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#### WALLS

The Edgeworth Family by Adam Buck, c. 1787. Kind permission from the Michael Butler Estate and the National Portrait Gallery, London

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VITRINE ONE: The Folio Society

VITRINE TWO: Robert Burns, James Hogg, and Dunedin

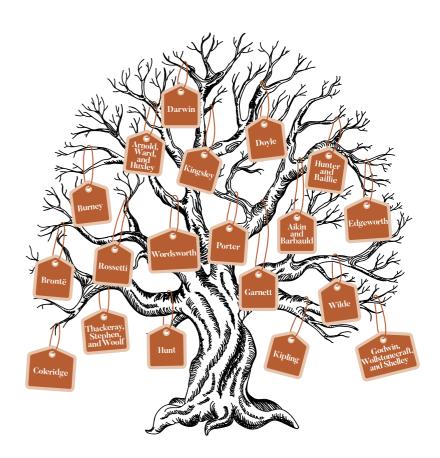
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VITRINE FOUR: Scholarship in Romanticism & Victorian Studies

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**EXHIBITION** 

# Keeping it In the Family British and Irish Literary Generations, 1770-1930



Exhibition List
9 December 2016 to 17 March 2017





# 'Art in the blood is liable to take the strangest forms'

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Kinship and creativity are natural companions. As a child, Charlotte Brontë invented the imaginary world of Angria with her brother Branwell. William Wordsworth borrowed from his sister Dorothy's diary to create one of the most famous poems in English. Long before Charles Darwin studied the fertilisation of orchids, his grandfather Erasmus wrote poetry about the loves of plants. Dante Rossetti created lavish illustrations to accompany his sister Christina's volumes of poems.

Far from being a simple, solitary process, the creation of a poem or painting is inevitably collaborative. The exhibition *Keeping it in the Family. British and Irish Literary Generations* 1770-1930\* considers the family as an essential, if often overlooked, element of creative production. It presents the stories of talented families working (and sometimes quarrelling) together in creating some of the most remarkable literary, artistic, and scientific works of the long 19th century. Many of the families, like the Wordsworths and the Brontës, remain well known; others, like the Hunts and Porters, were famous in the past but deserve a new look. In some cases, the family connections are surprising.

The exhibition also showcases famous British families with New Zealand connections. Descendants of Scottish writers Robert Burns and James Hogg settled in Dunedin; Matthew Arnold's brother Tom published an account of his visit to Otago in 1847; and George Kingsley (father of the famous African explorer Mary Kingsley) wrote of his anticipation at seeing a kiwi. The exhibition itself is a collaborative venture. Many of the works on display come from collections gifted to the University of Otago by cousins Charles Brasch and Esmond de Beer. Furthermore, the Hocken Library and the Heritage Collection, Dunedin Public Library, have generously lent rare material, allowing us to tell a more complex story of the role of kinship in creative production. We hope you enjoy the exhibition.

Ruth Knezevich and Thomas McLean, exhibition curators.

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## ITEMS ON DISPLAY

#### CABINET 1: HUNTER AND BAILLIE

Matthew Baillie, A series of engravings, accompanied with explanations, which are intended to illustrate the morbid anatomy of some of the most important parts of the human body; divided into ten fasciculi. London: Printed by W. Bulmer and Co., 1803. Medical Historical Collection OS17 BB56

Mrs John Hunter, Poems. London: Printed for T. Payne, 1802. de Beer Eb 1802 H

Anne Home Hunter, copy of a portrait, c. 1767

Joanna Baillie, A Series of Plays. Vol. I and II. London: Printed for T. Cadell Jun. and W. Davies, 1800-02. Private Collection

Joanna Baillie, copy of a portrait, c.1831

[Anon.,], Notes from Mr Hunter's Lectures on Surgery. Edinburgh, [1790]. Monro Collection A13

John Hunter, A treatise on the blood, inflammation, and gun-shot wounds. London: Printed by John Richardson, 1794. Monro Collection M140

Plasticised skull, courtesy of the Otago Anatomy Museum

## CABINET TWO: DARWIN

[Erasmus Darwin], *The Botanic Garden; A Poem in Two Parts*. London: Printed for J. Johnson, 1791. de Beer Ec 1791 D Letter from Charles Darwin to Dr John Denny, July 9 1872. de Beer MS55

Emma Wedgwood Darwin, copy of a portrait, c. 1840

Charles Darwin (assisted by Francis Darwin), *The Power of Movement in Plants*. London: John Murray, 1880. Special Collections QK771 D658

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William Godwin, Enquiry Concerning Political Justice, and its Influence on Morals and Happiness. Vol. I. London: Printed for G. G. and J. Robinson, 1796. de Beer Eb 1796 G

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#### CABINET FOUR: (DRAWER): AIKIN AND BARBAULD

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The Works of Anna Laetitia Barbauld. With a Memoir by Lucy Aikin. Vol. I. London: Printed for Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme, Brown, and Green, 1825. Special Collections PR4057 B7 A11 1825

[Anna Barbauld], Poems. London: Printed for Joseph Johnson, 1773. de Beer Ec 1773 B

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Charles Burney, A General History of Music from the Earliest Ages to the Present Period. Vol. II. London: Printed for the Author and sold by J. Robson and G. Robinson, 1782. de Beer Ec 1776 B

[Fanny Burney], Evelina, or, The History of a Young Lady's Entrance into the World. Vol. III. London: Printed for T. and W. Lowndes, 1784. de Beer Eb 1784 B

Maria and R. L. Edgeworth, *Practical Education*. Vol. I, second edition. London: Printed for J. Johnson, 1801. Special Collections LB1025 E69 1801

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[William Ogilvie Porter], Sir Edward Seaward's Narrative of his Shipwreck, and Consequent Discovery of Certain Islands in the Caribbean Sea... Edited by Miss Jane Porter. London: Longman, Rees, Orme, Brown, and Green, 1831. Private Collection

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Select Pieces from the Poems of William Wordsworth. London: Bradbury and Evans, [c.1845]. Private Collection

Journals of Dorothy Wordsworth. Volume I. Edited by William Knight. London: Macmillan and Co., 1904. Private Collection

Poems by William Wordsworth: including Lyrical Ballads, and the Miscellaneous Pieces of the Author. Volume I. London: Printed for Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme, and Brown, 1815. de Beer Eb 1815 W

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Patrick Branwell Brontë, extract from his Angria stories, 15 December 1837, Haworth, Bradford, and a portrait silhouette. Heritage Collection, Dunedin Public Library

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Charlotte Brontë, Jane Eyre. London: Penguin Classics, 2006. Private Collection

Anne Brontë, Agnes Grey. London: Penguin Classics, 2013. Private Collection

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The Indicator. Edited by Leigh Hunt. London: Printed for Joseph Appleyard, 1820. Special Collections AP4 I45

The Correspondence of Leigh Hunt. Vol. 1. London: Smith, Elder and Co., 1862. Private Collection

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The Poetical Works of S. T. Coleridge, Including the Dramas of Wallenstein, Remorse, and Zapolya. Vol. I. London: William Pickering, 1829, de Beer Eb 1829 C.

Hartley Coleridge, *Poems*. Vol. I. Leeds: F. E. Bingley, 1833. Special Collections PR4467 A1 1833

Sara Coleridge and Edith May Warter by Edward Nash, c. 1820. Kind permission of the National Portrait Gallery, London

Sara Coleridge, Phantasmion, A Fairy Tale. London: Henry S. King, 1874. Storage Bliss YH ColYp C

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Edward Immyns Abbot, 'Dunedin from Little Paisley', 1849. Hocken Collection

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