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COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: De QUINCEY FAMILY Papers

SOURCE: Kenneth A. Lohf, 1985

SUBJECT: 19th century England, Brazil, India

DATES COVERED: 1804-1869, 1893

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LOCATION: (Library) Rare Book & Manuscript Lib. CALL-NUMBER Ms Coll/De Quincey  
Family

RESTRICTIONS ON USE None

DESCRIPTION:

Correspondence, manuscripts, documents and a drawing concerning the De Quincey family of England, with members serving throughout the colonial world; the most famous was a prominent literary figure in England, Thomas De Quincey, best known for his Confessions of an opium-eater (1821). There are letters from an uncle of his, Thomas Penson, who was serving in the Indian Army early in the century, to Thomas De Quincey. A son, Paul Frederick, served in the Army there later, and a daughter, Florence, spent her married life in India. Another daughter, Margaret, married and was living in Macahé, Brazil, where her brother, Francis, was serving as a doctor until he died of the yellow fever. There are letters from her and associates of his at the time. Yet another man of that generation, Horace, died in China, of "the Remittant Fever of the Country," described to his sister Margaret by a colleague on his return to England. There is also some material about De Quincey himself, about his final illness, a drawing of his bithplace, and a document on the Norman origins of the Quincey family.

See verso for genealogy.

De Quincey Family

(8 children)

merchant in England, author  
 Thomas Quincey, 1754-1793  
 Elizabeth Penson, -1846 (brother: Thomas Penson, ca 1764-1835)

*in Indian Army*

Confessions of an Opium  
 Eater

Thomas De Quincey, 1785-1859  
 Margaret Simpson, -1837

Henry De Quincey, 1793-

Richard - ran away to sea,  
 became midshipman

*d. typhus* William, 1816-1835  
Autobiographical Sketches

Horace, -1842  
*d. in China*

Francis John, -1861  
*d. Brazil, yellow fever*

Margaret, -1871  
 Robert Craig

Paul Frederick, 1826-  
*officer, Sobraon; settled in  
 New Zealand*

Julius, -1833

Florence, 1827-1904  
*Gen. Band Smith  
 India*  
 -1861

Emily, 1831-1917