

# **University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections**

## **Finding Aid - Angeli-Dennis collection (RBSC- ARC-1009)**

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## Summary information

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**Repository:** University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections

**Title:** Angeli-Dennis collection

**ID:** RBSC-ARC-1009

**Date:** ca.1803-1964 (date of creation)

**Physical description:** 4 m of textual records

**Dates of creation,  
revision and deletion:**

## Custodial history

The Angeli-Dennis papers came to the University through two separate acquisitions from the former home of Helen Rossetti Angeli at Woodstock, England. Dr. William E. Fredeman acquired the papers on behalf of the University. The first acquisition in 1966 consisted primarily of papers of William Michael Rossetti. The second acquisition in 1972 resulted in further Rossetti family papers from Imogene Dennis, Helen Rossetti Angeli's daughter. For further information on the holdings at Woodstock prior to their acquisition, see William E. Fredeman, *Pre-Raphaelitism A Biblio-critical Study*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1965, pp. 55-56.

The collection was handled by researchers interested in the Pre-Raphaelites prior to the papers' deposit in the UBC library. No doubt the provenance of the manuscripts was disturbed. Upon their arrival some of the papers were arbitrarily interfiled on various subjects such as D.G. Rossetti's state of health and his work, *Poems*, 1870. Also, letters to William Michael Rossetti were re-arranged from their chronological order to an alphabetical one by a researcher. Rather than attempting to reconstruct the papers to their

original order, the papers were arranged into groups of Rossetti family members and non-Rossetti family members. For example, the letters of Robert Browning and A.C.

Swinburne were not returned to Rossetti family groups to become incoming letters of Dante Gabriel Rossetti, William Michael Rossetti, etc. A manuscript by William North which was found in the papers, but seemed to have no relationship to the family papers, was arranged under a separate group, the William North papers. The same procedure was followed with the papers of other non-family members.

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## Scope and content

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The Angeli-Dennis collection consists of the diaries (1855-1913), manuscripts, financial records and correspondence of William Michael Rossetti. Also included are the manuscripts, correspondence and financial records of Dante Gabriel Rossetti (1842-1882), Christina Georgina Rossetti (1853-1894), Ford Madox Brown (1852-1993), Gabriele Rossetti and other members of the Rossetti family. In addition, the

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collection includes materials of Robert Browning, Thomas Landseer, William North, Algernon Swinburne and James Thomson.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the names of the collectors.

### Finding aids

Inventory available. PDF document attached.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
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## Access points

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- Dennis, Imogene
  - Angeli, Helen Rossetti (subject)
  - Rossetti, William Michael (subject)
  - Rossetti, Dante Gabriel (subject)
  - Rossetti, Christina Georgina (subject)
  - Browning, Robert (subject)
  - Landseer, Thomas (subject)
  - North, William (subject)
  - Swinburne, Algernon Charles (subject)
  - Thomson, James (subject)
  - Rossetti, Gabriele (subject)
  - Brown, Ford Madox (subject)
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## Series descriptions

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