Overview of the Collection

Title: Anna C. Stryke Collection
Dates (inclusive): 1742-1935
Collection Number: mssHM 80013-80134
Creator: Stryke, Anna C.
Extent: 182 items; 4 boxes.
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Abstract: This collection primarily contains autograph letters from prominent 19th century English architects, artists, and writers, which appear to have been collected by American illustrator Anna C. Stryke (1884-1973), as well as 15 letters from English naturalist Richard Hancock to Stryke, 1924-1926; two travel diaries to Hawaii, written by Stryke and her sister, Mary C. Stryke, in 1935; and a number of drawings, sketches, and watercolors.

Language: English.

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Biographical Note
Anna Clegg Stryke (1884-1973) was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on February 14, 1884. Stryke graduated from Cornell University, where she was a member of the Sigma Xi organization for scientific research. She was elected to the faculty after her graduation and remained for several years in the biology department making a specialty of biological illustration. At Cornell, she became widely known for her drawings and illustrations appearing in various periodicals, London publications and children's books. During her spare time, she perfected illustrations for a New York museum volume and for a text book.

Active participation in the work of the Red Cross in Southern California began for Stryke in the winter of 1917-1918, when she was in Claremont. She entered the chapter student courses offered by Pasadena chapter in May 1918, and began a volunteer instructor for the chapter student courses until they were suspended at the time of the influenza epidemic in 1918-1919. Stryke was the executive secretary for the Pasadena chapter in 1921 and resigned in 1922.

Stryke died in December 1973 in Pasadena, California.

Scope and Content
This collection primarily contains autograph letters from prominent architects, artists, authors, engravers, playwrights, and sculptors from the 19th century in England. These autograph letters appear to have been collected by Anna C. Stryke. Another portion of the correspondence contains letters from Richard Hancock, an English naturalist written to Stryke from 1924 through 1926. Items of interest include travel diaries to Hawaii, written by Stryke and her sister, Mary C. Stryke in 1935. There are also a number of drawings, sketches, and watercolors found in ephemera.

Note: There are unidentified handwritten notes in pencil, which includes the author's name and occupation that appears throughout the collection.

Arrangement
The collection is arranged in the following order: Box 1: Correspondence and manuscripts (arranged alphabetically). Box 2: Correspondence and manuscripts (arranged alphabetically). Box 3: Oversize Manuscripts (arranged alphabetically). Box 4:
Ephemera (arranged by type and subject).

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library’s Online Catalog.

**Subjects**
Stryke, Anna C.
American Red Cross -- History.
American Red Cross Pasadena Chapter.
Athenæum Club (London, England)
Great Britain Reform Act (1867)
Royal Academy of Arts (Great Britain)
Agriculture -- Hawaii.
Agriculture industries -- Hawaii.
Art -- Collectors and collecting.
Costume design -- United States -- Drawings.
Costume design -- United States -- History.
Hawaiian language -- Glossaries, vocabularies, etc.
Ocean travel -- History -- 20th century.
Pineapple industry -- Hawaii.
Sugar growing -- Hawaii.
Tourism -- Hawaii.
Volcanoes -- Hawaii.
Boston (Mass.) -- Description and travel.
Haleakala National Park (Hawaii) -- Description and travel.
Hawaii -- Description and travel.
Hawaii -- Folklore.
Hawaii -- Miscellanea.
Hawaii -- Social life and customs.
Hawaii Island (Hawaii) -- Description and travel.
Oahu (Hawaii) -- Description and travel.
Parker Ranch (Hawaii)
Philadelphia (Pa.) -- Description and travel.
United States -- Description and travel.

**Forms/Genres**
Autographs (manuscripts) England -- 19th century.
Correspondence.
Diaries Hawaii -- 20th century.
Drawings.
Ephemera.
Signatures (names) England -- 19th century.
Sketchbooks.
Sketches.
Watercolors (paintings).

**Additional Contributors**
Bright, John, 1811-1889.
Hancock, Richard.
Mill, John Stuart, 1811-1889.
Stryke, Mary C.
Tennent, James Emerson, Sir, 1804-1869.
Walker, John Hanson, 1843 or 1844-1933.

**Geographic and Subject Index**

**Agriculture – Hawaii**
- Subject in Stryke, Anna C. Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80131.
- Subject in Stryke, Mary C. Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80134.

**American Red Cross – History**
- Subject in Stryke, Anna C. Red Cross Binder, (1918-1925). HM 80132.

**American Red Cross – Pasadena Chapter**
- Subject in Stryke, Anna C. Red Cross Binder, (1918-1925). HM 80132.

**Art – Collectors and collecting**
- Subject in Walker, John Hanson, 1843 or 1844-1933 1 letter to F. Mewburn, A.L.S. (3 p.), [before 1934]. HM 80122.

**Athenaeum Club (London, England)**

**Boston (Mass.) – Description and travel**

**Costume design – United States – Drawings**
- Subject in Drawings, sketches, and watercolors: Ancient clothing [before 1974]. 1 item. Box 4, Folder 3.
- Subject in Sketchbook: American Costume. 1 item. Box 4, Folder 12.

**Costume design – United States – History**
- Subject in Drawings, sketches, and watercolors: Ancient clothing [before 1974]. 1 item. Box 4, Folder 3.
- Subject in Sketchbook: American Costume. 1 item. Box 4, Folder 12.

**Great Britain. Reform Act (1867)**

**Hawaii – Description and travel**
- Subject in Stryke, Anna C. Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80131.
- Subject in Stryke, Mary C. Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80134.

**Hawaii – Folklore**
- Subject in Stryke, Anna C. Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80131.
- Subject in Stryke, Mary C. Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80134.

**Hawaii – Miscellanea**
- Subject in Stryke, Anna C. Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80131.
- Subject in Stryke, Mary C. Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80134.

**Hawaii – Social life and customs**
- Subject in Stryke, Anna C. Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80131.
- Subject in Stryke, Mary C. Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80134.

**Hawaii Island (Hawaii) – Description and travel**
- Subject in Stryke, Anna C. Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80131.
- Subject in Stryke, Mary C. Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80134.

**Hawaiian language – Glossaries, vocabularies, etc.**
- Subject in Stryke, Anna C. Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80131.

**Oahu (Hawaii) – Description and travel**
- Subject in Stryke, Anna C. Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80131.
Subject in Stryke, Mary C., Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80134.

Ocean travel – 20th century
Subject in Stryke, Anna C., Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80131.
Subject in Stryke, Mary C., Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80134.

Philadelphia (Pa.) – Description and travel

Tourism – Hawaii –
Subject in Stryke, Anna C., Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80131.
Subject in Stryke, Mary C., Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80134.

United States – Description and travel
Subject in [Hunter, J.C.] From Sunrise to Sunset: [manuscript], carbon copy (typewritten: 61 p.), (1898). HM 80130.

Correspondence and manuscripts

Box 1

A-Hi

Adelaide, Queen, consort of William IV, King of Great Britain, 1792-1892 1 letter to ----, [before 1893], A.N.S. (1 p.). HM 80013.
Emery, J. Impromptu: [manuscript], A.MS.S. (1 p.), (1844, Aug.). HM 80042.
Govion Broglio Solari, Catherine Hyde, Marquise de, 1755 or 1756-1844 1 letter to ---- James, A.L.S. (2 p.), (1820, Nov. 13), London (England). HM 80047.
“Lady Gray” 1 letter to ----, A.L.S. (2 p.), [after 1900]. HM 80048.

Box 2

Holland, Ta----? 1 letter to [Hu----?], A.L.S. (1 p.), (1872, Feb. 15). HM 80072.


[Solignac, ----?] 1 letter to ----? A.L.S. (1 p.), (1787). HM 80115.

Suleiman, ---- 1 letter to David Roberts, A.L.S. (1 p.), (1861, July 1). HM 80116.


Walker, John Hanson, 1843 or 1844-1933 1 letter to F. Mewburn, A.L.S. (3 p.), [before 1934]. HM 80122.

Wellington, David1 letter to George B., A.L.S. (1 p.), (1832, [Sep. 23?]). HM 80123.


Unknown authors

Oversize Manuscripts

Box 3

Stryke, Anna C. Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80131.
Stryke, Mary C. Hawaii Travel Diary, (1935). HM 80134.

Box 4

Ephemera

Folder 1

Autograph signatures: Miscellaneous.
Physical Description: 23 items.

Folder 2

Bonds and mortgages (1869-1872).
Physical Description: 3 items.

Folder 3

Drawings, sketches, and watercolors: Ancient clothing [before 1974].
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 4

Drawings, sketches, and watercolors: Buildings, houses, and structures (1840).
Physical Description: 5 items.

Folder 5

Drawings, sketches, and watercolors: Hawaii [after 1900].
Physical Description: 2 items.

Folder 6

Drawings, sketches, and watercolors: Landscapes (1834-1917).
Physical Description: 6 items.

Folder 7

Empty Envelopes (1881-1926).
Physical Description: 9 items.

Folder 8

Genealogy: The Comly Family (1841-1940).
Physical Description: 12 items.

Folder 9

Invoices and receipts (1797-1906).
Physical Description: 2 items.

Folder 10

Miscellaneous ephemera (1853-1917).
Physical Description: 5 items.

Folder 11

Photographs.
Physical Description: 2 items.

Folder 12

Sketchbook: American Costume.
Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 13

Sketchbook: Miscellaneous.
Physical Description: 1 item.