

A Guide to the Paul Hamilton Hayne Collection

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Item Listing

Manuscripts

Poem, " In Harbor"

Unit Date 1883 Apr 22

Extent

AMsS,
3 p.

Poem Fragment

Unit Date 1885 Jan 1

Extent

AMsS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Begins, "I stand today as on a mountain light . . ."]

Poem, " May"

Unit Date [1885]

Extent

AMsS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[On second page of group of poems entitled "Quatrains."] (in purple slipcase, "MS Poems and Letters of Paul H. Hayne")

Poem, " A Homeless Wind"

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

AMsS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[On first page of a group of poems entitled "Quatrains."] (in purple slipcase, "MS Poems and Letters of Paul H. Hayne")

Poem, " An Aged Wind"

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

AMsS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[On first page of a group of poems entitled "Quatrains."] (in purple slipcase, "MS Poems and Letters of Paul H. Hayne, " Barrett Room)

Poem, " June"

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

AMsS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Two copies.] (one copy in purple slipcase, "MS Poems and Letters of Paul H. Hayne, " Barrett Room)

Song, " The Winter-winds may wildly rave. "

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

AMsS,
1 p.

Poem, " The Decline of Faith"

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

AMsS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Published as " On the Decline of Faith. "]

Letters

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Charleston, to Silas Weir Mitchell, Philadelphia

Unit Date 1857 Oct 25

Extent

ALS,
4 p.

Scope and Content

[Includes " Sonnet, " a poem; thanks him for hospitality received in Philadelphia; says he arrived safely in Charleston where all of Mitchell's friends are well; says he has delivered letter to Bruns who tearfully remembered his old Philadelphia haunts and had to be consoled by glasses of Schnapps; finds Charleston dull, disgusting, and dismal; says most banks are in terrible shape, even editors are affected by the situation; talks about poetry, his and Mitchell's; says that Mitchell's tribute will appear in November in Russell's Magazine; invites him to Charleston where Bruns, Dr. [Samuel Henry] Dickinson, and he would give him an enjoyable time; mentions Mitchell's mother and father, Dr. John Kearsley Mitchell.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Augusta, Georgia, to Professor N. C. Crouch, Charlottesville, Virginia

Unit Date 1867 Sep 10

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Says he is pleased to know the identity of their valued contributor "Publicata"; discusses business matters as well as essays and poems by Crouch; asks for another copy of Crouch's poem, " Give me a Drink of Water, Rebel, " as the greater part of it was accidentally destroyed.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, Augusta, Georgia, to "My Dear Friend"

Unit Date 1872 Mar 28

Extent

ALS,
4 p.

Scope and Content

[Makes various statements about the lack of cleanliness of "American Citizens of African descent" after emancipation; claims that they have given up washing themselves first chance they got and during slavery, "these creatures" were forced to wash now and then; speculates on the interesting time entomologists would have with Negroes' hair, etc.; asks to be sent the article "Southern Country Life" from Appleton's Journal regarding the Negroes' robbing southern country homes which he experienced in his own household for years; implores him not to publish two of his poems in Globe Quarterly Reviews since he has already given them to Atlantic Monthly and Appleton's Journal; remarks on his own work; praises correspondent's essays on William Wordsworth; mentions [Margaret Junkin] Preston's review.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Augusta, Georgia, to "My Dear Sir"

Unit Date 1874 Mar 6

Extent

ALS,
4 p.

Scope and Content

[Discusses business; acknowledges receipt of a check for 10 dollars and explains, at great length, the mystery of a lost check for 15 dollars.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Augusta, Georgia, to Epes Sargent, Boston

Unit Date 1874

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Expresses thanks to Sargent for being the first man to greet him during his visit to Boston.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, Georgia, to [Mary Louise] Booth, [New York]

Unit Date 1875 May 14

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Commiserates in reply to her note; says he is a rheumatic fever sufferer himself; wishes she had come further South to see him and his family; says she would have gotten into "another world"; describes his reduced circumstances, household inconveniences, but also the glory of cultivated and wild flowers; dreams of one more trip to Florida.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, Georgia, to Hill

Unit Date 1878 Jan 18

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Talks about his and Hill's poems; praises Hill's work, especially a poem appeared in Leslie's Sunday Magazine; marvels how he has time to write poetry since he works in an insurance office; comments on exchanged photos; says Hill's photo reminds him of Captain Paul Seabrook, a friend, who was killed in battle.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, Georgia, to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Unit Date 1878 Aug 19

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Sends 4 of his unpublished sonnets to be judged; says he is isolated from the literary community and gets little critical advice in Georgia; speaks technically and at length about sonnets; mentions the terrible heat, not experienced in decades, in the South; sends him a poem by Annie Chambers Ketchum.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, Georgia, to Oran S. Baldwin, New York

Unit Date 1878 Oct 15

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Sends a poem on approval; offers it for \$5; asks if Baldwin has seen his poem " The South to the North"

which was published in the New York Sun.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Augusta, Georgia, to Oran S. Baldwin, New York

Unit Date 1879 Jan 9

Extent

ALS,
p.

Scope and Content

[Promises to do all he can, as editor of several Southern papers, to circulate, and help to prosper, Baldwin's Monthly in the South; hopes to be able to sell some of his own prose pieces on Southern life to the publication.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Augusta, Georgia, to Oran S. Baldwin, New York

Unit Date 1879 Jan 25

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Says he will let him have the poems for \$6, less than he usually gets; accepts this price, as he is poor; offers short prose articles, maybe an article on Percy Bysshe Shelley, which should interest all intelligent readers.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, Georgia, to [Eliza Anna Farman] Pratt, Boston

Unit Date 1879 Oct 31

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Says he has just returned from a trip North; regrets not to have brought his wife to her office, as they were besieged by visitors; says he will always remember her and her husband's kindness and courtesy; talks about mail that seems to have gotten lost or misdirected by his son and the loss of his business memorandum book, which makes him unsure if she has paid him for 2 pieces, etc.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, Georgia, to "Dear Sir"

Unit Date 1880 Jan 8

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Sends requested autograph and a poem, " The Pines Mystery. "]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, Georgia, to "Dear Sir"

Unit Date 1880 Jan 15

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Sends requested autograph with pleasure.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, to "Dear Sir"

Unit Date 1880 Feb 12

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Includes news clippings of " On the Death of President Garfield" and " The Centennial Ode, " both by Hayne; responds to the correspondent's request for Hayne's autograph, which he will include in his grandfather, Chief Justice Lane's, autograph volume; obliges proudly; recommends William Henry Sparks' Memory of Fifty Years; correspondent mentions Connecticut Governor Oliver Wolcott and Wolcott's opinion on Jefferson and Washington.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, Georgia, to unknown

Unit Date 1881 Feb 3

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Responds to autograph-seeker who admires Hayne's poems.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, Georgia, to Mr. Collins

Unit Date 1881 Apr 9

Extent ALS,2 p.w/typewritten copy

Scope and Content

[Discusses a letter, "containing a rather elaborate and important commentary of mine. . ." which he sent to Collins and has been lost in the mail; says that 2 of Collins' "most spirited pieces" were also lost with the letter; comments on the work of [Edgar] Fawcett's bitterness about the treatment of his Sixes and Sevens by the critics; doubts the editorial capacity of [Thomas Bailey] Aldrich who has taken over The Atlantic Monthly.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, Georgia, to "My Dear Sir"

Unit Date 1882 May 1

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Recalls that the correspondent was associated with the editorship of Appleton's Journal years ago; responds to correspondent's request for Hayne to put the correspondent's play into blank verse for opera by saying that he will make no commitment as he has not seen the manuscript and does not even know its name; says that the task seems possible to him; wonders if he would have to collaborate with Dudley Buck; wonders if the play has been a success on stage; says his friend, Mr. Stephens seems to think the play if equal to The Lady of Lions.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, Georgia, to "My Dear Sir," [Portland, Maine]

Unit Date 1882 Jun 29

Extent ALS,2 p.w/typewritten copy

Scope and Content

[Says he is highly pleased and grateful to the correspondent for publishing his poem " The Pole of Death" in The Eastern Argus; appreciates the criticism published, especially the defense of on line in the poem; speaks with warmth of another citizen of Portland, his beloved friend, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, who passed away just 3 months ago.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, Georgia, to [Peter Fenelon?] Collier, [North London?]

Unit Date 1882 Jul 4

Extent

ALS,
4 p.

Scope and Content

[Praises him lavishly regarding his character, humor, and wholesomeness; says Collier reminds him of Leigh Hunt who is his favorite among the poets and essayists of the century; passes judgement on [James Berry] Benzel, who has a "morbid view of feeling" but a heart of gold; comments on Collier's Longfellow poem; praises his other poetic efforts; speaks of Lothrop's edition of his works and the gratitude of he owes his younger brethren of the "guild", Collier included.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Georgia, to "Gentlemen"

Unit Date 1884 Dec 15

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Congratulates them on the success of their publication, especially the Swinburne number; talks about his correspondence with Swinburne; mentions an engraving by Kaulbach; says he is impressed by the figure of Titan; encloses another "Sonnet," as they already have several of his; hopes they can use it and give him a fair honorarium; mentions one of his works which has won high praise.] (in purple slipcase, "MS Poems and Letters of Paul H. Hayne")

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, to "Gentlemen"

Unit Date 1885 Jan 8

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Says he has been very ill; inquires if his sonnets " King Huimbert" and " The Renegade" ever reached them; says he had also "begged" them to continue sending their paper to him.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, to [Henry Chandler Bowen], New York

Unit Date 1885 Feb 5

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Discusses money matters; says he is incredulous that " Sonnets" should fetch only \$5; inquires about another set of verses he has sent; expresses gladness about Dr. Ward's safety; praises poem by Eric Mackay to Swinburne.] (in purple slipcase, "MS Poems and Letters of Paul H. Hayne")

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, to [Henry Chandler] Bowen, New York

Unit Date 1885 Mar 15

Extent

ALS,
3 p.

Scope and Content

[Calls him a person with heart and character, a gentleman, a Christian, and an "Editorial Machine"; inquires after the London address of Eric Mackay, a genuine poet; wonders if his piece "The Children of the [Wood]" is in Bowen's possession; reports that the "Gordon Lyric" is attracting attention and praise; reflects on the relationship of poets, they ought to be brothers or, at least, courteous rivals; requests an article by [Robert Williams] Buchanan on George Eliot which appeared in Bowen's paper.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill to [Henry Chandler] Bowen, New York

Unit Date 1885 Mar 23

Extent

ALS,
3 p.

Scope and Content

[Hopes that Eric Mackay, "a man of genius," will become known in America once his work is published in Bowen's paper; discusses Hayne's poetry in progress.] (in purple slipcase, "MS Poems and Letters of Paul H. Hayne," Barrett Room)

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, to [Henry Chandler] Bowen, New York

Unit Date 1885 May 6

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Mentions Dr. [William Hayes] Ward's return from the Orient; discusses verse-form, his published poem "May"; encloses "June" for possible publication.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, to Henry Chandler Bowen, New York

Unit Date 1885 May 28

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Inquires after Bowen's wishes as to the form of the "In Memoriam" for Victor Hugo he is writing; calls Hugo the greatest Frenchman "perhaps" since Francois Rabelais.]

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, to Henry Chandler Bowen, New York

Unit Date 1885 Jun 5

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Thanks him for friendly notice in the Independent about "Robins in the Wind"; discusses financial matters, the Victor Hugo verses.] (in purple slipcase, "MS Poems and Letters of Paul H. Hayne")

Miscellaneous

Paul Hamilton Hayne, Copse Hill, to Oran S. Baldwin, New York

Unit Date 1876 Dec 19

Extent

ANS,

1 p.

Scope and Content

[Receipt to Baldwin for \$10.]

Engraving

Paul Hamilton Hayne, head and shoulders, signed

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

Engraving

Scope and Content

(in purple slipcase, "MS Poems and Letters of Paul H. Hayne")

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