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NOTE ON JAMES' SIGNATURE

His father was also "Henry James". James signed as "H. James jr." until after his father's death on 18 Dec 1882.

A. Letters from James.

A:1. To: Messrs J.R. **OSGOOD** and Co.

Date: [18]71 Oct 4.

Place: US: Mass: Cambridge: Quincy St.

Begins: "Dear Sirs. I beg to enclose..."

Precis: Enclosing an order from Mr Harrell [? perhaps Howells?].

Extent: 1p. (1 piece). [No enclosure.] ALS.

Signed: H. James jr.

Former callmark: MS P159:2.

Note 1: In January 1875 the Boston publisher Osgood & Co produced James' first book, "A Passionate Pilgrim and other tales". The first story, "A Passionate Pilgrim", had been published in the Atlantic Monthly for April-May 1871. The literary figure William Dean Howells was a friend of the James family, and the editor of the Atlantic Monthly.

Note 2: Stains indicate that this item was once wafered into a book or album.

A:2. To: "My dear Sir"

Date: ---- April 22 [before 18 Dec 1882]

Place: Italy: Florence

Begins: "Your note of March 31st has only just reached me..."

Precis: Your note delayed in London. Sorry we had a misunderstanding concerning your publishing plans for the short story or the proposed longer substitution. Can't give you anything else, since I'm working on "a long affair" to appear simultaneously in America & England over the end of the year -- I am determined to continue such profitable simultaneous publication. Scribner would resent others issuing its serials in England. My next long story is promised to an English magazine.

Extent: 4p (1 piece) ALS.

Signed: H. James jr.

Former callmark: MS P159:3.

Note 1: Dating based on signature.

Note 2: Tjw's list made Scribner's the recipient (which is possible).

A:3. To: "My dear **SQUIRE**"

Date: 1897 Jan 25.

Place: [England: London:] 34 De Vere Gardens, W. [letterhead]

Begins: "Your hospitality is noble..."

Precis: Can't come Saturday: shall be paying a country visit. Hope our walks in K.G. may coincide.

Extent: 4p (1 piece). ALS.

Signed: Henry James.

Former callmark: MS P159:4

A:4. To: "Dear Mr **LAUGHLIN**" [?]

Date: 1905 Mar 20.

Place: [US: Illinois]: Chicago: University Club. [letterhead]

Begins: "Only a word to say, under the pressure..."

Precis: Your letter of March 1 just arrived. You may store them in Watchbell Studio (if Miss Lane [?] is not incommoded by them). Your labours. Tomorrow I go briefly to California.

Extent: 3p (1 sheet). ALS.

Signed: Henry James.

Former callmark: MS P159:5.

- A:5. To: "Dear Lady **COLIN**"
Date: 1909 Nov 21.
Place: [England]: Sussex: Rye: Lamb House. [letterhead]
Begins: "Very kind your invitation to come -- hear the gifted fiddleress..."
Precis: I am restored to my hermitage, where I am recuperating, and can't visit town on the 24th to hear your friend Miss Purlow [?]. I am an outsider in music, but "I get nearer the violin than anything else." Sending you "Italian Hours" and Steinheil's "Illustrations".
Extent: 2p (1 piece). ALS.
Signed: Henry James.
Former callmark: MS P159:6.
Identity of recipient: Perhaps "Lady Colin" is Blanche Marie Rigby, who m. Lt-Gen Sir Edwin Henry Hayter-Collen of the Indian Army (1843-1911) in 1873, and survived him (DNB).
- A:6. To: S.M. **ELLIS**. "S.M. Ellis, Esq., Hill House, Southwold, Suffolk."
[Ellis, Stewart Marsh. d. 1933, biographer.]
Date: 1912 May 18.
Place: [England: London]: Reform Club [letterhead].
Begins: "Dear Sir. I think I can definitely assure you that I enjoy no traceable relationship to G.P.R. James -- whose life you tell me you are writing..."
Precis: Account of my genealogy; my father enjoyed reading G.P.R. James. The houses in my "The Other House" are imaginary.
Extent: 4p & 1 env (2 pieces). ALS.
Signed: Henry James.
Source: Found stubbed into O'Hegarty's copy of "The Other House".
Former callmark: MS P159:1.
- A:7. To: Martin **SECKER**, Esq. [at foot]
[Secker, Martin, 1882-1978, publisher.]
Date: 1913 June 17.
Place: [England: London]: Chelsea: 21 Carlyle Mansions. [letterhead]
Begins: "Dear Sir. In addition to yours of the 12th. (since when I have been exceptionally occupied) my friend Hugh Walpole..."
Precis: Tell the gentleman I cannot have unpublished plays of mine treated as if they had been published. Theatre-stuff vs. Drama-stuff. No critic should make "reminiscence without text" the basis of any pretended study.
Extent: 2p (2 pieces). TLS. "Dictated."
Signed: Henry James.
Former callmark: MS P159:7.
- A:8. To: "Dear Mr. **LAWLESS**".
Date: --- "Thursday"
Place: [Ireland]: Dublin: Royal Hospital. [letterhead]
Begins: "Kindly say to Miss Lawless..."
Precis: Accepting invitation for tomorrow.
Extent: 2p (1 piece). ALS.
Signed: Henry James.
Former callmark: MS P159:8.
Source: This letter appears to have been removed by O'Hegarty from the Lawless family album (now MS G20), the dated items of which cover 1878-1920 (see Cat IV: Lawless).
Identity of recipient: Most of the material in the Lawless album relates to the Hon. Frederick Lawless, 1847-1929, brother of the 4th baron Cloncurry, or to his sister Emily Lawless, 1845-1913, a notable Irish author. Frederick was on the staff of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and became 5th and last baron in 1928.

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B:1. Letter signed "Henry James" [later Baron James of Hereford, 1828-1911].*To:* "My dear Mrs JEUNE"*Date:* 1885 Nov 19.*Place:* [England:] Manchester: The Queen's Hotel. [letterhead (blind embossed)]*Begins:* "If the carriage you are to borrow..."*Precis:* You should be safe in using a non-commercial carriage with your own horses. My news on Corrupt Practice.*Extent:* 2p (1 piece). ALS.*Signed:* Henry James.*Former callmark:* MS P159:9*Identity of writer:* Almost certainly Henry James, (later Baron James of Hereford), barrister of the Middle Temple and M.P., 1828-1911. (DNB). The writing differs from the other "Henry James" letters in hand, and in 1884 the M.P. shepherded the Corrupt Practices bill through Parliament.

(But the writing is similar in some points, and apparently O'Hegarty accepted it as a genuine James letter. A printed entry from a bookdealer's catalogue is tipped in on p.2: "JAMES (Henry) A.L.S., 2 pp., to the same, 30/-".)

Identity of recipient: Probably Susan Mary Elizabeth Stewart-Mackenzie of Seaforth, d. 1931. In 1871 she had m. Col. John Constantine Stanley (1837-1878), son of Baron Stanley of Alderley. In 1881 she m. Francis Henry Jeune (1843-1905). Jeune was a barrister of the Inner Temple, knighted in 1891, created Baron St. Helier in 1905; she was therefore "Mrs Jeune" from 1881 to 1891. As "Lady Jeune" she was a political hostess in the '90s, but as "Lady St Helier" devoted herself to social work. She published "Memories of Fifty Years" in 1909. ("The Complete Peerage", v. XIII (1940), pp 33-34; "Who Was Who".)

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MS INSCRIPTIONS IN PRINTED BOOKS:**HENRY JAMES TO VIOLET HUNT, 1914.**

See the mimeographed "A catalogue of books in the library of P. S. O'Hegarty, Highfield House, Dublin, 1958" vol I: Fiction: pp 32-41: James Collection: [Section I] entry 6a: "French Poets and Novelists, London, 1884. Presentation copy to Violet Hunt, with 4 line inscription, signature, date."

Inscribed: "My dear Violet, I write her with pleasure for you that I am yours all faithfully, Henry James, March 27th, 1914."

Now O'Hegarty B5213 in this Department.

NOTES ON SOURCE OF COLLECTION:

Found in P.S. O'Hegarty Acquisition, 1958. (Collector: Patrick Sarsfield O'Hegarty, 1879-1955.)

See the above catalogue Fiction: James: p. 38 (Section II -- Manuscripts): p. 38: "Original Letters by Henry James. Seven holograph letters, signed, and one typed letter, signed, eight in all -- two are short and formal, and five are good letters, dealing with himself and his work." This entry appears to represent the present MS P159A:1-5 and 7-8, and P159B:1.

The present A:6 was found stubbed into O'Hegarty's copy of James' "The Other House" (O'Hegarty B525) in November 1971, and was removed and carded as MS P159:1. The other items were later marked "MS P159: 2 [-9]" in the order in which they had been kept, but I have now removed old item 9 to Section B:1, and renumbered the rest as Section A:1-8 in rough chronological order.

Notes on processing are in MS Records.

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