

# Guide to the William Holman Hunt Collection

GEN MSS 1129



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 1129

**CREATOR:** Hunt, William Holman, 1827-1910

**TITLE:** William Holman Hunt collection

**DATES:** 1859-1899

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.21 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of thirty-seven autograph letters, signed, written by William Holman Hunt to friends and acquaintances including Walter Crane, Sir Fred A. Eaton, and Sir William Watson. The bulk of the letters are to British artist, illustrator and designer Frederic James Shields; also present are four graphite sketches by Shields of Hunt at work at his easel.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acquired from various sources, 1948-1976. Source information is recorded at the folder level in the contents list. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

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## Processing Information

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This finding aid was produced from previously existing cards in the Manuscripts Catalog. All pertinent bibliographical information has been retained.

This collection includes materials previously identified by the following call numbers: Uncat MS Vault Hunt and Uncat MS Vault File.

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## William Holman Hunt (1827-1910)

English painter, and one of the founders of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

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## Collection Contents

### Letters, 1859-1899

9 Folders

Arranged chronologically.

|            |  |             |
|------------|--|-------------|
| b. 1, f. 1 | To "My dear William"; autograph letter, signed<br>Purchased from Blackwell on the Plain Fund, 1954.  | 1859 Apr 28 |
| b. 1, f. 2 | To "Mr. Prescott"; autograph letter, signed<br>Purchased from Arthur Rogers on the Phelps Fund, 1956.  | 1864 Mar 11 |
| b. 1, f. 3 | To "My dear sir"; autograph letter, signed<br>Gift of Robert F. Metzdorf, 1957.  | 1875 Apr 7  |
| b. 1, f. 4 | To Frederic James Shields; 28 autograph letters, signed, and 1 autograph letter<br>Purchased from Maggs on the Plain Fund, 1954.<br><br>Accompanied by four sketches by Shields of Hunt working at his easel.  | 1879-1899   |
| b. 1, f. 5 | To Walter Crane; autograph letter, signed<br>Gift of Philip M. Neufeld in honor of George Alpert, 1961.  | 1886 Aug 18 |
| b. 1, f. 6 | To Sir Fred A. Eaton; autograph letter, signed<br>Purchased on the Library Associates Fund, 1973.  | 1887 Dec 15 |
| b. 1, f. 7 | To Sir William Watson; autograph letter, signed<br>Purchased from Symington on the Plain Fund, 1948.   | 1891 Sep 25 |
| b. 1, f. 8 | To George Lillie Craik; autograph letter, signed<br>Purchased from John Wilson (Christie's sale, 23 Jun 1976, lot 207) on the Chauncey Brewster Tinker Prize Fund, 1976.<br><br>George Lillie Craik (1837-1905), nephew of the author George Lillie Craik. | 1892 Jun 10 |
| b. 1, f. 9 | To "Mrs. Whitwell"; autograph letter, signed<br>Bequest of Ray L. Murphy, 1954.  | undated     |

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Artists -- Great Britain

### **Genres / Formats**

Sketches -- Great Britain -- 19th century

### **Occupations**

Artists -- Great Britain -- 19th century

### **Names**

Craik, George Lillie, 1837-1905

Crane, Walter, 1845-1915

Eaton, Fred. A. (Frederick Alexis)

Hunt, William Holman, 1827-1910

Hunt, William Holman, 1827-1910 -- Portraits

Shields, Frederic, 1833-1911

Watson, William, 1858-1935