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# Guide to the Letters to Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett- Browning circa 1844-1875



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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.MS633
<b>Title</b>	Letters to Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett-Browning
<b>Date</b>	circa 1844-1875
<b>Size</b>	0.25 linear feet (1 box)
<b>Repository</b>	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
<b>Abstract</b>	Letters from poet Bryan Waller Procter and his wife Anne Benson Procter, to Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

## Information on Use

### Access

The collection is open for research.

### Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Letters to Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett-Browning (Ms 633), [Box #, Folder #], Hanna Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

### Historical Note

Bryan Waller Procter (1787-1874) was an English poet who published under the pseudonym Barry Cornwall. In addition to his writing, Procter practiced law and served on the Lunacy Commission, which oversaw asylums in England and Wales. Anne Benson Skepper (1799-1888) married Bryan Waller Procter in 1823. The Procter's daughter, Adelaide Anne Procter (1825-1864) was a poet, feminist, and philanthropist, noted as the favorite poet of Queen Victoria.

The Procters were active in English literary life and, in addition to the Brownings, included Charles Dickens, essayist Charles Lamb, poet Leigh Hunt, William Makepeace Thackeray, Wilkie Collins, and many others among their circle.

### Scope Note

The collection includes twenty-three letters from Bryan Waller Procter and Anne Benson Procter to Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett Browning. The letters largely concern social events and personal matters. Also included is the envelope from a letter from Adelaide Anne Procter to Robert Browning.

## **Subject Headings**

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett, 1806-1861
- Browning, Robert, 1812-1889
- Cornwall, Barry, 1787-1874
- Procter, Bryan Waller, 1787-1874
- Procter, Anne B.
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- Manuscripts, English

## **INVENTORY**

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 1**

Adelaide Anne Procter to Robert Browning, envelope only, November 23, 1843

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 2**

Bryan Waller Procter to Robert Browning, February 15, 1844

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 3**

Bryan Waller Procter to Robert Browning, May 16 or 17, 1844

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 4**

Bryan Waller Procter to Robert Browning, January 22, 1845

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 5**

Bryan Waller Procter to Robert Browning, June 9, 1845

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 6**

Bryan Waller Procter to Robert Browning, March 11, 1846

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 7**

Bryan Waller Procter to Robert Browning, circa August 1851

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 8**

Anne Benson Procter to Elizabeth Barrett Browning, April 15, 1854

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 9**

Bryan Waller Procter to Robert Browning, September 1, 1855

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 10**

Bryan Waller Procter to Robert Browning, October 2, 1855

**Box 1**

**Folder 11**

Bryan Waller Procter to Robert Browning, July 29, 1856

**Box 1**

**Folder 12**

Bryan Waller Procter to Robert Browning, February 11, 1864

**Box 1**

**Folder 13**

Bryan Waller Procter to Robert Browning, December 24, 1864?

**Box 1**

**Folder 14**

Bryan Waller Procter to Robert Browning, November 14, 1867

**Box 1**

**Folder 15**

Bryan Waller Procter to Robert Browning, July 27, 1868

**Box 1**

**Folder 16**

Bryan Waller Procter to Robert Browning, November 6, 1868

**Box 1**

**Folder 17**

Bryan Waller Procter to Robert Browning, November 3, 1869

**Box 1**

**Folder 18**

Bryan Waller Procter to Robert Browning, late July, 1873

**Box 1**

**Folder 19**

Anne Benson Procter to Robert Browning, September 28, 1874

**Box 1**

**Folder 20**

Anne Benson Procter to Robert Browning, April 19, 1875

**Box 1**

**Folder 21**

Anne Benson Procter to Robert Browning, June 17, 1883

**Box 1**

**Folder 22**

Anne Benson Procter to Robert Browning, October 23, 1884

**Box 1**

**Folder 23**

Anne Benson Procter to Robert Browning, December 26, 1884

**Box 1**

**Folder 24**

Anne Benson Procter to Robert Browning, January 16, 1885