

A Guide to the Sidney Lanier Collection

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English

Extent

15 items

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University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903
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Item Listing

Manuscripts

Poem: "Solace"

Unit Date [1867-1881]

Extent AMsS, 1 p.

Scope and Content

[Published as "A Song of Eternity in Time"]

Poem: "Solace" (second verse)

Unit Date 1881 April

Extent AMsS, 1 p.

Scope and Content

[Published as "A Song of Eternity in Time." Written to Mrs. Fred M. Steele.]

Poem: "Clover"

Unit Date [1876]

Extent AMsS, 7 p.

Scope and Content

[In memory of John Keats]

Poem: "The Stirrup-Cup"

Unit Date [1877]

Extent AMsS, 2 p.

Poem: "A Florida Ghost"

Unit Date [1877]

Extent AMsS, 6 p.

Letters

Sidney Lanier to Mariquita da G. A. de la Figaniere Peacock

Unit Date 1875 Mar 14

Extent ALS, 3 p. w/typed copy

Scope and Content

[Speaks of his miserable trip from Philadelphia to Baltimore. Explains that an attack of pleurodynia has kept him from thanking her sooner. Sends greetings to Gibson Peacock. Mentions Edward Jenkins, Grinx's Baby: His birth and Other Misfortunes, and Dante Alighieri.]

Sidney Lanier to John McDowell Leavitt[?]

Unit Date 1878 Dec 4

Extent ALS, 1 p. w/2 typed copies

Scope and Content

[Mentions his paper, "A Forgotten English Poet," about Bartholomew Griffin, which he sent through A. S. Barnes & Co. and wanted offered to International Review. Asks if it has arrived, as he has received no acknowledgment.]

Sidney Lanier to unknown

Unit Date 1879 Jun 29

Extent ALS, 2 p.

Scope and Content

[Sends two poems, "Sunset" and another, as more representative than anything he sent before. Says they will be better than "Betrayal," which is one of the songs from "The Jacquerie." Notes that "Sunset" was set to music by Dudley Buck after it appeared in Lippincott's Magazine; the second poem was published in Scribner's Monthly. Thanks correspondent for article on Paul Hamilton Hayne.]

Sidney Lanier to Charles Scribner's Sons

Unit Date 1880 Mar 29

Extent ALS, 1 p.

Scope and Content

[Thanks for the Portfolio of Proof Impressions. Says that the world is indebted for their work with wood-engraving. He particularly likes the one of Ralph Waldo Emerson.]

Mary Day Lanier to Mr. Hayes

Unit Date 1883 Sep 24

Extent ALS, 4 p.

Scope and Content

[Sends Sidney Lanier's poem "Strange Jokes," discussing it briefly and asking for word on it soon. Thanks him for letter. Says that few realize that Lanier's genius "was of that order which must make laws unto itself." Claims illness prevented her writing more fully. Mentions [William Hand] Browne, Joseph's brethren, William Kirkus.]

Mary Day Lanier to John Eliot Bowen

Unit Date 1884 Dec 30

Extent ALS, 1 p.

Scope and Content

[Says she has tried to fulfill Mrs. Strickland's wish, but only this verse remained, as she has stored most of the original poems in Baltimore. She has added Sidney Lanier's signature from a letter. Adds that she is sending them to him as she feels his office can add something from William Hayes Ward.]

Mary Day Lanier to William Elliot Griffis

Unit Date 1887 Dec 7

Extent ALS, 3 p.

Scope and Content

[Thanks him for his letter. Expresses a desire to see him. Mentions traveling for her health, and her father Charles Day's death. Tells of her friend Lt. John McIntosh Kell, who served with Commodore

Matthew Calbraith Perry on the expedition to Japan. Thanks for his description of his pastoral work. Says she would like to complete the amendments to his copy of *The English Novel*.]

Mary Day Lanier to Henry Paret

Unit Date 1894 Jun 25

Extent ALS, 6 p. w/env

Scope and Content

[Apologizes for not handling his request sooner. Says she has assumed that everything she sent must be accompanied by Sidney Lanier's signature and she can't find anything with his later handwriting. Gives a brief analysis of Lanier's handwriting over the years. Paret may keep enclosed title page to *How to Read Chaucer*, and envelopes. Suggests he contact Daniel Coit Gilman. Says that *How to Read Chaucer* was never completed because Lanier waited to find a publisher before he started.]

Mary Day Lanier to William Elliot Griffis

Unit Date n. y. May 1

Extent ALS, 1 p.

Scope and Content

[Says she is a guest of Sara Thorpe Bull for a few days and would like to meet him. Expresses gratitude for his friendship to Sidney Lanier.]

Miscellaneous

Envelope addressed to Mary Day Lanier (in Sidney Lanier's handwriting), care of her brother Henry Coit Day

Unit Date n. y. April 23

Extent Envelope