Descriptive Summary
Title: James Dykes Campbell Collection of Material about Charles Lamb, 1825-1895
Date (inclusive): 1825-1895
Collection number: 421
Creator: Campbell, James Dykes, 1838-1895
Extent: 2 boxes (1 linear ft.)
Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.
Los Angeles, California 90095-1575
Abstract: James Dykes Campbell (1838-1895) was a partner in Ireland, Fraser, & Company, the leading mercantile firm in Mauritius. He retired in 1881 and settled in England the following year where he met Robert Browning, and was associated with the Athenaeum. He wrote a biographical introduction to a new edition of Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poetry in 1893, which reappeared in 1894 as Samuel Taylor Coleridge, a narrative of the events of his life (1894). Part of Campbell's literary research involved gathering material about Charles Lamb (1775-1834) who worked as a bookkeeper in the East India House, and was best known as an essayist, using the pen name Elia. The collection consists of 7 volumes containing copies of Charles Lamb letters, manuscripts, and printed ephemera relating to Lamb.
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Biography
Campbell was born on November 2, 1838 in Port Glasgow, Scotland; attended the burgh elementary school, and in 1852 entered a merchant's office; in 1854 became employed at Cochrane and Company pottery manufacturers in Glasgow; in 1860 the company sent him to Toronto for two years, where he also had time to undertake literary research; started his
own business in Glasgow in 1862; in 1873 he became a partner in Ireland, Fraser, & Company, the leading mercantile firm in Mauritius; retired in 1881, and settled in England the following year, where he met Robert Browning and was associated with the Athenaeum; he wrote a biographical introduction to a new edition of Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poetry in 1893, which reappeared in 1894 as *Samuel Taylor Coleridge, a narrative of the events of his life* (1894); Campbell died on June 1, 1895; part of Campbell's literary research involved gathering material about Charles Lamb, who was born on February 10, 1775 in London; worked from 1792-1825 as a bookkeeper in the East India House; became best known as an essayist, using the pen name Elia; published books include *Blank verse* (1798) and *Tales from Shakespear* (1807); he died in Edmonton, England on December 7, 1834.

**Scope and Content**
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**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.
- Campbell, James Dykes, 1838-1895--Archives.
- Authors, English--19th century.
- Merchants--Great Britain--Archival resources.
- Lamb, Charles, 1775-1834.

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**Collection of Manuscripts and Printed Ephemeral Material Relating to Charles Lamb, 1825-1895**

Creator/Collector: Campbell, James Dykes, 1838-1895, compiler
Physical Description: (7 volumes in 2 boxes)
Scope and Content Note
Contains copies of Charles Lamb letters, manuscripts and printed ephemeral relating to Lamb.