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Overview

Title: George Cruikshank collection
Call Number: Coll315
Creator: Cruikshank, George (1792-1878)
Dates: 1792-1878
Size: 1.5 linear feet (1 document box and 1 flat box)
Language: English
Abstract: George Cruikshank was a celebrated 19th century British book illustrator, famous for his vivid characterizations. His drawings illustrated the works of many noted authors, including Charles Dickens.
Citation: George Cruikshank Collection, Collection 315, Special Collections, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (Baltimore, MD).

Administrative/Biographical Note

George Cruikshank (September 27, 1792- February 1, 1878) was born in London, England. His father, Isaac Cruikshank, was one of the leading caricaturists of the 1790s and George worked as his father's apprentice and assistant. George's brother, Isaac Robert, also followed in his father's footsteps as a caricaturist and illustrator. George Cruikshank started to focus on book illustrations. His illustrations range from his first major work, Egans Life in London to Dickens' Oliver Twist. After 1850, Cruikshank's focus changed to his obsession with temperance and anti-smoking. Cruikshank developed palsy later in his life and his work declined in quality. Cruikshank died in 1878. (Bibliography based on Albert Cohn's George Cruikshank: A Catalogue Raisonne).

Scope & Content

Arrangement

The Cruikshank manuscripts are arranged as follows: Series I: Letters from George Cruikshank Series II: Letters to George Cruikshank Series III: Manuscripts and Drawings by George Cruikshank Series IV: Drawings of George Cruikshank

Provenance Information

Processing Note

Collection was originally arranged and described by Timothy D. Pratt on October 24, 1988 and adapted by Laurainne Ojo-Ohikuare in March 2021.

Descriptive Rules Used

Describing Archives: a Content Standard (DACS)

[Archives Processing Manual: Description \(2015\)](#): The processing manual used in Special Collections for all descriptive platforms, including PastPerfect.

Access & Use

Finding Aids

Finding aid available.

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Subject Headings

Creators

Cruikshank, George (1792-1878)

Subjects

Illustrators--Books and reading

Typography

Series Description & Container List

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Series I. Letters from George Cruikshank

Date: 1804-1876

Extent: 28 Letters

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
ALS	undated	1	1	Description
ALS	undated	1	2	Description
July 25, 1804	July 25, 1804	1	3	Description
January 12, 1828	January 12, 1828	1	4	Description
May 12, 1830	May 12, 1830	1	5	Description
November 22, 1830	November 22, 1830	1	6	Description
May 14, 1847	May 14, 1847	1	7	Description
October 21, 1854	October 21, 1854	1	8	Description
November 23, 1855	November 23, 1855	1	9	Description
January 18, 1856	January 18, 1856	1	10	Description
July 21, 1860	July 21, 1860	1	11	Description
August 31, 1861	August 31, 1861	1	12	Description
May 29, [1865]	May 29, [1865]	1	13	Description
May 14, 1866	May 14, 1866	1	14	Description
May 8, 1868	May 8, 1868	1	15	Description
May 29, 1868	May 29, 1868	1	16	Description
January 31, 1871	January 31, 1871	1	17	Description
September 21, 1871	September 21, 1871	1	18	Description
January 4, 1873	January 4, 1873	1	19	Description
May 1873	May 1873	1	20	Description
June 9, 1974	June 9, 1974	1	21	Description
September 22, 1874	September 22, 1874	1	22	Description
November 13, 185	November 13, 185	1	23	Description
January 8, 1876	January 8, 1876	1	24	Description
January 15, 1876	January 15, 1876	1	25	Description
May 14, 1876	May 14, 1876	1	26	Description
May 25, 1876	May 25, 1876	1	27	Description
July 10, 1876	July 10, 1876	1	28	Description

Series II: Letter to George Cruikshank

Date: 1852-1852

Extent: 1 letter

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
March 12, 1852	March 12, 1852	1	29	Description

Series III: Manuscripts and Drawings by Cruikshank

Date: 1833-1836, undated

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
ANS	undated	1	30	Description
AMss and sketch	undated	1	31	Description
AMS	undated	1	32	Description
Sketch in pencil	undated	1	33	Description
Sketch in pencil	undated	1	34	Description
Sketch in ink, signed	undated	1	35	Description
Watercolor drawing, signed	undated	1	36	Description
"My Sketch book" of Geo Cruikshank	1833-1836	2	1	
Bound Book of George Cruikshank illustrations	undated	2	2	

Series IV: Drawing of Cruikshank

Date: 1912-1912

Folder Title/Description	Date	Box #	Folder #	Additional Info.
Sketch in pencil by Francis Nabus	November 25, 1912	1	37	Description



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