The Carlyle Collection of Rodger L. Tarr
Armstrong Browning Library,
Baylor University

The following bibliography of items held in the Carlyle Collection of Rodger L. Tarr, recently acquired by the Armstrong Browning Library, Baylor University, does not nor is intended to serve as a definitive container list for the archive. The librarians at the ABL will make the official list of items in the Tarr Collection available to scholars in May 2010. In addition to its service as an introduction to an important new collection, the list provided here as an appendix to Professor Tarr’s preface is intended to reflect the results of his life as a collector, a way of life worthy of remembrance in these less than Halcyon days of E-Bay and Google-driven collecting. The editors thank the librarians of the ABL for their kind support of our presentation of this material.


Primary Materials


*Collectanea Thomas Carlyle.* As above, in rarer Binding A.


*Goethe’s Novel*. London: Edward Moxon, 1837. First Edition, unauthorized, one of the rarest Carlyle items. Only two other copies found, both at the Beinecke Library. This is by far the best copy of the three. Tarr A9.1.


Jane Welsh Carlyle: Letters to Her Family, 1839–1863. Ed. Leonard Huxley. London: John Murray, 1924. Tarr G5.1.a. Note: Stunning Presentation and Association Copy. Pasted inside the front cover: “To B. W. Bell / in token of her kind and deep interest in this Book. / from / Mary R. Chrystal / May 10th 1924.” There is an asterisk beside Mary Chrystal’s name and written below it is: Miss Chrystal was the daughter of “Babbie” of the Letters & it was Bell who advised their publication.” Written on the front free end paper: “The Corrections in this book were / sent to me by the late Alex. Carlyle / With whom I became very friendly. / G. W. Bell.” There are numerous corrections throughout the text by Alexander Carlyle, the nephew of Carlyle.


Letters Addressed to Mrs. Basil Montagu and B. W. Proctor by Thomas Carlyle. Privately printed, 1881. 1 of 50 copies in original wrappers, address to Lady Strachie on the back cover with half-penny stamp present.


Letters of Jane Welsh Carlyle to Joseph Neuberg, second copy as above.


Montaigne and Other Essays Chiefly Biographical. Ed. S. R. Crockett. London: James Gowans, 1897. Tarr A53.1.b. Note: Large Paper Copy, 1 of 60 for sale. Very rare. I have seen only two other copies.


The Squire Papers [Appendix to Cromwell’s Letters and Speeches]. London: Chapman and Hall, 1849. First Edition. Tarr A19. Note: the Squire Papers are forgeries and resulted in considerable embarrassment to Carlyle. I have seen only one other copy, which was not in this superb condition. One of the rarest Carlyle items.


Thomas Carlyle Table Talk. Liverpool: Cope’s Tobacco Plant, 1890. Binding: wrappers. Note: fine copy of Cope’s Smoke Room Booklets, no. 5.


Secondary Materials


Borg, James M. W. *Rare Book Catalogue containing Carlyle material*, 1982. Rare.


*Chronica Jocelini de Brakelonda*. Londini: Sumptibus Societatis Camdenensis, 1840. First Edition. Binding: original cloth. Note: This is one of the rarest Carlyle items. The Corrigendum is present. This very rare chronicle inspired him to write *Past and Present* (1843). I have never seen another copy in such a pristine binding.


Clare, Maurice. *A Day With Thomas Carlyle*. 2nd copy, as above.


Duval, K[ulgin]. D. *Scott and His Scotland: A Catalogue to Mark the Bicentenary of the Birth of Sir Walter Scott*. Pitlochry, Scot.: n.p., 1971. Binding: large paper. Note: This catalogue transformed pricing for rare books, raising prices considerably from what books previously had been fetching. Prices for Carlyle material, for example, more than doubled. Rare.


Richardson, W. L. *A Visit to Carlyle’s Annandale*. Chicago, IL: Privately Printed, 1913. Note: A fine copy marred only by the previous owner’s signature.


Author of Thomas Carlyle, A bibliography of English language articles on Thomas Carlyle: 1900-1965, The critical response to Thomas Carlyle's major works, Carlyles at Home and Abroad, As Ever Yours, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Carlyle past and present, Lectures on Carlyle & his era. Rodger L. Tarr. 11 works Add another? Most Editions | First Published | Most Recent.

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The original collection of Browning works were donated to Baylor in 1918 by Dr. A.J. Armstrong. After the death of the Browning's only son Robert Barrett Browning and subsequent sale of their collection, Dr. Armstrong obtained a list of the items sold and their purchasers, and attempted to acquire the memorabilia via donation or purchase. Dr. Armstrong's collection was originally housed in the Carroll Library. Rodger L. Tarr, a South Carolina alumnus who prepared the standard Pittsburgh bibliography of Carlyle's writings (1989), built up this superb collection over a twenty-year period. The collection comprises approximately 1500 items, including first editions and reprints in original condition of Carlyle's works from his translation of Legendre's Elements of Geometry (Edinburgh, 1824) onwards. The collection also has works by and about Jane Welsh Carlyle, and visual materials and secondary publications on both the Carlyles.

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Hidden Gems are places that you might have stumbled on by accident, or heard about through word of mouth. After you visit, you are left wondering, â€œWow, why Baylor University Browning Museum Museums. Armstrong Browning Library, Baylor University. The Garden of Contentment outside the Armstrong Browning Library at Baylor University. Beautiful, quiet place to study, relax, or take a walk. The trees even have power outlets to plug into for extended study sessions.

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- [Official Armstrong Browning Library Website](http://www.browninglibrary.org/)
- [Baylor University website](http://www.baylor.edu)
- [Libraries at Baylor University website](http://www.baylor.edu/lib)

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Product Identifiers:
- Publisher: University of Pittsburgh Press
- ISBN-10: 0822936070

The Armstrong Browning Library hides in plain sight on Baylor’s Campus. An ornate, majestic Italian building paying tribute to Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Robert Browning’s poetry and love story is a delightful find. The acoustics and attention to detail in the Meditation Room and the 3rd floor Parlor help history come alive while the 63 stained glass windows attempt to steal the show. Many works of art are displayed in stairwells and quiet rooms including some by their son, Pen. It was so nice to see the campus, Baylor university is beautiful a huge! The library houses Robert and Elizabeth Barret Browning material and some rare 19th century books. The building has a unique beauty because of the stain glasses. All or my kids 7,14 and 16 years old enjoy it and learn a lot.