1-854
- Sir George Howard Darwin letter to Frederick Pollock, 1876, April. Call number: mssHM 80279

Personal Names
Darwin, Charles, 1809-1882
Barraud, Henry, 1811-1874
Butler, Arthur G. (Arthur Gardiner), 1844-1925
Darwin, William Erasmus, 1839-1914
Faustin, 1847-
Huxley, Thomas Henry, 1825-1895
Owen, Richard, 1804-1892
Rothschild, Alfred Charles de
Tait, Lawson, 1845-1899
Wilberforce, Samuel, 1805-1873

Subjects
Evolution - History - 19th century
Religion and science - Great Britain - History - 19th century

Geographic Names
Great Britain - History - 19th century
Great Britain - Intellectual life - 19th century

Genre
Correspondence
Ephemera
Photograph
Prints

Box 1: Correspondence-Miscellaneous Ephemera
Box 2: Oversize, Vanity Fair Portraits-Miscellaneous Clippings

| Folder 1 | Correspondence - Miscellaneous Ephemera | Darwin, Charles, 1809-1882 and William Erasmus Darwin, 1839-1914 letter to Lawson Tait, 1845-1899 (1875, June 11) |
| Folder 2 | | Physical Description: 1 item, plus envelope and typed transcription |
| Folder 2 | Owen, Richard, 1804-1892 letter to Rev. W. Drake (1855, December 22) |
| Folder 3 | Physical Description: 1 item |
| Folder 3 | Owen, Richard, 1804-1892 letter to Mrs. Bond (1881, June 22) |
| Folder 3 | Physical Description: 1 item |

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Folder 4  [Owen, Richard, 1804-1892] letter to [Alfred Charles de Rothschild?] (1881, August 11)
                 Physical Description: 1 item
Folder 5  Photographic postcard with portrait of Charles Darwin, 1809-1882, taken by Henry Barraud, 1811-1874 (1909, February 20)
                 Physical Description: 1 item
Folder 6  Miscellaneous photographic portraits ([approximately 1864-1909])
                 Physical Description: 10 items
Folder 7  Print portraits of Charles Darwin, 1809-1882 ([1874-1935])
                 Physical Description: 8 items
Folder 8  Negatives from books and a print in the Warren D. Mohr/Charles Darwin Collection ([1993])
                 Physical Description: 6 items
Folder 9  Miscellaneous ephemera ([approximately 1864-1989])
                 Physical Description: 18 items
Box 2  Box 2: Oversize, Vanity Fair Portraits - Miscellaneous Clippings
  Vanity Fair portraits (1869-1873)
                 Physical Description: 9 items
Folder 2  Photographic portraits of Richard Owen, 1804-1892, and Thomas Henry Huxley, 1825-1895 ([between 1876 and 1890])
                 Physical Description: 3 items
Folder 3  Prints of Charles Darwin, 1809-1882 ([1871]-1882)
                 Physical Description: 4 items
Folder 4  Miscellaneous clippings ([approximately 1880]-1932)
                 Physical Description: 7 items