Graydon E. Spalding Collection of Works by and about Edgar Allan Poe

Collection Summary

Title: Graydon E. Spalding Collection of Works by and about Edgar Allan Poe
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Restrictions: None

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Content Note

The Graydon E. Spalding Collection of Works by and about Edgar Allan Poe contains selected photocopied material from the original printings of some of Poe’s short stories and poems that were published in books or magazines in the mid-19th century. Also, there are some secondary source material regarding Poe’s life and family and an undated lithograph engraving of Poe. These materials were collected by Spalding while he worked as the Supervisor of the Henry E. Huntington Library (HEH) Rare Books Vault from 1945 to 1975 located in San Marino, California.

Detailed Description: Box and Folder Listing

Box 1 FF 1 Contains The Yankee Magazine (1829); Poe’s earliest poems. Photocopy from Henry E. Huntington Library (HEH) copy #6725 and 109067. Also
contains five cards itemizing contents of same by Graydon E. Spaulding (G. E. S.).

Box 1 FF 2 Contains HEH photocopies: (1) Poe’s parents mentioned in Poe and His Poetry--HEH accession # 293237; (2) Poe’s parents listed as actors in Chronology of the American Stage by Francis C. Wemyss (1752-1852) HEH accession # 245504; (3) Written notes from HEH source books on Poe’s parents as actors by G. E. S.

Box 1 FF 3 Contains an extract from Harper’s New Monthly Magazine (1872): Stoddard’s biography of Poe.

Box 1 FF 4 News article “Famous Picture of Poe Is Placed on Exhibition” (1933) which discusses the history of Poe’s daguerreotype.

Box 1 FF 5 Contains a photocopy of Edgar Poe and His Critics by Sarah Helen Whitman. In HEH accession # 13525, with publisher’s leaf (two books in Spalding’s collection: one with, one without publisher’s leaf).


Box 1 FF 7 Contains three envelopes addressed to Spalding containing the first day of issue of Edgar A. Poe’s United States postage stamps: 3 cents, and postmarked Richmond, Virginia, October 7, 1949.

Box 1 FF 8 Contains a newspaper clipping about Poe’s Tamerlane.

Box 1 FF 9 Contains a manuscript play, Never the Morrow In the Life of Edgar Allan Poe. Written by Graydon E. Spalding, n. d., 87 pages.

Box 1 FF 10 Contains a copy of an Edgar Allan Poe photograph. The copy is stamped with Graydon E. Spalding’s name. Also includes a notecard with information regarding Poe’s mother and father. These two items were associated with the copy of The Repertory, which is located in the oversized manuscript collection.

Box 1 FF 11 Contains a framed lithograph engraving of Edgar A. Poe (undated). On the back contains information regarding the different people who owned the picture.

Oversized Storage Contains a photocopy of Al Aaraaf, Tamerlane, and Minor Poems by Edgar A. Poe (Baltimore: Hatch and Dunning), 1829.

Oversized Storage Contains a photocopy of The Murders in the Rue Morgue and the Man that Was Used Up by Edgar A. Poe (Philadelphia: William H. Graham), 1843.

Oversized Storage Contains a copy of The Repertory (newspaper): Boston - Friday, October 24, 1806. On third page, fourth column at the top of the page there is a notice proclaiming the Poe’s father is appearing in a part of the play Richard III.