

William Holman Hunt, 1827 -1910

An Inventory of His Papers

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## INTRODUCTION

William Holman Hunt was born in London, April 2, 1827 and began working as an estate agent in 1843. He soon began studying in the National Gallery and the British Museum, entering the Academy Schools in 1844. There he met his lifelong friend John Everett Millais and exhibited his first painting, "Hark" (1846). The next year he submitted "Dr. Rochecliffe Performing Divine Service in the Cottage of Joceline Joliffe at Woodstock", a subject from Walter Scott, and later, Keats' "Eve of St. Agnes".

In August 1848, Hunt began working with Dante Gabriel Rossetti whose influence became evident when Hunt's next painting, "Rienzi" (1849), appeared with the initials P.R.B. after the surname. This signified Hunt's principle membership in the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, a group with whose precepts he was to remain faithful throughout his life. The Brotherhood's primary members Hunt, Rossetti and Millais used hard colours, brilliant lighting and meticulous attention to detail to establish a style that was to herald a new movement of painting in England.

Hunt traveled with Rossetti to Paris and Belgium and completed "Christians Escaping From the Druids" in 1850, but public hostility towards the Brotherhood caused the picture to be unappreciated. Although John Ruskin praised "Valentine Protecting Sylvia From Proteus" (1851), it was not until the showing of "The Light of the World" (1853) that Hunt won artistic fame. From 1854-55 Hunt visited Syria and Palestine, where he painted with the symbolic religious imagery that was to dominate his remaining work. Among his important later paintings are: "The Shadow of Death" (1870), "The Triumph of the Innocents" (1884), "May Morning on Magdalene Tower" (1889), and "The Miracle of the Sacred Fire" (1898). In 1905, Hunt published his controversial book Pre-Raphaelitism and the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood and was awarded the Order of Merit. He died in London, September 7, 1910 and was buried at St. Paul's Cathedral.

The Holman Hunt Papers first appeared in Southeby's catalogue December 1970, items 910-11 (p. 188-9), and were purchased from Mrs. Burt in 1971. The letters here included from William Bell Scott were found in the Penkill Papers and those from Frederic George Stephens were extracted from the Angeli-Dennis Papers. Additional material pertaining to Hunt can be seen in the Angeli-Dennis Papers and the Leathart Papers. Since a number of the letters were undated, a list of the dated letters is included in the security copy of the file.

*A microfilm copy of this collection is located beside the stack copy of the inventory, at A X A 8/6.*

1-4		n.d.	7
		1867	1
		1868	4
		1869	5
		1870	3
		1871	5
		1873	10
1-5		1854	1
		1874	4
	+ list of P.G.S. for W.H.H. expenses	1875	4
		1876	5
		1877	2
		1878	4
		1879	7
		1880	8
1-6	fragments	n.d.	11
1-7	Stephens, P. Clare	1875	1
	to Hunt and wife	1876	3
		1877	2
	II Subject files:		
	Information Concerning the Break		
	Between Hunt and Stephens		
1-8	note from W.M. Rossetti	1907	1
	Stephens' pamphlet criticism		
	of Hunt's autobiography	1906	1
	Stephens' letter to <u>The Times</u>		
	(shorter version of the pamphlet)		
	and other loose clippings	1907	3
	note by Edith H. Hunt about		
	the incident	n.d.	1
	draft of letter to <u>The Times</u>	1906	1

Subgroup: Edith Holman Hunt

LETTERS: INCOMING

1-9	Scott, William Bell	1881	1
		1883	1
		1887	3
1-10	Stephens, P. Clare	1876	1

<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>No. of Letters</u>
	WILLIAM HOLMAN HUNT		
	I LETTERS: INCOMING		
1-1	Scott, William Bell	<del>1855</del> [?]	1
		1866	2
		1870	1
		1871	1
		1872	1
		1878	1
		1879	1
		1880	2
		1881	1
		1883	1
		1886	1
		1887	3
		1888	2
1-2	Stephens, Frederic George	<del>1844</del> [?]	1
		1850	3
		1852	1
	+ 1 check to F.G.S. from Hunt	1853	6
		1854	3
		1855	3
1-3		1856	3
		1859	3
		1860	1
		1861	3
		1862	2
		1863	1
		1864	12
		1865	9
		1866	6

APPENDIX TO HOLMAN HUNT PAPERS.

Letters: INCOMING	Date	Pages
1-1	Scott, William Bell	24 Dec. <del>1839</del> [?] 4 11 June 1866 4 22 June 1866 3 26 May 1870 4 28 [ ] 1871 4 5 March 1872 4 5 May 1878 2 31 Dec 1879 3 22 July 1880 4 19 Sept. 1880 3 7 Feb. 1881 2 26 July 1881 3 9 Feb. 1883 2 10 Aug. 1883 3 24 June 1886 4 19 Feb. 1887 4 16 April 1887 3 14 May 1887 2 26 May 1887 2 21 June 1887 4 10 July 1887 1 6 July 1888 3 15 Aug. 1888 2

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Stephens, Frederic George

Date	Pages
[ ] Dec [ <del>1844</del> ] [?]	1
[ ] [1850]	2
29 Nov. 1850	4
[ ] [1850]	4
10 July 1852	4
[13 Aug 1853]	4
[1853]	4
[Winter 1853]	3
[1853]	3
22 July [1853]	6
[Dec. 1853]	3
check to F.G.S. from WHH for £30.00 23 Dec. 1853	1
[11 March 1854]	4
25 June 1854	4
4 Aug 1854	4
14 Nov. 1855	4
4 March 1855	4
Tues. night [1855]	4
9 Dec. 1856	4
11 Dec 1856	3
Thursday [1856]	4
19 Aug. 1859	3
22 Nov. 1859	2
1 June 1859	4
12 Nov. 1860	9
5 Aug 1860	4

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1-3 Stephens, Fredenc George (contin.)

	Date	Pages
13	Sept 1861	5
28	Oct. 1861	2
17	July 1862	2
4	Nov. 1862	2
24	Aug. 1863	3
4	Jan. 1864	2
16	May 1864	3
19	May 1864	3
20	July 1864	2
26	July 1864	6
25	Oct 1864	6
14	Dec. 1864	4
16	Dec. 1864	4
19	Dec. 1864	4
24	Dec. 1864	4
26	Dec. 1864	4
19	Feb. 1865	4
4	May 1865	4
4	May [1865]	2
27	June 1865	2
26	Aug. 1865	8
26	Sept. 1865	6
17	Oct. 1865	2
19	Oct 1865	2
11	Nov. 1865	4
13	Feb. 1866	3
28	Feb. 1866	3
18	April 1866	4
17	May 1866	3
31	May 1866	4



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Stephens, Frederic George (contin.)

Dates	Pages
30 Sept. 1873	4
19 Nov. 1873	2
26 Nov. 1873	2
17 Oct. 1873	3
20 Oct. 1873	1
27 Dec. 1873	7
29 Dec 1873	2
[Spring 1854]	3
10 Jan. 1874	2
9 Feb 1874	2
23 Feb. 1874	2
29 Aug. 1874	2
20 Aug 1875	4
19 Sept. 1875	2
12 Nov. 1875	2
5 Dec. 1875	2
20 Jan 1876	4
29 June 1876	2
14 March 1876	2
14 March 1876	2
23 May 1876	2
4 April 1877	4
13 Sept. 1878	4
1 June 1878	4
24 June 1878	4
10 Sept. [ ]	1
11 Dec. 1879	3
1 Jan. 1879	2
19 March 1879	4
12 April. 1879	3
2 May 1879	2

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FGS expenses list

1-5 Stephens, Frederic George

Dates	Pages
10 Aug 1879	4
20 Aug 1879	3
26 Jan. 1880	4
Tues. night [ ]	1
29 Jan. 1880	4
3 Feb. 1880	3
11 Feb. 1880	7
16 Feb. 1880	3
[ ] Feb 1880	2
2 Dec. 1880	1

1-5 Stephens, P. Clare  
(F.G. Stephen's son)

to "My dear Godfather"  
to "My dear Friends"  
(Mr. and Mrs. Hunt)  
to Edith H. Hunt

1 Dec. 1875	4
1 May 1876	2
3 Aug 1876	1
19 May 1877	2
1 July 1876	2

1 Stephens, F.G.  
- fragments.

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