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Abstract: Frances Milton Trollope (1780-1863) was born in Stapleton, near Bristol, England. She briefly lived in the U.S., but returned to England in 1831. Out of the experience came her best known work, The Domestic Manners of the Americans (1832). Frances and her husband, Thomas Adolphus, both wrote many novels and books. The collection consists of letters, manuscripts, and historical documents of the Trollope family. Most of the collection consists of the correspondence of Frances Milton Trollope, Thomas Adolphus Trollope, and Frances Ternan Trollope.

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Biography
Frances Milton Trollope was born on March 10, 1780 in Stapleton, near Bristol, England; married barrister Thomas Anthony Trollope; they had seven children, including the writer Thomas Adolphus; Frances sailed to the U.S. in 1827, opening a store in Cincinnati, Ohio; the enterprise failed, and she returned to England in 1831; out of the experience came her best known work, *The Domestic Manners of the Americans* (1832); after the family became officially bankrupt, they moved to Bruges, Belgium in 1834, the father dying the following year; after returning to England and living in various places the next 10 years, Frances and Thomas Adolphus moved to Florence, Italy, where she wrote novels and travel books, including *The Widow Barnaby* (1839), *The Widow Married* (1840), and *Petticoat Government* (1850); Thomas Adolphus' published works include *A Decade of Italian Women* (1859), *Durton Abbey* (1871), and *What I Remember* (1888); Frances died on October 6, 1863 in Florence, Italy, and Thomas Adolphus in 1892; Frances Eleanor Ternan married Thomas Adolphus in 1866, and cultivated a literary circle at the Villino Trollope in Florence.

Biographaphical Narrative
Mrs. Frances Eleanor Ternan was an actress well known by her maiden name of Fanny Jarman. Her three daughters were put on the stage at an early age, appearing in the lesser theatricals of the time. From this, each embarked on her own particular and interesting career. The eldest, Frances Eleanor, married Thomas Adolphus in 1866 after the death of his first wife, Theodosia Garrow, taking over the care of Beatrice (Bici), Thomas Adolphus' daughter, and the cultivation of a brilliant literary circle at the Villino Trollope in Florence. Maria Ternan, afterwards Mrs. W. Rowland Taylor, lived with her husband in Rome and became noted as artist, portrait painter, and news correspondent. The youngest, Ellen Lawless Ternan, formed a relationship with Charles Dickens, and according to Ada Nisbet, was his mistress for the last twelve years of his life. In 1876, she married the Rev. George Wharton Robinson, an Anglican clergyman who later gave up orders and established his own school at Margate in which he and his wife both taught. There were two children, Geoffrey Wharton Robinson, b. 1879, and Gladys Eleanor Wharton Robinson, b. 1885.

The relationship between the three Ternan sisters was warm and close, combining into one web the threads of three interesting lives, weaving together the names of Dickens, the Trollopes, as well as other prominent French, Italian, and English literary and political figures of the latter half of the 19th. century.

For further information, see:


Scope and Content
Collection consists of letters, manuscripts, and historical documents of the Trollope family. Most of the collection consists of the correspondence of Frances Milton Trollope, Thomas Adolphus Trollope, and Frances Ternan Trollope. There are 5 letters
from Anthony Trollope and two letters to him. Correspondents include Sir Edward Burne-Jones, Richard Henry Dana, George Eliot, Edward Bulwer-Lytton, Sir Walter Scott, Mary Somerville, and Frederick Tennyson. Literary manuscripts include three signed holograph poems, one each from Mary Howitt, Edward Bulwer-Lytton, and Thomas Adolphus Trollope.

**Expanded Scope and Content**
A collection of letters, manuscripts, and historical documents of the Trollope family, formerly in the possession of Major Geoffrey Wharton Robinson, b. 1879, whose aunt was Mrs. Frances Eleanor Trollope, née Ternan, second wife of Thomas Adolphus Trollope. The major part of the collection relates to Mrs. Frances Milton Trollope, writer and mother of Thomas Adolphus and Anthony; to Thomas Adolphus and to Frances Eleanor Ternan Trollope, her mother and two sisters.

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog. Trollope family--Archives.
Trollope, Frances Milton, 1780-1863--Archives.
Trollope, Thomas Adolphus, 1810-1892--Archives.
Trollope, Frances Eleanor, d. 1913--Archives.
Trollope, Anthony, 1815-1882--Archives.
Authors, English--Archival resources.
Austin, Alfred, 1835-1913.
Bancroft, Sir Squire, 1841-1926.
Bartley, George, 1782(?)-1858.
Beresford, Charles William, 1846-1919.
Blessington, Marguerite (Power) Farmer Gardiner, countess of, 1789-1849.
Blumenthal, Jacques (Jacob) 1829-1908.
Bonaparte, Joseph Napoleon, prince de Musingnano.
Buonarroti, C.
Burne-Jones, Sir Edward Coley, bart., 1833-1898.
Burne-Jones, Sir Philip, 2nd. bart., 1861-.
Burton, Sir Frederick William, 1816-1900.
Chapman, Frederic, 1823-1895.
Clarke, Mary Victoria Cowden-Clarke, 1809-1898.
Coquelin, Charles, 1803-1852.
Dalling and Bulwer, William Henry Lytton Earle Bulwer, baron, 1801-1927.
Dana, Richard Henry, 1787-1879.
D'Arusmont, Mme, Frances (Wright) 1795-1852.
Davenport, n.d.
Dickens, Charles, 1812-1870.
Dixon, William Hepworth, 1821-1879.
Dufferin and Ava, Frederick Temple Hamilton-Temple-Blackwood, 1st. marquis of, 1826-1902.
Eliot, George, pseud., 1819-1880.
Fields, Mrs. James (Annie Adams) 1834-1915.
Freeman, Edward Augustus, 1823-1892.
Garibaldi, Giuseppe, 1807-1882.
Garrow, Joseph, d. 1860.
Grattan, Thomas Colley, 1792-1864.
Gibson, John, 1817-1892(?)
Haliburton, Thomas Chandler, 1796-1865.
Hall, Basil, 1788-1844.
Hall, Samuel Carter, 1800-1889.
Hatton, Joseph, 1841-1907.
Horner, Miss Susan, d. 1900.
Hayward, Abraham, 1801-1884.
Hillebrand, Karl, 1829-1884.
Howitt, Mary (Botham) 1799-1888.
Howitt, William, 1792-1879.
Hughes, Thomas, 1822-1896.
Hunt, William Holman, 1827-1910.
Kean, Edmund, 1787-1833.
Kirkup, Seymour Stocker, 1788-1880.
Layard, Sir Austen Henry, 1817-1894.
Lee, Sir Sidney, 1859-1926.
Lewes, George Henry, 1817-1878.
Linton, Mrs. Elizabeth (Lynn) 1822-1898.
Locker, Arthur, 1828-1893.
Lytton, Edward Robert Bulwer-Lytton, 1st. earl of, 1831-1891.
Lytton, Rosina Doyle (Wheeler) Bulwer-Lytton, baroness, 1802-1882.
Martin, Sir Theodore, 1816-1909.
Mathews, Charles James, 1803-1878.
Maxse, Leopold, James, 1864-1932.
M Milford, Mary Russell, 1787-1855.
Nicholson, Isaac, 1789-1848.
Nott, George Frederick. 1767-1841.
Novello, Clara Anastasia, countess Gigliucci, 1818-1908.
Paget, Sir James, 1st. bart., 1814-1899.
Peard, John Whitehead, 1811-1880.
Pepoli, Giacchino Napoleone, Marquis of, 1825-1881.
Pulszky, Ferencz Aurel, 1814-1897.
Ricasoli, Bettino, barone, 1809-1880.
Richardson, John, 1780-1864.
Robinson, Geoffrey Wharton, 1879-.
Robinson, Reverend George Wharton.
Rutland, Henry John Brinsley Manners, 8th duke of, 1852-1925.
Scott, Sir Walter, 1771-1832.
Somerville, Mary (Fairfax) 1780-1872.
Story, William Wetmaore, 1819-1895.
Taylor, Mrs. Rowland (Maria Teman) b. 1836-1838(?)
Tennyson, Frederick, 1807-1898.
Ternan, Mrs. Frances Eleanor (Jarman) 1803(?)-1873.
Ternan, Thomas Lawless, d. 1846.
Trollope, Anthony, 1815-1882.
Trollope, Mrs. Frances Eleanor (Teman) 1835-1913.
Trollope, Mrs. Frances (Milton) 1780-1863.
Trollope, Henry Merivale, 1846-1926.
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Freeman, Edward Augustus, 1823-1892 folder: 23
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Garnett, Richard, 1835-1906 folder: 23
Garrow, Joseph, d. 1860 folder: 10
Grattan, Thomas Colley, 1792-1864 folder: 6
Gibson, John, 1817-1892 (?) folder: 23
Halibruton, Thomas Chandler, 1796-1865 folder: 7
Hall, Basil, 1788-1844 folder: 77
Hall, Samuel Carter, 1800-1889 folder: 15
Hatton, Joseph, 1841-1907 folder: 24
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Hayward, Abraham, 1801-1884 folder: 15
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Howitt, William, 1792-1879 folder: 15
Hughes, Thomas, 1822-1896 folder: 24
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Folder 1

**Trollope, Anthony, 1815-1882. Letters, signed, to various persons.**

Physical Description: 7 items.

Note

1 letter to Sir Theodore Martin (May 4, 1874).
1 letter to Sir Squire Bancroft (January 30, 1878).

**Trollope, Anthony, 1815-1882**

**Letters, Signed, from Various Persons**

Physical Description: (2 items)

Scope and Content Note

Correspondents include:
Folder 2  
**Paget, Sir James, 1st. bart.. 1814-1899. London, 12 July 1878.**

 Folder 2  
_____ Utrecht Transvaal, September 24, 1877.  

**Trollope, Mrs. Frances (Milton) 1780-1863**

**Letters, Signed, to Various Persons**

Physical Description: (12 items)

Scope and Content Note

Correspondents include:

Folder 3  
**Bartley, Mrs. London, 1833.**

Folder 3  
**Bernard, Lady Catherine. v.p., n.d.**

Folder 3  
**Darby, Miss. n.p., n.d.**

Folder 3  
**Murray, Mrs. Hadley. March 31, 1836.**

Folder 3  
**Nicholson, Mr. n.p., n.d.**

Folder 3  
**Ricketts, Miss A. Ambleside. August 13, 1839.**

Folder 3  
**Tyres (Tycors?) Mrs. Madrid. n.d.**

Folder 3  
**Whittaker, G.B. Harrow. January 7, 1834.**

Folder 4  
**Miford, Mary Russell, 1787-1855. Clifton. n.d.**

Physical Description: 1 item.

Folder 5  
**Fragments and unidentified letters, signed. Envelopes.**

Physical Description: 6 items. In envelopes.

Note

2 Letters, envelopes, Missing, as of October 27, 1965. BW.

**Letters, Signed, from Various Persons**

Physical Description: (4 items)

Scope and Content Note

Correspondents include:

Folder 6  
**Bartley, George, 1782(?)-1858. London. January 29, 1833.**

Folder 6  
**Buonarroti, C. n.p., 1845.**

Folder 6  
**D’Arusmont, Mme. Frances (Wright) 1795-1852. Paris. September 17, 1827(?).**

Folder 6  
**Grattan, Thomas Colley, 1792-1864. Boston. July 30, 1840.**

Folder 7  
**Haliburton, Thomas Chandler, 1796-1865. London. August 3, 1843.**

Physical Description: 7 items.

Folder 7  
**Hall, Basil, 1788-1844. v.p., 1832-1833.**

Physical Description: 6 letters.

Folder 8  
**Jamieson, Anna. Casa Guidi. 1858.**

Physical Description: 4 items.

Folder 8  
**La Fayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de, 1757-1834. La Grange, Paris. 1828.**

Physical Description: Copy of the original letter.

Folder 8  

Folder 8  
**Nott, George Frederick, 1767-1841. Winchester. 1825.**

Folder 9  
**Garrow, Theodosia (Mrs. Thomas Adolphus Trollope) 1825-1865**

Folder 9  
2 letters, signed, from Lady Blessington, 1789-1849. London. April 17 & July 31, 1840.

Folder 9  
**Garrow, Joseph, d. 1860**

Physical Description: (1 item)
| Folder 10 | Sonnet and letter, signed, from G.N. Pepoli, 1825-1881. Bologna. November 12, 1859 or 1860.  
Trollope, Thomas Adolphus, 1810-1892  
Letters, Signed, to Various Persons  
| Physical Description: (6 items)  
Scope and Content Note  
Correspondents include: |
Dickinson, Mrs. Kent. 1887.  
Horner, Miss Susan, d. 1900. Florence. September 27, 1866.  
Fragments and unidentified letters, all signed. v.p., v.d.  
| Physical Description: 4 items; 3 fragments. |
| Folder 13 | Nelly (Ellen Lawless Ternan, Mrs. George Wharton Robinson) 1839-1914. v.p., 1889-1892.  
| Physical Description: 5 items. |
| Physical Description: 2 letters. |
Hayward, Abraham, 1801-1884. London. n.d.  
Howitt, Mary (Botham) 1799-1888. n.p., n.d.  
| Physical Description: 2 letters. |
| Physical Description: 12 items. |
| Physical Description: 2 letters. |
| Physical Description: 6 letters. |
Container List

Folder 16  
Physical Description: 2 letters.  
Scope and Content Note  
On the blank side of the letter (July 11, 1840) is a page from Mrs. Frances Milton Trollope to her son.

Folder 16  
Physical Description: Incomplete letter.

Folder 17  
Pulszky, Ferencz Aurel, 1814-1897. Budapest. March 27, 1869. Italy. 1869(?).  
Physical Description: 2 letters, 8 items.

Folder 17  
Physical Description: 3 letters:

Folder 17  
Scope and Content Note  
Envelope Addressed to Thomas Adolphus Trollope, Rochester.  
Note  
Missing October 27, 1965 (BW).

Folder 19  
Trollope, Thomas Adolphus. Copper plate for calling cards bearing address, Cliff Corner, Budleigh Salterton. French passport, signed. 1846.  
Physical Description: 2 items. 

Trollope, Mrs. Frances Eleanor (Ternan) 1835-1913  
Letters to Various Persons  
Physical Description: (5 items)  
Scope and Content Note  
Correspondents include:

Folder 20  
Barret-Lennard, Mrs. C.E. v.p., 1907-1912.  
Physical Description: 5 letters:

Folder 21  
Physical Description: 10 items.

Folder 21  
Robinson, Geoffrey Wharton, 1879-. Southsea. 1911-1913.  
Physical Description: 3 letters:  
Scope and Content Note  
Also, unidentified letters (3).

Letters from Various Persons  
Physical Description: (7 items)  
Scope and Content Note  
Correspondents include:

Folder 22  
Folder 22
- Bonaparte, Joseph Napoleon, prince de Musignano Rome. January 21, 1868.
- Burne-Jones, Sir Philip, 2nd. bart., 1861-. Westgate. 1906.
  Physical Description: 2 letters.

Folder 23
  Physical Description: 6 items.
  Physical Description: 2 letters.
- Gibson, John, 1817-1892(?). n.p., n.d.
  Physical Description: 6 items.
  Physical Description: 2 letters.
  Physical Description: 2 letters, 6 items.
  Physical Description: 2 letters.
  Physical Description: 4 items.
  Scope and Content Note
  Poem in a different hand, unsigned, on last page.
- Somerville, Mary (Fairfax) 1780-1872. n.p., n.d.
- Ternan, Mrs. Frances Eleanor (Jarman) 1803(?)-1873. n.p., July 15, 1830.
  Scope and Content Note
  Letter, signed, from Edmund Kean, 1787-1833.

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Scope and Content Note
Letter, signed, with Lord Byron's hair.
Note
Hair missing, presumed stolen.

Folder 29  Ternan, W.R. Chatham. August 14, 1895.
Scope and Content Note
Letter, signed, from Charles William Beresford, 1846-1919.

Taylor, Maria (Ternan), 1836-1838(?)
Letters from Various Persons
Physical Description: (7 items)
Scope and Content Note
Correspondents include:

Folder 30  Dufferin and Ava, Frederick Temple Hamilton-Temple-Blackwood, first marquis of.
Physical Description: 3 letters.

Folder 30  Dyson, Emily. Rome. March 2, 1897.

Folder 30  Mathews, Charles James, 1803-1878. Liverpool. March 9, 1897.


Folder 31  Robinson, Mrs. George Wharton (Ellen Lawless Ternan) 1839-1914. Letter from E. and
Captain Jesse. Margate. n.d.

Physical Description: 2 letters.

Folder 33  Robinson, Geoffrey Wharton, 1879-. Letter, signed, from Henry Merivale Trollope,
1846-1926. Minchinhampton Strand. March 10, 1921.
Miscellaneous Letters
Physical Description: (3 letters)
Scope and Content Note
Signed, to and/or from Persons Not Related Directly to the Trollopes:

Folder 34  Bancroft, Sir Squire Bancroft, 1841-1926. Letter to Miss Georgina Hogarth. December
10, 1895.

n.p., ca. 1868.

4, 1825.
Physical Description: Holograph copy.

Folder 35  Miscellaneous Letters. Fragments and unidentified.
Physical Description: 14 pieces.

Literary Manuscripts
Physical Description: (3 items)
Scope and Content Note
Holograph poems, signed:

Folder 36  Howitt, Mary (Botham) 1799-1888. Memorial poem on the death of her husband
Folder 36  
**Lytton, Edward Robert Bulwer-Lytton, 1st. earl of. 1831-1891. Cintra. n.p., March 24, 1868.**  
Physical Description: 4pp.

Folder 36  
**Trollope, Thomas Adolphus, 1810-1892. Poem, n.p., n.d.**

Folder 37  
**Drawings, Hervieu, A. n.p., n.d.**  
Physical Description: 12 items.  
Scope and Content Note  
Sepia sketch of the German sculptor Dannecker.

Folder 37  
**_____. 2 pen and brush portrait heads, unidentified. n.p., n.d.**

Folder 37  
**M.S.T. (Maria Ternaa?) 8 pen-ink and pencil sketches of contemporary scenes, Rome. Addressed to Frances Eleanor Trollope Rome. n.d.**

Folder 38  
**Letters dealing with the Royal Naval Exhibition. v.p., 1891-1892.**  
Physical Description: 16 pieces.

**Trollope, Mrs. Frances Eleanor (Ternan) 1835-1913**  
Physical Description: (1 item)

Folder 39  
**Notebook of anecdotes. n.p., 1879-1890.**  
Physical Description: Holograph.  
Scope and Content Note  
Humorous episodes related to Mrs. Trollope by her sisters and friends.  
In a later hand are some stories known to Aunt Fanny or Uncle Tom.  
Also, interleaved, are some fragments of letters, bearing signatures of various persons, Apparently collected as autographs.

Folder 40  
**Autograph Album.**  
Physical Description: 1 item.  
Scope and Content Note  
Contains signatures and fragments of letters from members of the Trollope circle.