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Blake in the Marketplace, 1995,
Including a Survey of Blakes in Private Ownership

BY ROBERT N. ESSECK

Joseph Holland, formerly of New York, Los Angeles, and Santa Fe, died on December 28, 1994. With his friend Vincent Newton, Joe formed a small but impressive collection of original prints and drawings by Blake, supplemented with standard bibliographies, editions, and criticism. Both men attended the Newton auction in 1941, where Joe purchased a color-printed and richly hand-colored impression of The Book of Urizen pl. 22 from copy B of A Small Book of Designs (illus. 2) and one of only four known impressions of the tailpiece (pl. a) for Songs of Innocence and of Experience. Other treasures in the collection included a good, uncolored impression of Little Tom the Sailor, once in the W. E. Moss collection, and two Visionary Heads. A fine Shakespearean actor, a founding member of the Mercury Theatre with Orson Welles, and a true lover of Blake, Joe Holland will be deeply missed by all those fortunate enough to have known him.

The sale of the Newton collection was handled by John Windle Books of San Francisco, now the world’s leading dealer in Blake and Blakeana. The resulting catalogue 26, issued in December 1995 as a memorial to Joe Holland and entitled The Blake Collection of Joseph Holland & Vincent Newton, is the most impressive Blake sales catalogue issued by a book or art dealer (as distinct from an auction house) since the Quaritch Blake lists of 1885-86. The catalogue also includes many volumes and a few prints from sources other than the Holland collection and a retrospective listing of important works by Blake acquired by Windle for private clients over the last few years. All the lots of original Blake materials actually offered for sale are included in the listings below.

To have the Holland color print of Urizen come on the market is a signal event. To have two further prints also from copy B of A Small Book of Designs become available in the same year is enough to make a Blake collector’s head spin. The design only from The Book of Urizen pl. 3, color printed and delicately hand tinted, appeared on the auction block at Christie’s London on 25 April (illus. 1). My own pre-sale guess was that the print would fetch bids well beyond the estimate range of £30,000-50,000 and would very probably be won by the American private collector who, over the last 15 years, has amassed an outstanding collection of Blake’s illuminated prints (for a tentative handlist, see Blake 27 [1994]: 104). I was wrong as to both price and purchaser. Although this anonymous collector knew of the sale, he/she failed to bid. Indeed, there seems to have been only one bidder in the room—Windle, acting on behalf of the artist and author Maurice Sendak. Windle apparently bid only against the reserve—that is, the price (in this instance, probably £25,000) beneath which a lot will not be sold—and won the print at just £28,000 (with the addition of the purchaser’s premium, £32,200).

The third color print from the Small Book copy B, the Leviathan from The Marriage of Heaven and Hell pl. 20, appeared at Sotheby’s London less than three months later (illus. 3-5). Windle was once again the winning bidder at £32,000 on an estimate of £20,000-30,000. But this time, Windle was acting for Essick rather than Sendak. The underbidder (that is, the party with the bid just prior to the winning bid) was an anonymous presence on the telephone. The long captions to illus. 2 and 3 offer some speculations about how these and other prints in the Small Book of Designs were produced. The captions to illus. 3-4 record the sad history of the Leviathan’s mistreatment over the years: illus. 5 presents its restoration.

The sale of all three prints from either the Small or Large books of designs still possessed by individual collectors—excluding three still in the Keynes Family Trust, but destined for the Fitzwilliam Museum—prompted me to make a rough survey of all original Blakes remaining in private ownership. Absent a deaccession by an art museum or institutional library, only such works, plus new discoveries, are likely to come on the market. I have of course excluded commercial book illustrations and such relatively common prints as the Job, Dante, and Canterbury Pilgrims engravings, but I have included all drawings and paintings, illuminated prints, manuscripts, texts first printed in letterpress in Blake’s lifetime, and the rarer separate prints designed and executed by Blake. These I have grouped by medium and genre, in accord with the perceptions of the market as to the relative value of (for example) paintings versus pencil sketches, or prints versus water colors.

The Visionary Heads constitute by far the largest category of Blake’s work still in private ownership. All 50 sheets still in the Larger Sketchbook are privately owned, along with 20 sheets from the dismembered and dispersed Smaller Sketchbook and 28 miscellaneous sheets, for a total of 98 examples. Some of these are counterproofs and many are rather faint or slight. Barring the discovery of a large cache of unrecorded works by Blake, the Visionary Heads should appear on the market more frequently than anything else of interest to Blake collectors and scholars.

If we exclude the Visionary Heads, the list of drawings in private hands shrinks dramatically: 30 pencil sketches, four in pen and ink, 30 monochrome wash drawings, and 30 water colors (including 10 from the great series of Bible illustrations Blake sold to Thomas Butts). Tempera paintings are rarer still, with only nine still privately owned. We should also expect a few of the once-recorded but now untraced drawings and paintings—in all, 184 listed by Butlin—to turn up over the decades and eventually make their way to the marketplace.

There are 32 privately-owned detached leaves from Blake’s illuminated books, but only 19 complete (or near-complete) copies printed by Blake himself. Posthumously-printed copies are rarer, with only four still owned privately. The “untraced” category again offers the collector some hope: eight copies printed by Blake, two posthumous, and 38 individual leaves.

Separate prints must be divided into several different categories. As previously mentioned, there are only three privately-owned prints from the Small Book of Designs copy B. There are three further illuminated-book plates probably printed as separate prints by Blake (as distinct from those printed for inclusion in books) and still in private hands. All but three of the
large color prints, conceived and first executed in 1795, are in institutional collections. (Scholars interested in Blake and numerology should begin working at once on the numbers three and 30). Uncolored but important separate plates are rare; three impressions of "Joseph of Arimathea Among the Rocks of Albion" (all second state) still privately owned, two impressions of the "Enoch" lithograph, one of two traced impressions of "The Chaining of Orc," one of two known impressions of the "Laocoon," six second-state prints of "The Man Sweeping the Interpreter's Parlour," and nine impressions of "George Cumberland's Card." The unique impressions of "The Man Sweeping" (first state), "Deaths Door" etched by Blake himself in white line, and the relief etching of four Virgil illustrations remain in private ownership.

Only six of Blake's letters are still privately owned, but there are some 37 once recorded but now untraced. It is difficult to count other sorts of Blake manuscripts; all but one (the Riddle Manuscript) among those in private collections are inscriptions on drawings or prints included in the accountings above. Ironically, the rarest genre of all is Blake's writings printed in conventional type during his lifetime—just one copy of Poetical Sketches, plus one untraced.

My survey prompts a few general conclusions. A good deal of original Blake materials will appear on the market for years to come. We will see for sale more Visionary Heads than any other type of drawings or paintings, other sorts of drawings more than important individual prints, individual prints and single plates from the illuminated books more than complete books, and illuminated books more than lifetime letterpress volumes. Parts of this declining scale of potential availability are the reverse of what one would normally expect of an artist/poet—for example, that drawings are much more common than lifetime letterpress publications. Only a very few examples of Blake's finest work—the kinds of things we can all see in the Tate or Fitzwilliam or Huntington—will be within the reach of future collectors, no matter how wealthy.

Besides Windle's most impressive contribution, two further dealers' catalogues devoted to Blake and his circle deserve special notice. Adam Mills Rare Books continued its recent interest in Blake with a June "Occasional List" devoted to eight Muir facsimiles (including The Book of Thel executed completely by hand without a lithographic base), the 1877 Pearson uncolored facsimile of Jerusalem (mis-identified as an Andrew Chatto publication), the hand-colored issue of the E. J. Ellis 1893 facsimile of Songs of Innocence and of Experience, and a few odds and ends. Prices were steep, with the Pearson facsimile offered at £800 and Ellis's production at £1250. I believe that all these volumes emerged from the same private British collection. In the listing under "Muir" below, I have provided information on copy numbers and paper types not recorded in Mills's catalogue.

In July, The Antique & Book Collector (Marlborough, Wiltshire) exhibited and offered for sale a group of Blake's commercial book illustrations detached from their volumes, three...
prints from posthumous copy of Songs of Innocence and of Experience (probably in partnership with N. W. Lott), some Job and Virgil prints, and a selection of prints by Calvert, Palmer, and a few twentieth-century artists influenced by the Blake followers. The handlist for the exhibition, which doubled as a sales catalogue, is remarkable for its lack of scholarship (hardly any information on states, paper, editions, etc.) and its extremely high prices for Blake’s copy engravings. All these materials are listed under the appropriate sections below.

I have made one change in the format of the following sales lists. In past versions, I have included Blake’s engravings extracted from typographic books in the section headed “Separate Plates and Plates in Series.” My rationale was that the print market treats such extracts as, indeed, separate (or at least separated) plates. But as one of my most loyal readers, Jerry Bentley, has suggested, it would make more sense, from the scholar’s perspective, to group these extracts under the books from which they were removed in the section headed “Letterpress Books with Engravings by and after Blake.” This new arrangement is used here, with of course explicit indications when extracted plates rather than whole volumes were on offer.

The year of all sales and catalogues in the following lists is 1995 unless indicated otherwise. The auction houses add their purchaser’s premium to the hammer price in their price lists. These net amounts are given here, following the official price lists. The value added tax levied against the buyer’s surcharge in England is not included. Late 1995 sales will be covered in the 1996 review. I am grateful for help in compiling this review to Candace J. Adelson, G. E. Bentley, Jr., Warren Cariou (who can find Blakes even in Wiltshire), Andrew Clayton-Payne of Christie’s London, D. W. Dörrecker (once again, my Continental spy), Morris Eaves, Jenjoy La Belle, Thomas V. Lange, Nicholas Lott, Jerome J. McGann, Adam Mills, Jane Munro, Vincent Newton, Lawrence Salander, Justin Schiller, Maurice Sendak, John Trotter, Joseph Viscomi (for several helpful suggestions about Blake’s techniques and their dating), Mark Watters, David Weinglass, Henry Wemys of Sotheby’s London, John Windle, and Andrew Wyld of Agnew’s. Once again, Patricia Neil’s editorial assistance has been invaluable. For digital imaging at the Huntington Library, I thank John Sullivan, whose learning-curve in hyperspace is steeper than mine.

Abbreviations

BBA Bloomsbury Book Auctions, London
cat. catalogue or sales list issued by a dealer (usually followed by a number or letter designation) or auction house (followed by the day and month of sale)
CE Christie’s East, New York
CL Christie’s, London
Illustrated Books

The Book of Urizen, design only from pl. 3, trimmed to the image, 6.1 x 9.9 cm., color printed and hand colored, probably for a second copy (B) of A Small Book of Designs. CL, 25 April, #52, illus. color (£32,200 on an estimate of £30,000-50,000 to J. Windle acting as agent for Maurice Sendak). See illus. 1.

The Book of Urizen, pl. 22, image 15.4 x 10 cm., color printed and hand colored, probably for a second copy (B) of A Small Book of Designs. Butlin #261.11. John Windle, Dec. cat. 26, #1, from the Joseph Holland collection, illus. color (price on inquiry; acquired by R. Essick). See illus. 2.


The Marriage of Heaven and Hell, pl. 20, image 5.5 x 10.5 cm., color printed and hand colored, probably for a second copy (B) of A Small Book of Designs. Butlin #261.30. John Windle, Dec. cat. 26, #1, from the Joseph Holland collection, illus. color (J. Windle acting for R. Essick, £36,700 on an estimate of £20,000-30,000). See illus. 3-5.

Songs of Experience, copy H. Acquired August 1994 by Maurice Sendak.

Songs of Innocence and of Experience, pl. a. Printed in dark brick-red, image 6.3 x 5.2 cm. on a sheet of wove paper, 10.4 x 8.5 cm., without watermark. John Windle, Dec. cat. 26, #2, from the Joseph Holland collection, with a color illus. of the Holland bookplate made from the original (price on inquiry; acquired by Justin Schiller). One of only 4 known impressions; the others are in Songs of Innocence and of Experience copies B (British Museum), C (Library of Congress), and D (private American collection). The examples included in these copies of the combined Songs are printed in yellow ochre or raw sienna ink, probably in the same print-run in 1794. The etching borders are not printed in copies B and C; I have not been able to inspect copy D, but it too is probably printed without borders, given Blake's typical practice in the mid-1790s. The Holland impression is in a distinctly different ink color and the etching borders are boldly printed.

Joseph Viscomi has suggested that pl. a was one of Blake's early experiments in relief etching—see Viscomi, Blake and the Idea of the Book (Princeton: Princeton UP, 1993) 194-95. Let me add to Viscomi's dating the speculation that the pl. may have originally been executed for There is No Natural Religion, series b, but rejected. The plate size is right for that book, and the design (an adult male, assisted by winged putti, ascending heavenward) would make a fitting visualization for the second half of Blake's concluding epigram: "God becomes as we are, that we may be as he is" (pl. b12).

Songs of Innocence and of Experience, posthumous copy o, 3 pls. only. The Antique & Book Collector, July cat., #25, "Nurse's Song" in black ink from Innocence; #26, "The Divine Image" in black ink; #27, "Nurse's Song" in red ink from Experience (£2250 each). Previously offered privately by N. W. Lott, Dec. 1993.

Drawings and Paintings

Boadicea. A Visionary Head, pencil, approx. 20.5 x 16 cm., Butlin #717. John Windle, Dec. cat. 26, #5, from the Joseph Holland collection, illus. (price on inquiry; sold to a private San Francisco collector).

Christ the Mediator. Tempera, 26.4 x 37.8 cm., c. 1799-1800. Butlin #429. On long-term loan to the Tate Gallery from the collection of George Goyder.

The Flight into Egypt. Tempera, 27.2 x 38.3 cm., 1799. Butlin #404. On long-term loan to the Tate Gallery from the collection of George Goyder.


Richard Coeur de Lion. A Visionary Head, pencil, 17.8 x 16.3 cm., Butlin #729. John Windle, Dec. cat. 26, #6, from the Joseph Holland collection, illus. (price on inquiry; sold to a private Southern California collector).

Sketches for the Cover of Thomas Commins's An Elegy. Pen and gray ink, gray wash over pencil in an oval (recto); pencil (verso). Sheet 30.7 x 46 cm., perhaps Butlin #98 ("untraced since 1913"). CL, 7 Nov., #73, recto illus. (£4025 to Agnew's acting for R. Essick). Previously sold CL, 17 Nov. 1992, #18 (£7150). In Blake 26 (1993): 142, I noted that the purchaser at this 1992 auction was the Salander-O'Reilly Galleries. This now appears to have been an error. For comments and illus. of recto and verso, see Martin Butlin, "Two Newly Identified Sketches for Thomas Commins's An Elegy: A Postscript," Blake 27 (1993): 42-44.

Manuscripts

Receipt signed by Blake, 5 July 1805 to Thomas Butts for £5.7s. John Windle, Dec. cat. 26, #9, pasted to the inside front cover of A. E. Newton's copy of Geoffrey Keynes, A Bibliography of William Blake (New York: Grolier Club, 1921), from the Joseph Holland collection, illus. (price on inquiry).
the book produced for Humphry, to which Blake replied on 9 June.

Blake seems to have taken advantage of the commission from Orazia Humphry for the copy of A Small Book of Designs now in the British Museum to pull one or two additional impressions of most or all of the images printed for his patron. From these impressions, plus some prints not in the copy printed for Humphry, Blake created a second copy of the book of designs from his illuminated books without the accompanying texts. Subsequent trimming of the sheets has obscured much valuable evidence, but a few reasonable suppositions can be gleaned from those not trimmed to the very edge of the image. The leaves, relative to the size of the prints, may have been quite large, as demonstrated by the 26.5 x 18.5 cm. sheet bearing The Book of Urizen pl. 1. It is of course also possible that the sheets were never uniform in size. At a much later date, probably not before 1818 (see cap. to illus. 2), he returned to this still-unsold second copy, drew multiple black-ink framing lines around the images, and inscribed most or all with captions in the same black ink. At some time prior to 1831, at least five of the prints were bound, as indicated by stab holes (see caption to illus. 2); five prints still bear numbers in Blake's hand in the top right corner. The resulting album or series of numbered prints, with its original captions, might be thought of as constituting a new illuminated book, with printed designs and manuscript texts, worthy of study as such.

Each line of the extant one- or two-line inscriptions in Blake's hand is placed, rather unconventionally for the time, within double quotation marks. Although Erdman believes that some of these double-quotat ion marks are not by Blake (see E890), I think that all those within the double quotation marks are in his hand. The verso inscriptions on Urizen pls. 3 and 12 lack the double quotation marks. Butlin notes that these verso inscriptions are not in Blake's hand (#261.4, 261.10), but they may have been quoted or paraphrased from Blake's inscriptions now trimmed off. An inquiry from Dawson Turner about the book produced for Humphry, to which Blake replied on 9 June 1818 (E771), may have prompted Blake to return to and dress up the prints he still owned. The impression from The Marriage pl. 20 reproduced here has been treated in cavalier fashion, but it has not been trimmed to the image (as claimed in Butlin's essay cited above and in Sotheby's sale catalogue). Almost certainly after the work left Blake's hands, someone cut the sheet and pasted the two pieces to the recto and verso (illus. 4) of the backing mat, as described above. Apparently a cover mat with a window to show the image was then pasted over the backing cardboard. This cover mat was unfortunately discarded just prior to Sotheby's auction, but its existence is indicated by the old paste used to attach it to the recto of the backing mat and now making such a mess in the illustration. These injuries are explainable, although certainly lamentable. It is more difficult to account for the oddest feature of the work. Blake's sheet bears on its recto three fragments of thin, light pink paper. One fragment, upper right, obscures part of the inscribed number and outer framing line. The fragment on the left also covers a small portion of the outer framing line. The largest fragment, approx. 8 x 13 cm., surrounds Blake's image. Its outer margin is ragged, but the window cut in it to reveal the image was carefully sized to the margins of the image. Apparently this pink paper at one time covered all or a good portion of Blake's sheet of paper, including the framing lines and number and excluding only the image itself, and then was partly ripped off. It seems improbable that Blake would have covered up his work in this way and left disfiguring fragments behind.

The pink-paper frame surrounding the image bears, along all four inner edges, dull grey washes. These match the color of Blake's print along the lower margin, but do not match colors in other areas (e.g., the reddish-brown in the print upper left). These washes were added after the paper frame was glued to Blake's print, as indicated by very slight strips of gray wash along the bottom margin, right center margin, and top left margin of Blake's image. It thus seems probable that the pink paper was pasted over Blake's sheet to protect it while making the margins of the image slightly more even. Yet this would hardly seem worth the trouble; the added washes are clearly visible only under magnification and do little to change the margins. This additional work on the image might have been undertaken by Paton—see the inscription tentatively attributed to him and recorded in the caption to illus. 4.

Other than the slight touches at the edges, I can see no evidence that Blake's work has been compromised by any other additions by another hand. The glue used to paste down the pink paper appears to be different from that used for the cover mat, and thus the application of the pink paper may have been prior to the addition of the back and front mat boards described above. By matting the print to the edge of the image, the framer had no reason to remove the remaining fragments of pink paper.
4 The Marriage of Heaven and Hell, pl. 20, verso of the backing mat before restoration. See illus. 3 for the unrestored recto and illus. 5 for the restored recto. The strip containing Blake’s inscription and one of his framing lines, originally part of the recto of the print, has been pasted to the lower portion of the backing cardboard mat. In addition to Blake’s inscription (“O revolving serpent…”), the lower portion of this sheet bears, in 3 different hands, the number “8623” (lower left, probably just a lot or inventory number written by a dealer or former owner), “Drawing of Blake’s given to A[dam] White by M” [John Varley March 31 1856] (left side of lower margin, probably written by White), and “evidently printed in oil [sic] & touched with colour afterwards” (right side of lower margin, perhaps written by Paton, according to Sotheby’s auction catalogue—see provenance in caption to illus. 3). “Touched with colour afterwards” is probably a reference to Blake’s own procedure of adding water colors and pen and ink work to color-printed designs; but these words might refer to the very small areas of wash added to the margins of the image by another hand, possibly Paton himself, as described in the caption to illus. 3. Sadly, all these inscriptions not by Blake were lost during the heavy cleaning of the paper strip necessary for preserving it from further decay and returning its color to match the portion of the sheet bearing Blake’s print. I hope that the reproduction here will serve as a permanent record of the existence of these now-vanished inscriptions. The larger piece of paper on the verso, pasted above the clipping from Blake’s print, contains yet another inscription: “Original Drawing by Blake / See Rossetti’s [i.e., Gilchrist’s?] “Life and Works of Blake [lacking closing quotation mark and period].” This unattributed inscription has been preserved.

Separate Plates and Plates in Series

“Calisto,” Blake after Stothard, 2nd st. Campbell Fine Art, April private offer, printed in brown on laid paper, cut close right and left to 24.9 x 20.8 cm. but with the imprint, from an album of prints after Stothard, some leaves of the album showing an 1850 watermark (acquired by R. Essick).

“Chaucers Canterbury Pilgrims.” Brick Row Book Shop, March private offer, 5th st., printed in dark sepias on laid India, very probably a Colnaghi impression, good condition ($9500). John Windle, April cat. 24, #42, 5th st., Sessler impression, a few slight abrasions ($7500); same impression, Dec. cat. 26, #195 ($8500 to a private Chicago collector).

Dante engravings, Heritage Book Shop, April cat. for the New York Book Fair, #17, very probably the c. 1892 printing, showing part of a watermark (“N?”) on 1 sheet, slight foxing on 1 pl., with the printed label and the bookplate of Philip Hofer, green morocco folding case ($45,000; previously sold CNY, 7 Oct. 1994, #49, for $21,850). John Windle, Dec. cat. 26, #197, probably the c. 1892 printing, 2 pls. slightly browned, morocco folding case, from the Moncure Biddle collection ($60,000).

“Fall of Rosamond,” Blake after Stothard, 1st st., 1783. N. W. Lott, Aug. private offer, printed in brown and pink, no hand coloring, imprint and title trimmed off (acquired by R. Essick).


Job engravings, Heritage Book Shop, Feb. private offer, complete issue of 1826 on J Whatman paper after removal of the “Proof” inscriptions, original label attached to front free endpaper, trimmed to 33.5 x 25 cm., top edge gilt, fine condition (perhaps cleaned when last bound), with the bookplate of Pamela Lister, late 19th- or early 20th-century full morocco, recent folding case ($45,000). Buddenbrooks, Feb. cat. “Sarmassa,” unnumbered item, published “Proof” issue complete on laid India, apparently loose in a morocco “chemise,” pls. 6 and 16 illus. ($55,000); same copy, June cat. “Bandoline,” #10, now described as the “original sheets trimmed and remounted on 22 folio sheets,” no mention of the “chemise” ($30,000). Estates of Mind, April cat. 10, #7, published “Proof” issue complete on laid India, loose in morocco portfolio—perhaps the same copy as the previous one listed here, jointly owned ($55,000). SNY, 12 May, #9, complete issue of 1874 on laid India, several pls. with defects in the India, title page foxed, marginal defects, linen-covered box with the 1826 typographic label on the inside front cover, pl. 14 illus. ($11,500); #10, pls. 2 and 14 only from the 1874 printing, pl. 14 foxed ($690). E. Dörling auction, Hamburg, 10 June, #32, complete issue of 1874 on laid India, 2 pls. illus. (estimate DM250,000). CL, 28 June, #233, published “Proof” issue complete on laid India, backing leaves 32 x 25.4 cm., light marginal foxing, contemporary brown cloth rebacked, pl. 3 illus. (£12,075); same copy, John Windle, Dec. cat. 26, #198, pl. 15 illus. ($38,750). CL, 29 June, #405, complete issue of 1874 on laid India with heavy backing paper, minor tears and other defects, in the original brown paper portfolio titled “The Book of Job by William Blake,” pl. 5 illus. (J. Windle, £6325). The Antique & Book Collector, July cat., #32-37, pls. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 21 from the 1874 printing, no information given on paper, sheet size, or condition (£1500 each). SNY, 1 Nov., #31, published “Proof” issue complete on laid India, original printed label preserved, 19th-century morocco, pl. 15 illus. ($29,900 on an estimate of $12,000-15,000). CL, 29 Nov., #44, complete issue of 1874 on laid India, slight foxing on some pls. (£8970). Pacific Book Auction Galleries, San Francisco, 30 Nov., #55, published “Proof” issue complete on laid India, backing sheets trimmed to 26 x 19.7 cm., loose in modern box, pl. 15 illus. (not sold; estimate $20,000-25,000).
"Wilson Lowry," Blake and Linnell after Linnell, 1824-25. N. W. Lott, Aug. private offer, 3rd st. before all letters on laid India, with an impression of a st. between the 3rd and 4th, also before all letters and on laid India (both acquired by R. Essick).

Letterpress Books with Engravings by and After Blake, Including Prints Extracted From Such Books

Allen, Roman History, 1798. John Windle, Dec. cat. 26, #203, trimmed close with the imprints removed from 2 pls., half calf ($1250).


Blair, The Grave. William Reese, Jan. cat. 141, #107, 1808 quarto, scattered foxing, full russia rebacked and slightly worn ($1000). Charles Parkhurst Books, April Los Angeles Book Fair, the pls. as in the 1808 folio issue and on the same laid paper, lacking the text of the poem but bound with a trimmed copy of "Of the Designs" and the prospectus for Stothard’s Canterbury Pilgrims pl., both letterpress texts from the 1808 quarto printing as indicated by the signatures ("F" on the first leaf of "Of the Designs" rather than the "K" of the folio; no signature on the first leaf of the prospectus rather than the "L" of the folio), the pls. trimmed tall and narrow (43.6 x 29.7 cm.), contemporary (or at least near-contemporary) quarter calf over marbled boards rebacked ($1600 to R. Essick). Swann, 20 April, #45, 1808 quarto, uncut in "original boards" (Hirsch, $1840); same copy, Daniel Hirsch, Oct. Santa Monica Book Fair, 1808 "folio" (actually the quarto), uncut in "original boards" (actually fairly new replacement boards), "original spine label" (the original printed label appears on the front cover, not the spine), new endpapers, internally very fine condition ($3900). When informed of these problems, Mr. Hirsch withdrew the vol. from the market and will try to return it to Swann. Pickering & Chatto, May cat. 730, #15, 1813 quarto, slightly later German binding (as issued in Germany?), a copy with this dealer for about 2 years, pl. 11 illus. ($1750). Chapel Hill Rare Books, Oct. cat. 99, #141, 1808 quarto, contemporary boards rebacked with half calf, worn ("was $2,000, now $1,750"). Jeffrey Thomas Books, Aug. private offer, 1808 quarto, later boards rebacked but retaining original front cover label, leaves trimmed ($1500). Kane Antiquarian Auction, Pottstown, PA, 1 Oct., #68, 1808 "folio" (but probably the quarto), some foxing, later calf in cloth case ($800). Swann, 19 Oct., #44, 1808 quarto, offsetting and foxing, half sheep rebacked and worn (not sold; estimate too high at $800-1200). SYN, 1 Nov., #40, 1808 folio, light marginal soiling and foxing, contemporary morocco, pl. 5 illus. ($3737 on an estimate of $1500-2000). BBA, 16 Nov., #161, 1808 quarto, 1 pl. missing, foxed, modern half morocco (Besley, £92). John Windle, Dec. cat. 26, #7, pls. only on sheets of the same laid paper used for the pls. in the 1808 folio, 50.8 x 34.9 cm., 2 or 3 edges showing deckle, the trimmed and bent inner edges on all sheets indicating that the pls. were once bound, the engraved title page in a previously unrecorded proof st. before imprint and "Proof Copy" inscrip-
6 Little Tom the Sailor, text by William Hayley, etched in relief and white line by Blake. Printed in black ink, uncolored. Reproduced here are the tailpiece (11.2 x 16 cm.) in white-line etching and the colophon in relief etching. "Woodcut on Pewter," as described by Blake in his Notebook (E694), would seem to be the predominant technique in both the headpiece and tailpiece. The poem and the colophon (the latter printed from its own plate, 3.5 x 12 cm.) were almost certainly etched on copper; the two design plates might have been pewter (although the "Woodcut on Pewter" process can be applied to other metals, including copper). In the impression reproduced here, the full sheet of wove paper without watermark measures 51.5 x 18.7 cm. The text of the colophon was step-etched, as revealed in this copy by the lower edge of the step that caught the surface of the inking ball and printed as a fine shadow line (perhaps just barely visible in this reproduction). Provenance: W. E. Moss (his collection stamp on the cloth portfolio still with this copy); Moss sale, Sotheby's London, 2 March 1937, #191 ("Withdrawn" according to the printed price list, but "mislaid" and thus not sold according to Geoffrey Keynes, Blake Studies, 2nd ed. [Oxford: Clarendon P, 1971] 108); offered again at Sotheby's London, 20 Dec. 1938, #458 (Robinson, £48), and then by the London dealer Robinson in Dec. 1939 (£84), according to Keynes as cited above; apparently acquired by the Scribner Book Store of New York, as indicated by an undated and unpriced typescript advertisement retained with this copy; Parke-Bernet Gallery auction, New York, 9 Dec. 1952, #87 (Joseph Holland, $130, according to the Parke-Bernet invoice retained with this copy); inherited from Holland by Vincent Newton, Jan. 1995; the San Francisco dealer John Windle, offered in his "Blake" cat. of Nov. 1995, # 3; R. Essick.

A note on 1808 issues of The Grave: The sets listed above of the pls. in the 1808 folio issue, modern cloth portfolio, from the Joseph Holland collection, pl. 12 illus. (price on inquiry; acquired by R. Essick); #17, 1808 quarto, cut down, later half calf worn, from the Joseph Holland collection ($375).

A note on 1808 issues of The Grave: The sets listed above of the pls. in the 1808 folio "Proof" sts. now in my collection, both lacking the text of the poem, suggest that Blake’s designs may have been issued by Cromek in 1808 as a suite of pls. A purchaser of such a set of pls. may have also been given the opportunity to acquire a pamphlet-like copy of "Of the Designs" to accompany the prints. The fact that the description of the designs in the copy I acquired from Parkhurst, along with the Chaucer prospectus printed as part of the same gathering, are from the 1808 quarto printing makes this scenario possible. If the copy of the pls. without the poem was extracted, at a later
date, from the 1808 folio issue of the poem, then yet a second copy of the book, an 1808 quarto, must have been cannibalized to make up the copy recorded here. Finding two damaged or incomplete copies from which to retrieve the requisite parts, or destroying two complete copies of the 1808 ed., seems either extremely serendipitous or financially stupid. The final verso of the quarto pamphlet is worn and a bit dirty, as though it had once been unbnd and rubbed against a surface other than the leaf (the back of the frontispiece portrait of Blake) it faces in the present binding. However, heavy indentations from the pamphlet into contiguous leaves indicate that it has been bound in its present position for many decades. At least the unique proof st. of the engraved title page in the disbound set of pls. acquired from Windle is very unlikely to have been extracted from an uncut copy of the 1808 folio. We know that the Grave pls. were issued in portfolio without a text of the poem on at least two other occasions (1870, 1926); the pls., printed on laid India paper, may have also been issued separately in 1813.


Bürger, Leonora, 1796. D & D Galleries, New York New Book Fair, bound with the German text of the poem (as usual) and another work bound in, slight foxing, the frontispiece stained, contemporary half calf (£2750); same copy and price offered by Daniel Hirsch, Oct. Santa Monica Book Fair, John Windle, Dec, cat. 26, #204, frontispiece only (Perry after Blake), from the Keynes collection (£1250).

Cumberland, Thoughts on Outline, 1796. Ken Spelman, May cat. 30, #22, some light foxing, uncut in original limp boards, pl. 2 illus. (£850). Phillip Pirages, July cat. 34, #199, some foxing, "from the author" inscribed on leaf before title page, uncut and unopened in original boards rebacked (£2250).

Darwin, The Botanic Garden. Titles, May cat. 76, #77, 1791 (1st or 2nd) ed. of Part 1, 4th of Part 2 (£200). Wheldon & Wesley, July cat. 210, #31, 3rd ed. of Part 1, 4th of Part 2, contemporary calf rebacked (£325). The Antique & Book Collector, July cat., #16, pl. 1 only, "Fertilization of Egypt" (£295); #17, pl. 6 only, "Tornado" (£395). N. W. Lott, Aug. private offer, proof of "Tornado" only, lacking finishing work in the image but with all letters (price on application). Peter Murray Hill, Oct. cat. 185, #47, 1799 ed., 2 vols., contemporary calf (£200). Grant & Shaw, Nov. cat. 29, #37, 1st ed. of Part 1, 2nd of Part 2, 2 vols., morocco rebacked (£795). Thomas Goldwasser, Dec. cat. 8, #61, 1 pl. only, "Fertilization of Egypt," Blake after Fuseli, from the 1st ed. (£200). John Windle, Dec. cat. 26, #28, 2nd ed. of Part 1, 3rd of Part 2, the only large-paper copy of these eds. I have ever seen, early quarter calf over marbled boards, amateurishly rebacked with the original spine laid down, from the Joseph Holland collection (£650).

A note on large-paper copies of The Botanic Garden: Large-paper copies of both the 1st and 2nd eds. of Part 1 can be distinguished on the basis of paper type as well as size. Small-paper copies are printed on an unwatermarked wove paper with a distinctive checkered pattern (when viewed in a back- ing light) created by a bold wire mesh used in the paper mold(s). Large-paper copies are printed on a heavier wove paper lacking the checkered pattern and showing, in at least a few gatherings, an "E & P" (Edmeads and Pine) watermark.

Euler, Elements of Algebra, 1797. David Bickersteth, June cat. 134, #133, 2 vols., signature C in vol. 2 duplicated, half calf over marbled boards, rubbed, title page to vol. 1 and facing frontispiece portrait of Euler engraved by Blake illus. (£950).

Flaxman, Iliad designs, 1805. Jane & John Kinnaird, May cat. 18, #202, foxed (some pls. heavily), calf spine and boards (given the condition, overpriced at £250).
8 Henry Fuseli, Edgar, Feigning Madness, Approaches King Lear. Pen and ink, brown and gray washes, 62.5 x 96 cm. (Fuseli's largest known drawing), dated to c. 1772. The design illustrates Act 3, scene 4, of Shakespeare's King Lear. Edgar's gigantic proportions, perspectively out of scale with the distance (indicated by the landscape) between him and the group of three on the right, approaches Blake's technique of representing figures of vastly different sizes apparently at the same distance from the viewer. Photo courtesy of Sotheby's London.

Fuseli, Lectures on Painting, 1801. Adam Mills, March cat. 32, #98, engraved title spotted, "original blue paper boards, modern white paper spine with remains of original paper label" (£500; acquired by D.W. Dörrebecker). Alan Rankin, July cat. 44, #8, the leaf with Blake's pl. cleaned and "mounted between tissue," illus. (£150).

Gay, Fables, 1793. Ursus Rare Books, March private offer, 2 vols., early 19th-century half calf ($1500). Appelfeld Gallery, March cat. 55, #88, 2 vols., minor foxing on pls., tissue guards, contemporary calf rebacked ($600). Hartfield, April cat. 48, #1-33, 2 vols., "thick-paper edition," tissue guards, later three-quarter morocco, marbled boards, spines faded ($1295). Between the Lines, April Los Angeles Book Fair, 2 vols., contemporary morocco ($425). Adrian Flühmann GmbH, April cat. 4, #37, with #38, Fables of Aesop (1793), 4 vols. in all uniformly bound in contemporary (and very fancy) morocco ($6500 Swiss francs—about $5700). BBA, 6 July, #200, apparently 1st sts. of the pls., browned in part, mostly confined to the margins of the pls., few leaves with repaired tears, contemporary calf, pl. 1 illus. (not a very attractive copy, but still a good buy at $300). Jarndyce, July cat. 106, #1623, apparently 1st sts. of the pls., some browning, contemporary calf rebacked, pl. 1 illus. (£1500). N. W. Lott, Sept. private offer, pl. 5 only, "The Horse" (not priced), in Roger R. Easson and Robert N. Essick, William Blake: Book Illustrator, vol. 1 (Normal: American Blake Foundation, 1972) 43, the pl. offered by Lott, then in the collection of Raymond Lister, is described as a pre-publication proof. I now concur with Lott that it is simply a late and/or poorly-inked impression showing only fragments of the signature and with some of the fine hatching patterns worn away.

Hayley, Ballads, 1805. Pickering & Chatto, May cat. 730, #137, apparently 1st sts. of the pls., browned in part, mostly confined to the margins of the pls., few leaves with repaired tears, contemporary calf, pl. 1 illus. (not a very attractive copy, but still a good buy at $300). Jarndyce, July cat. 106, #1623, apparently 1st sts. of the pls., some browning, contemporary calf rebacked, pl. 1 illus. (£1500). N. W. Lott, Sept. private offer, pl. 5 only, "The Horse" (not priced). In Roger R. Easson and Robert N. Essick, William Blake: Book Illustrator, vol. 1 (Normal: American Blake Foundation, 1972) 43, the pl. offered by Lott, then in the collection of Raymond Lister, is described as a pre-publication proof. I now concur with Lott that it is simply a late and/or poorly-inked impression showing only fragments of the signature and with some of the fine hatching patterns worn away.


Hayley, Life of Romney, 1809. Heritage Book Shop, Feb. private offer, small-paper issue slightly trimmed, Blake's pls. thinly printed but clean, full calf by R. De Coverly ($1350). Adam Mills, March cat. 32, #117, contemporary ink signature of "William Bayly, Junr," and a later pencil note ("a friend of Blake's—and Johnson Cowper's editor"), some pls. spotted or stained in margins, contemporary half calf, joints cracking

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Novelist's Magazine, BBA, 8 June, #157, vol. 8 (*Don Quixote*), 1782, with vols. 1-2, 18 (none of which contains pls. by Blake), "one volume lacking both text and frontispiece [leaving only a few pls.]," contemporary calf very worn (Hilton, £46). John Windle, Dec. cat. 26, #211, vols. 10-11 (*Sir Charles Grandison*), 1783, contemporary calf, hinges repaired ($675).


9 Henry Fuseli, *Martha Hess as Silence*. Pencil and white chalk on buff paper, 54.5 x 33 cm. Martha Hess of Zurich died in 1779, but Fuseli continued to draw her from memory as late as 1790. She may personify silence, as the title indicates, but the dramatically upturned eyes suggest a state of transcendental meditation. Collection of Maurice Sendak; photo courtesy of Christie's London.


Virgil, *Pastorals*, 1821. The Antique & Book Collector, July cat., #28-30, cuts 2-4 only, probably Linnell impressions rather than extracts from the 1821 vol. (£485 each); #31, cut 6 only, probably a Linnell impression (£600). John Windle, Dec. cat. 26, #217, 2 vols. complete, original sheep (£17,500); #218, 9 of Blake's wood engravings, Linnell impressions ($500 each).

*The Wit's Magazine*, 1784. Campbell Fine Art, April private offer, pl. 1 ("The Temple of Mirth") only, 1st st. of the earlier pl. of the design, cut close to the image with all inscriptions trimmed off, without folds and thus perhaps an impression sold separate from the magazine in which the pls. are folded, foxed (£750). Only the 2nd impression of the 1st st. known to me.

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ered inscription on the original canvas, "Women? Nay, never women! Shakespeare's Macbeth. Oil on canvas, 60.3 x 75.5 cm. Inscribed in the lining canvas and frame, probably repeating a now-covered inscription on the original canvas, "Women? Nay, never women! Gorgons more" (from Aeschylus, Eumenides). The auction catalogue entry claims that these witches are men, whereas in all other versions they are women. I fail to see how these figures are more masculine than other versions, particularly since Fuseli's point would seem to be the transgression of gender boundaries in accord with Shakespeare's text: "You should be women,/ And yet your beards forbid me to interpret/ That you are so" (Macbeth, Act I, scene 3). Photo courtesy of Christie's London.

Wollstonecraft, Original Stories, 1791. Kane Antiquarian Auction, Pottstown, PA, #71, contemporary calf rebacked ($1500).

Young, Night Thoughts, 1797, uncolored. Jeffrey Thomas Books, Feb., private offer, with the Explanation leaf, the title page to Night the Second in the 2nd st., considerable offsetting from the pls., original gray-green boards worn, back cover detached, folding box stained and worn ($12,500); same copy and price, John Windle, Dec. cat. 26, #219. Heritage Book Shop, Feb., private offer, top edge gilt, others uncut, with the "Explanation" leaf bound at the end, quarter calf ($10,000). Frederick Mulder, April private offer, with the Explanation leaf, uncut in original blue boards, the title page to Night the Second in the 2nd st., the same copy previously offered by Donald Heald ($12,000).

Swann, 20 April, #46, some borders cropped, some offsetting, half morocco worn (not sold; estimate $5000-7000). Sims Reed, Oct. cat., #43, with the Explanation leaf, uncut in "original cloth backed blue boards," title page to Night the Third illus., possibly the same copy offered by Mulder, above ($12,000). Simon Finch, Oct. cat. 26, #149, lacking the Explanation leaf, some light offsetting, contemporary morocco worn ($350); same copy and price, Dec. "Occasional List" 13, #125. Pacific Book Auction Galleries, San Francisco, 30 Nov., #57, trimmed to 42 x 31.1 cm., slight foxing and offsetting, later morocco over marbled boards, title page to Night the Third illus. ($4000).

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"The Distribution of His Majesty's Maundy, by the Sub-Almoner in the Chapel Royal at Whitehall." Engraving by James Basire after Samuel Hieronymus Grimm, 1777, 46.5 x 62 cm. The Print Room, May cat. 15, #6, trimmed within platemark, 2 repairs, traces of old fold, illus. (£120). One of the larger, more important pls. engraved by Blake's master (with the assistance of others in his shop?) during Blake's term of apprenticeship.


J. Flaxman, letter to W. Hayley of 19 March 1802, with previously-unrecorded references to Blake. See under Flaxman, below.

J. Hassell, Memoirs of the Life of the Late George Morland, 1806. Sims Reed, April cat. of "Fine and Applied Arts," #660, full morocco by Zaeheusdorff (£250). Grant & Shaw, Aug. cat. 28, #81, some foxing, contemporary half calf (£100). Early references to Blake's two stipple prints after Morland, "The Idle Ladvress" and "Industrious Cottager,"

W. Carey, Critical Description of the Procession of Chaucer's Pilgrims Painted by Thomas Stothard, 1808. Marlborough Rare Books, Aug. cat. 163, #44, half roan rubbed (£150). With a brief mention of Blake's designs for Blair's The Grave (p. 10) and an advertisement (bound at the end) for Cromek's 1808 ed. of the poem with the engravings after Blake.

R. P. Forster, A Collection of the Most Celebrated Voyages & Travels, 1816, with re-engravings of 2 designs originally engraved by Blake for Stedman's Narrative (1796), inscribed in Forster "Execution of a Negro in Surinam" and "The Skinning of the Boa Snake" (pls. 2 and 14 in Stedman). John Windle, Dec. cat. 26, #205, 80 parts in 4 vols., some foxing, contemporary half calf worn (£550).


T. Edwards, Catalogue...of Books...of Mr. Thomas Edwards, auction cat., Halifax, 1 May 1826 and following days. Quaritch, Oct. cat. 1219, #67, bound with the 16 May 1826 sale cat. of Edwards's engravings, drawings, pictures, etc., and the broadside announcing Edwards's withdrawal of the books from auction, modern half calf (£350). Lot 1076 in the book auction is Blake's Night Thoughts water colors. See also the 1828 Edwards auction cat., below.

W. Hazlitt, The Plain Speaker, 1826. Jarndyce, July cat. 106, #839, 2 vols., contemporary half calf (£150). Blake is included in a list of artists "who seem to relieve the literalness of their professional studies by voluntary excursions into the regions of the preternatural...!" (1: 223-24).

Annual Register, 1827. Ian Harkness, April Los Angeles Book Fair, later quarter calf ($35). Contains an obituary notice on Blake, copied without due credit and with substantial omissions from the Gentleman's Magazine, 1827.


T. Edwards, Catalogue of...Books...the Property of the late Thomas Edwards, auction cat., London, 15 May 1828 and 8 following days. Quaritch, Oct. cat. 1219, #68, modern boards (£225). Lot 940 is Songs of Innocence and of Experience copy U, and lot 1130 is Blake's Night Thoughts water colors. See also the 1826 Edwards auction cat., above.


W. Lowndes, Bibliographer's Manual of English Literature, 1834. Claude Cox, March cat. 107, #198, 4 vols., 1 of 50 large-paper copies, water staining in margins, cloth-backed boards worn, prospectus bound in (£220). In this 1st ed. of Lowndes, the Blake entry lists only Silver Drops (1: 205), a work no longer attributed to Blake as either the author or the engraver of the 4 pls. In the entry for Robert Blair (1: 204-05), Blake is properly credited as the designer of the illustrations in the 1808 ed. of The Grave. Blake is also named as the illustrator of the 1797 ed. of Young's Night Thoughts "some copies have coloured plates" (entry for Edward Young, 4: 1999).

W. Blake, Songs of Innocence and of Experience, pub. Pickering, 1839. SL, 22 March, #91, original cloth, spine faded, issue not noted (£414); same copy?, Pickering & Chatto, May cat. 730, #12, issue without "The Little Vagabond" (£1500). John Windle, July "Summer" cat., #30, issue without "The Little Vagabond," lacking the final 2 leaves (apparently never present in this copy), original cloth, backstrip lacking ($600); same copy, Dec. cat. 26, #202 ($400). Lane Duck Books, Sept. cat. 21, #121, issue without "The Little Vagabond," apparently bound in the original cloth ($3500). The first typographic printing of the Songs. See also Montgomery, above.

J. Jackson, A Treatise on Wood Engraving, 1839. Thomas Thorp, May cat. 491, #121, some foxing, contemporary half morocco rebacked (£120). Contains one of the earliest attempts to describe Blake's relief etching and printing procedures.

A. Raimbach, Memoirs, 1843. Questor Rare Books, April cat. 15, #332, recent cloth-backed boards (£125). Contains a passing reference to Blake.

A. Gilchrist, Life of Blake, 1863, annotated copies only. Korn & Towns, Feb. San Francisco Book Fair, 2 vols., original cloth, with the bookplate of Frederick Locker in each vol., 3 inserted letters from Anne Gilchrist seeking information for the 2nd (1880) ed. of the biography, 1 inserted letter from William Bell Scott on the same subject, and Francis Turner Palgrave's unsigned 27 pp. review of the 1863 ed. from The Quarterly Review ($800 to John Windle for R. Essick). Locker has written in pencil, just left of the entry for the Linnell set of the Job water colors in W. M. Rossetti's catalogue printed in Gilchrist's vol. 2, "? This is mine FL" (2:2214). Two vertical pencil lines suggest that Locker is referring only to Satan Pouring Disease on Job (Butlin #551.6, entitled Satan Smiting Job with boils). A pencil inscription on the verso of the front free flyleaf of vol. 2, also in Locker's hand, reads as follows: "See P. 214 I exchanged it for 3 Books with Sir C[harles Wentworth] Dilke." This could not be correct since the Linnell set was not sold by the Linnell family until 1918. Locker must be referring to the tempera of this subject, recorded by Butlin #807 as having been in both the Locker and Dilke collections.


W. B. Scott, *Blake: Etchings from his Works*, 1878. CL, 6 Nov., #107,10 pis., apparently unbound, with Scott’s etched portrait of Blake (st. not recorded), all from Scott’s estate, Penkil Castle, Ayrshire, 1 pl. illus. (£460).

W. B. Scott, etched portrait of Blake, 1881. John Windle, Dec. cat. 26, #10, image 21.2 x 16.1 cm., 1 of 75 impressions on laid India, with an impression from the same pl. cut down to an image of 18.9 x 13.3 cm., 1 of 2 impressions of 1895 according to a pencil inscription on the mount, with a letter of 5 Oct. 1978 from Geoffrey Keynes to the dealer Jake Zeitlin giving the same information on states and impressions, larger pl. illus. (£1250; acquired by R. Essick). The trimmed pl., slightly worn, was printed as the frontispiece to vol. 1 of W. Robertson Nicoll and Thomas J. Wise, eds., *Literary Anecdotes of the Nineteenth Century*, 2 vols. (London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1895).

W. Muir facsimiles of Blake’s illuminated books. Bromer Booksellers, Feb. cat. 87, #36, *America*, 1887, colored issue, Muir’s copy number not recorded, original wrappers (£1250); #37, *Europe*, 1887, colored issue, Muir’s copy number not recorded, original wrappers (£1250). Black Sun Books, March private offer, *Songs of Innocence*, 1927, Muir’s copy number not given (£2500). Adam Mills, June “Blake” cat., #2, *The Book of Thel* executed completely by hand on thick card, 20.5 x 13.7 cm., with 2 versions of the title page, “Thel’s Motto” inscribed “No 1,” with the only recorded copies of John Pearson’s early prospectuses for Muir’s facsimiles bound-in, later full morocco (£1500, acquired by R. Essick); #3, *Visions of the Daughters of Albion*, 1884, no copy number by Muir, on Hodgkinsons wove paper, original wrappers extensively repaired, later portfolio (£600); #4, *The Book of Thel*, 1884, copy no. 1, no watermarks, original wrappers inscribed “With J. Pearson’s Compliments” (£600); same copy and price, Oct. cat. 34, #25; #5, *Songs of Experience*, 1885, Muir’s copy no. 45, on Whatman 1883 and 1884 paper, original wrappers, later portfolio (£750); same copy and price, Oct. cat. 34, #26; #6, *Europe*, 1887, Muir’s copy no. 5, parchment over paper boards (£650, acquired by D. W. Dorrbecker); #7, *For the Sexes: The Gates of Paradise*, 1888, 6 pls. only, no copy number by Muir, no watermarks, modern marbled boards (£250); #8, *Songs of Innocence and Songs of Experience*, 1927, 2 vols., no copy number by Muir, in part on Whatman 1923 paper, inscribed on the front wrapper “For Review. Wm Muir,” original wrappers in later slip-case (£1200). John Windle, Dec. cat. 26, #12, *America*, 1887, no copy number by Muir, full calf rubbed, original wrapper bound in, from the Joseph Holland collection (£1500); #46, *The Marriage of Heaven and Hell*, 1885, out of series and inscribed “For The Times,” later blue cloth, original wrappers bound in, from the Joseph Holland collection (£1200); #68, *Songs of Innocence*, Muir’s copy no. 1, later blue cloth, original wrappers bound in, from the Joseph Holland collection (£900); #70, *There is No Natural Religion*, Muir’s copy no. 11, later blue cloth, original wrappers bound in, from the Joseph Holland collection (£1000).

C. Ricketts, drawing for the frontispiece to the Vale Press ed. of *The Book of Thel*, 1897. Pen and ink heightened with white, 8.6 x 8.6 cm. Ian Hodgkins, June cat. 80, #114, illus. (£1600; acquired July by Jerome J. McGann).

Letter from The Rosenbach Company (signed by Percy E. Lawler) to Joseph Holland, 29 July 1942. Given Nov. by J. Windle to R. Essick. The 2nd and final paragraph reads as follows: “The Blake item in which you were interested is an impression from the original plate 15 [18 in Bentley], the last page of *Europe*. Its price is £58.50.” This is very probably the posthumous impression of pl. 18 in reddish brown ink acquired from Rosenbach in 1947 by the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, Rhode Island.

Letter from Charles Sessler Books (signed by Leonard Sessler) to Joseph Holland, 21 Aug. 1942. Given Nov. by J. Windle to R. Essick. The 2nd of 4 paragraphs reads as follows: “I appreciate your feeling in regards to the CANTERBURY PILGRIMS and in answer to your inquiry the two artists who printed the proofs from the original plate were James McBey and Ernest Roth.” This statement confirms the identity of the printers first reported in Geoffrey Keynes, *Engravings by William Blake: The Separate Plates* (Dublin: Emery Walker, 1956) 48.

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12 Samuel Palmer, *Illustration to Milton’s “Lycidas.”* Water color and body color, 39.4 x 58.4 cm., indistinctly signed, datable to 1873 when exhibited at the Old Water-Colour Society. A label attached to the backing mat quotes the lines illustrated: “No 1/ Lycidas/ Together both, / ere the high lawns appeared/ Under the opening eyelids of the morn./ We drove afield, and both together heard, / What time the grey fly winds her sultry horn,/ Samuel Palmer/ Furze Hill, Red Hill.” Photo courtesy of Christie’s London.

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Jerusalem, Trianon Press facsimile (almost certainly of copy E, published in 1951). BBA, 23 Feb., #217, “facsimile review copy, coloured plates, letter from the Secretary of the William Blake Trust explaining to the Review Department of The Observer newspaper that it would be too costly to give away full copies for review, original wrappers, cloth box, n.d.” (Breckenridge, £74). The letter may explain why one sometimes encounters copies of the Trianon Press facsimile of Jerusalem copy E consisting only of a selection of plates bound in wrappers.

Blake’s Circle and Followers

Works are listed under artists’ names in the following order: paintings and drawings sold in groups, single paintings and drawings, letters and manuscripts, separate plates, books by (or with plates by or after) the artist.

CALVERT, EDWARD

Ite Domum Saturae, Venit Hesperus, Ite Capellae. Ink drawing, 13.8 x 15.9 cm., title lines from Virgil inscribed by Calvert beneath the image, date uncertain but post- Shoreham period. N. W. Lott, private offer (price on application). For an illus., see A Memoir of Edward Calvert Artist by His Third Son (London: Sampson Low, Marston, 1893) 88.


FLAXMAN, JOHN

Study of Three Classical Figures. Pen and wash, 17 x 31.2 cm., signed. The Family Album (a bookshop in Glen Rock, Pennsylvania), April cat., #233 (not without charm, but greatly over-priced at £3200).

A Young Man with Two Children. Gray wash over pencil, 16.5 x 5 cm. SL, 9 Nov., #9, illus. (£1380).

Letter of 19 March 1802 to William Hayley, 2 pp., with previously-unrecorded references to Blake. Moirandat Company AG, Basel, spring cat. 3, #44, 2nd p. illus. (1500 Swiss francs). The partial transcription in the cat. apparently includes all references to Blake. When combined with the illus., we have the following:

...Your reasons for the upright position of the Bible [in a preliminary drawing for Blake's pl. of “A Sketch of the Monument ... In Memory of William Cowper” in Hayley's Life of Cowper], the task [i.e., a copy of Cowper's Task] leaning against it and supported by it, and for the introduction of a Palm branch of Victory, are abundantly convincing and satisfactory. I am well pleased with the whole group of Hieroglyphics & I shall endeavour to execute your drawing punctually & exactly in such a manner, that the execution may reflect no disgrace upon the Idea; When I raised an objection in a former letter it was not to the symbols or their Composition but as a workman I saw that a drawing which looked light & beautiful on paper when translated into marble under the restrictions of basreliefs in a situation which requires the round objects must produce a flat & meagre effect: I shall be much obliged to Mr. Blake, Yourself or any friend, who will take the trouble to suggest a good Idea or correct a faulty one of mine, to Mr. Blake I have been indebted for hints & criticisms which I found it my interest to adopt. I would at any times rather work upon a fine design by another, than one inferior of my own, & I only take the liberty of submitting doubts when the reputation of My Friend & myself are at stake by an oversight:

Concerning the price of the Monument it will be 45 Guineas, for the Palm branch near 4 feet long will require considerable labour to be entirely [sic] relieved; the expence of packing, Carriage, & Travelling charges of the Mason who goes to set it up, will be separate [sic], these may be about 15£ more, besides which if any fee is required for the place in Dereham Church that must be paid by Lady Hesketh; The last Epitaph written for our departed friend is certainly more Sublime in thought & pathetic in expression than the former & is therefore to be preferred;[.] Nancy unites unites [sic] in love to Yourself & Mr. & Mrs.: Blake with,

Dear Friend
Your affectionate & obliged
John Flaxman

Manuscript directions “To Make Modelling Wax” addressed “To Mrs Wilmot with Mr Flaxman’s respectful Compliments,” no date, 1 p. with integral address leaf. Ken Spelman, May cat. 30, #23, illus. (£280).

Anatomical Studies, 1833. SL, 22 March, #328, original green cloth, frontispiece portrait of Flaxman spotted (£207); same copy?, Marlborough Rare Books, Aug. cat. 163, #90 (£480).
Robert Clark, Oct. cat. 41, #278, apparently a later issue in original red cloth (£225).


Iliad designs. BBA, 23 March, #290, with the Aeschylus designs, 2 vols. in 1, "34 plates, 3 tipped in from 1793 edition replacing 1795 images, 28 (of 31) plates," some browning, calf rebacked (Galton, £149).


Iliad, Odyssey, Hesiod, and Aeschylus designs. Alan Rankin, July cat. 44, #7, Reveil ed., 1835, 4 vols., contemporary vellum, several drawings by or (more probably) after Flaxman loosely inserted, 1 drawing illus. (£375).

The Keepsake for 1831. Jarnedyce, July cat. 106, #1598, original watered silk worn (£45).

Lectures on Sculpture, 1829. Robert Clark, Oct. cat. 41, #277, some pls. foxed, contemporary calf rubbed (£200).


FUSELI, HENRY

Edgar, Feigning Madness, Approaches King Lear (recto); Balaam Blessing the People of Israel (verso). Pen and ink, brown and gray washes, 62.5 x 96 cm., dated to c. 1772. SL, 10 July, #300, from the collection of Edward Croft-Murray, both sides illus., recto in color (not sold on a very ambitious estimate of £180,000-240,000). See illus. 8.

The Expulsion from Paradise. Oil, 91.5 x 71 cm. Dorotheum auctions, Vienna, 17 Oct., #76, illus. color (not sold; estimate $234,000-276,000). A previously unrecorded version, authenticated by D. H. Weinglass. Probably the basis for Moses Haughton's engraving of 1805.

Martha Hess as Silence (recto); Study of Two Figures (verso). Pencil and white chalk on buff paper, 54.5 x 33 cm. CL, 25 April, #51, illus. color (£54,300 to the London dealer Anthony Mould for stock; sold May to Maurice Sendak through John Windle). See illus. 9.

Romeo and Juliet, Act III, Scene 5. Oil, 141 x 111 cm. SL, 12 April, #112, illus. color (£41,100).

Satan Starting from the Touch of Ithuriel's Lance. Oil, 230.5 x 276.3 cm., exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1780. CNY, 13 Jan., #146, from the collection of the late Rudolf Nureyev, illus. color (£761,500). Previously sold SL, 13 July 1988, #94 (£770,000). For illus., see Blake 23 (1989): 14. One of Fuseli's greatest paintings. The decrease in monetary value is not surprising for a painting that comes onto the auction market twice within 6 years. For a color illus. and brief comments, see Huon Mallalieu, "Around the Salerooms," Country Life (30 March 1995): 80-81 ("a...masterly exercise in heroic Romanticism, and however seriously the style was taken in the 1780s, to most modern eyes it cannot help but look ludicrous").

Spirit of Knowledge. Pencil and gray wash, 18.1 x 22.2 cm., datable to c. 1798. Leger Galleries, winter cat., #7, illus. color (£13,500).

Standing Nude Figure, seen from behind (recto); two studies of standing nude figures (verso). Pen and brown ink, sheet 31 x 18.4 cm. Martyn Gregory, April cat. 65, #43, recto illus. (£950).


The Three Witches, or The Weird Sisters, from Shakespeare's Macbeth. Oil, 60.3 x 75.5 cm. CL, 4 May, #51, sold from the collection of Donald M. Munson, illus. color (£221,500 on an estimate of £200,000-300,000). See illus. 10.

Autograph draft of Fuseli's 1821 report to the Council of the Royal Academy in his capacity as Keeper and Professor of Painting. 5 pp. Roy Davids, June cat. "Gobbet," #51, "written in a very shaky hand" (£750).


Bible, published Macklin, 1800. Simon Finch, June cat. 25, #12, 6 vols., contemporary morocco (£1600).

Bonynastle, Introduction to Astronomy, 1786. BBA, 27 April, #40, lacking pp. 419-31, later half morocco (Finer, £23).

Boydeell, Collection of Prints...Illustrating...Shakespeare, 1803. BBA, 25 May, #75, vol. 1 only, 33 (of 46) pls., including some after Fuseli, some tears, damp-stained, contemporary morocco-
backed boards very worn (Bell, £690). SL, 24 July, #35, 100 pls.
unbound, some damp-staining, few tears, foxed, 1 pl. after
Smirke illus. (£2070 on an estimate of £600-800).
Cowper, Poems, 1811. Robert Kerr, Jan. cat. 49, #36 (£85). John
Price, Nov. cat., #21, 2 vols., contemporary calf lacking spines,
1 pl. illus. (£65).

3, #49, half title inscribed "From Eliza Darwin [the author’s

Gray, Poems, 1800. Howes Bookshop, Nov. cat. 268, #36, large
paper, lacking 3 of the 6 pls. (£85).

cat. 3, #93, 1832-34 ed., 15 vols. with the 172 outline engrav­
ings based on the Boydell Shakespeare designs, contemporary
half morocco (£350). CSK, 8 Sept., #125, 1848 ed., 15 vols.,
contemporary morocco worn (£168.75).

Shakespeare, Plays and Poems, ed. Valpy. Grant & Shaw, April
cat. 26, #93, 1832-34 ed., 15 vols. with the 172 outline engrav­
ings based on the Boydell Shakespeare designs, contemporary
half morocco (£350). CSK, 8 Sept., #125, 1848 ed., 15 vols.,
contemporary morocco worn (£168.75).

Sotheby, Oberon, 1805. The Poetry Bookshop, July cat. 95, #418,
2 vols., original boards uncut, some foxing, backstrip disinte-
grating but with remains of the paper labels, ex-library copy
(a bargain for D. W. Dörrbecker at £36).

Young, Catalogue of Pictures...in the Possession...of Sir John
Fleming Leicester. Fine Art Catalogues, May cat. 95, #335, 1825
ed., half calf (£95). Questor Rare Books, Nov. cat. 17, #362,
1821 ed., contemporary calf rebacked and rubbed (£185).

LINNELL, JOHN

Covent Garden Market. Pencil, 6.4 x 11.4 cm., signed and dated
1806-07. Martyn Gregory, April cat. 65. #63, illus. (£750).

Evening. Oil, 40.6 x 56.5 cm., signed and dated 1849. CL, 9
June, #282, illus. color (£6500).

The Fallen Monarch, Windsor Forest. Black and white chalk on
grey paper, 27 x 41 cm., inscribed “J Linnell Windsor Forest
1815,” SL, 12 April, #8 (not sold; estimate £400-600).

Fine Evening after Rain. Oil, 46 x 70 cm., signed and dated 1820.
A later copy of the 1815 work—see the next entry below. CL, 6
Nov., #154, illus. color (£9775).

A Fine Evening After Rain—A Scene in Wales. Oil, 35 x 53.5
cm., possibly the painting on panel Linnell exhibited at the
Royal Society of Painters in 1815. SL, 12 July, #107, illus. color
(#6325).

Hay and Haste. Oil, 70 x 97 cm., signed and dated 1875. SL, 12
July, #108, illus. color (£11,500 on an estimate of £4000-6000).

Hop Field at Underriver. Pencil and colored chalks, 24.8 x 36.8
cm., signed and dated 1847. Martyn Gregory, April cat. 65. #66,
illus. (£1250).

Landscape with Shepherd and Sheep. Oil, 65.5 x 92.5 cm., signed
and dated 1860. SL, 12 April, #89, illus. color (£10,925).

Near Dobweddelan, North Wales. Water color, 24 x 38.1 cm.,
signed and dated 1813. Martyn Gregory, April cat. 65. #65, illus.
(#1800).

North Wales. Pencil on gray paper, 28.9 x 44.2 cm., signed and
dated 1813. CL, 25 April, #120 (not sold; estimate £600-800).

Porchester Castle, Southampton. Water color, 14 x 20.3 cm.,
signed and dated 1861. Martyn Gregory, April cat. 65. #67, illus.
(#1800).

Portrait of Samuel Garratt. Pencil heightened with white, 29.2
x 22.2 cm., signed. Martyn Gregory, April cat. 65. #64, illus.
(#950).

Portrait of Joseph Mallord William Turner. Oil, half-length, 45.7
x 38.1 cm. CL, 10 Nov., #27, illus. color (£18,400).

Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Clare, a pair. Oil, 44.4 x 35.6 cm.,
signed and dated 1834. CL, 9 June, #368, Mr. Clare illus. color
(not sold at £1300 on an estimate of £2000-3000).

Rest. Oil, 67 x 99 cm., signed and dated 1857. SL, 6 Nov., #49,
illus. color (£43,300 on an estimate of £20,000-30,000).

A Shepherd and His Flock at Sunset. Oil, 10.8 x 19 cm. CSK, 9
Nov., #137 (£787).

Thames Barges. Pencil and chalk heightened with white, 24.1 x
27.3 cm., signed. Martyn Gregory, April cat. 65. #62, illus.
(#590).

Windsor Park. Oil, 51 x 71 cm., signed and dated 1863. SL, 8
Nov., #100, illus. color (not sold; estimate £6000-8000).

“The Rev. T. R. Malthus,” 1834 mezzotint, 35 x 29 cm., by
Linnell after his oil portrait. Quaritch, June “Short List” 30,
#78, fine impression, framed (£850).

MORTIMER, JOHN HAMILTON

“Pastoral,” “Reposo,” and 2 other etchings by Mortimer. BBA,
25 May, #69, minor defects, dust-stained (Grosvenor Prints,
£34).

PALMER, SAMUEL

The Bay of Naples. Water color, 42 x 58.2 cm., datable to 1838.
Agnew’s, cat. of 122nd annual exhibition of English water col-
ors and drawings, Feb.-March, #38, illus. color (price on ap-
lication).

A Cornfield, Shoreham, at Twilight. Pen and brush and brown
ink, 14.5 x 16 cm. SL, 12 April, #97, illus. color (£161,000 on an estimate of £50,000-80,000 to Agnew's, apparently for a private client). See illus. 11.

_Eventide_. Water color and body color, 19.5 x 42.5 cm., signed and dated 1841. Christopher Wood Gallery, 6-24 June exhibition of water colors (price on application). Previously sold SL, 14 July 1994, #150, illus. color (£29,900).

_Illustration to Milton's “Lycidas.”_ Water color and body color, 39.4 x 58.4 cm., signed indistinctly, datable to 1873. CL, 11 July, #50, illus. color (£89,500). See illus. 12.


_The Sleeping Shepherd, etching_. CL, 29 June, #416, 7th St., signed in pencil, illus. (not sold; estimate £2000-3000); same impression, CL, 28 Nov., #633, illus. (not sold; estimate £1500-2000). The Antique & Book Collector, July cat., #49, 8th st. (£750).

_The Vine or Plumpy Bacchus, etching_. CL, 29 June, #415, 3rd St., signed in pencil and inscribed "Trial Proof," from the collection of Sir Geoffrey Keynes (not sold; estimate £800-1200); same impression, CL, 28 Nov., #634, illus. (not sold; estimate £1500-2000). The Antique & Book Collector, July cat., #49, 8th st. (£750).

_The Weary Ploughman, etching_. CL, 29 June, #418, 7th St., signed in pencil, illus. (not sold; estimate £2000-3000); same impression, CL, 28 Nov., #634, illus. (not sold; estimate £1500-2000). The Antique & Book Collector, July cat., #49, 8th st. (£750).

_The Morning of Life, etching_. CL, 28 Nov., #635 (£437).

_The Weary Ploughman, etching_. CL, 29 June, #418, 7th St., signed in pencil, illus. (not sold; estimate £2000-3000); same impression, CL, 28 Nov., #634, illus. (not sold; estimate £1500-2000). The Antique & Book Collector, July cat., #49, 8th st. (£750).
14 Welby Sherman, *Christ in the Wilderness*. Pencil and gray wash, 10.9 x 6.4 cm., datable to c. 1828 when Sherman was working with Samuel Palmer and George Richmond. Signed in cartouche, bottom center, "W S F" (Welby Sherman *fecit*) or perhaps "W S P" (Welby Sherman *pinxit*). Essick collection. Formerly pasted into a notebook in which "W Sherman" was inscribed (by Richmond?) on the backing leaf just beneath the drawing. The notebook passed by inheritance from Richmond to his great granddaughter, Miriam Hartley, who removed the drawing in the 1970s and sold it to a private British collector. Another drawing attributed to Sherman was sold in London by Sotheby's in 1967, but I have not been able to trace its present ownership or find any further drawings or paintings by Sherman. Although in many academic respects awkward, the design and its miniaturistic detail captures much of the spirit of the youthful "Ancients" when most under the spell of Blake and their own "visionary" imaginations. The cartouche and signature (particularly if the last letter is "F") suggest that the drawing was executed as a preliminary for an engraving. For a color illus. and insightful comments, see Raymond Lister, *British Romantic Painting* (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1989) no. 59.


Dickens, *Pictures from Italy*, 1846. George Bayntun, May cat., #89, original cloth (£165). Robert Allen Books, May private offer, original cloth rehinged, new endpapers (£225). CNY, 15 Dec., #12, original cloth, presentation inscription from Dickens to Lady Blessington dated 19 May 1846 (£34,500?).


A. H. Palmer, S. Palmer: A Memoir, 1882. William Reese, April cat. 145, #711, small-paper issue, F. G. Stephens's copy with a few of his annotations, original quarter leather ($500; purchased by the dealer John Windle). Reese's cat. entry failed to point out that the volume includes (bound-in at p. 32) an important autograph letter from A. H. Palmer to Stephens, dated 21 March 1883 and describing work on the Palmer pls. for Virgil's Eclogues, 1883.

Virgil, *Eclogues*, 1883. Phillip Pirages, April cat. 33, #411, small paper, original cloth, hinges cracked, cover illus. ($1350). BBA, 27 April, #398, large paper, original parchment slightly dust soiled (Franklin, £460 on an estimate of £100-200). Wilsley Rare Books, Oct. Santa Monica Book Fair, large paper, original parchment, 1 of 10 copies for presentation, letter laid in of 30 Aug. 1927 from A. H. Palmer to Martin Hardie ($3000). CL,
15 Thomas Stothard, illustration engraved on wood by Luke Clennell and first published in Samuel Rogers, *Poems* (London: Cadell and Davies, 1816) 117. The image at the top (3.9 x 5.3 cm.) is the published version; the pre-publication proof (3.9 x 6 cm.) below includes an additional figure, a column, and more vine leaves far right. These motifs were removed from the block before publication. The final leaf top right and half the next leaf to the left in the published version were cleverly formed from the right shoulder and face of the cancelled figure. Essick collection.

28 Nov., #636, the 5 pls. only, apparently removed from the book (£287).

**RICHMOND, GEORGE**


**ROMNEY, GEORGE**

A Sketchbook, 59 leaves, mostly pencil sketches, a few in pen and ink with washes, 9 x 16 cm. SL, 10 July, #124, 2 drawings on 1 leaf illus. (£4830).

A Sketchbook, 48 leaves, with pencil sketches, a few in pen and brown ink with brown wash, draft letters, and instructions for making paints, inscribed "From Mrs Romney's Sale, 1894." Ken Spelman, Oct. cat. 32, #48, size of leaves not given (£3600; acquired by the Huntington Art Gallery for £3000).

Antigone with the Dead Body of Polynices. Pencil, black chalk, touches of pen and ink, 56.5 x 48.5 cm. SL, 10 July, #101, illus. (not sold; estimate £4000-6000).

Figure Study. Pencil, 12.5 x 20.5 cm. SL, 10 July, #157 (£460).

Lady Hamilton as Euterpe. Pen and brown ink, brown wash, 40 x 30 cm. Cl., 10 July, #125, illus. (£4025).

Portrait of the Artist. Oil, 48.9 x 36.8 cm., datable to the early 1780s, unfinished. Cl., 8 June, #28, illus. color (£23,000).

Portrait of William Hayley. Oil, 74 x 63.5 cm., datable to 1777. SL, 8 Nov., #59, illus. color (£45,500 on an estimate of £20,000-30,000). See illus. 13.

Study of Hector Holding a Shield. Pencil and pen and ink, gray wash, 25 x 17.7 cm. CL, 7 Nov., #71, illus. (£1840).

Study of Old Hags. Pen and brown ink, brown wash, 50 x 32.5 cm. SL, 9 Nov., #7, illus. (£1610).
Travellers and Horses Outside an Inn at Night. Pen, ink, and brown washes, 18.1 x 26.7 cm., datable to c. 1790. Leger Galleries, winter cat., #5, illus. color ($8000).

SHERMAN, WELBY

Christ in the Wilderness. Pencil and gray wash, 10.9 x 6.4 cm. Sold May by N. W. Lott to R. Essick. See illus. 14.


STOTHARD, THOMAS

Ladies Quarrelling over a Card Table at Bath. Oil, 38.4 x 30.5 cm. Cl., 8 June, #118, illus. (£2530).

Silvia and the Outlaws, based on Act 5, scene 4, of Shakespeare’s Two Gentlemen of Verona. Oil, 68.5 x 51.5 cm. SL, 8 Nov., #121 (not sold; estimate £2000-3000).

161 prints after Stothard, the remnants of a partly disbound album. Campbell Fine Art, April private offer, including pls. by Luke Clennell for Rogers’s Italy and Poems printed on thin paper, a few in proof sts., 2 pls. for R. H. Cromek’s Remains of Nithsdale and Galloway Song (1810) not published in the book, Stothard’s Alphabet (London: Pickering, 1830), and 1 drawing perhaps by Stothard (acquired by R. Essick). See illus. 15.

“Boadicea the British Queen Animating the Britons to Defend their Country against the Romans,” Sharp after Stothard, 1812. Howard Mott, Nov. cat. 230, #262, mounted with a separate sheet in letterpress, An Account of Boadicea, published to accompany the print, and on the same sheet “Historical Notices of Zenobia,” engraved by Sharp after Michelangelo ($500).


“John Gilpin,” panoramic print by Worthington after Stothard, 1825. Claude Cox, July cat. 109, #195, lightly soiled, small tear just into image (£120).

“Pilgrimage to Canterbury,” Schiavonetti and Heath after Stothard, 1817. Canton Barn Auctions, Connecticut, 8 April, no lot number, published “Proof” (so inscribed lower left), no information on condition (the print dealer Jan Allison, $880). I have heard rumors that a British dealer had this print priced at £2000 in early 1995, but this remains unconfirmed. Have prints after Stothard finally found a rising market?


“The Wellington Shield,” unsigned engraving after Stothard. Campbell Fine Art, April private offer, the small engraving of the full shield, with 11 pls. of details of the shield’s design compartments (£250).

“William Blake, Thomas Stothard and Mr. Ogleby in Custody by the Medway,” etching apparently designed and executed by Stothard c. 1780-82. Campbell Fine Art, April private offer, a good impression extracted from an album of prints after Stothard, inscribed in pencil “Stothard del” (lower left), “Blake sc” (lower right), and “Medway opposite Upnor Castle—Gentlemen taken prisoner.” Inscribed in pencil in a different hand on the verso, “Sketched and drawn on the plate by Stothard. Completed and etched by Blake” (£2000). The verso inscription is a new theory of the print’s invention and execution, but the authority for such a view is uncertain. Only the 6th recorded impression.

Aesop, Fables, 1793. CE, 27 Sept., #30, 2 vols., contemporary calf; cover of vol. 1 detached ($322).

Bible, published Macklin, 1800. See under Fuseli, above.

The Bijou, 1829. Jarndyce, July cat. 106, #1585, original watered silk (£65).


Bray, Life of Stothard, 1851, extra-illustrated copies only. Thomas Thorp, Jan. cat. 489, #291, extended to 2 vols., 147 added engravings, 2 water colors, 8 pen and ink sketches, later morocco by Bayntun (£480).


The Keepsake. Jarndyce, July cat. 106. #1596, for 1828, later half morocco (£40); #1597, for 1830, later cloth rubbed (£35); #1599, for 1832, original watered silk worn (£25); #1602, for 1835, original watered silk worn (£45).

Langhorne, Fables of Flora, 1804. CSK, 10 Feb., #158, "wood engraved vignettes" by Birrell after Stothard, spotted, contemporary half calf, upper cover detached (£22). This ed. has not been previously recorded as containing Stothard designs. Perhaps this ed. reprints the 1794 copperplate engravings by Stothard, 1792-93. BBA, 22 June, #346, light foxing, original boards rebacked (Casali, £287).

Milton, Comus ... to which Are Added, L'Allegro and II Penseroso, 1799. Stuart Bennett, Feb. cat. 2, #131, later half calf (£125).

Milton, Paradise Lost, 12 engravings by Bartolozzi after Stothard, 1792-93. BBA, 22 June, #346, light foxing, original boards rebacked (Casali, £287).

Pope, Rape of the Lock, Du Roveray ed., 1798. See under Fuseli, above.


Rogers, Poetical Works, 1869. Ewen Kerr, Sept. cat. 53, #835, minor browning, half leather (£90).

Rogers, Poems. Claude Cox, March cat. 107, #149, 1842 ed., 2 vols., water stained in margins of both vols. and much of the text in the 2nd, publisher's cloth (£30). Robert Clark, June cat. 40, #386, 1834 ed., original boards with printed paper label, letter from Moxon (the publisher) to Robert Graves (one of the engravers) of 3 Feb. 1834 tipped in (£85). Jarndyce, July cat. 106, #1183, 1812 ed., original boards uncut (£65); #1182, 1816 ed., contemporary morocco (£60); #1183, 1834 ed., "fine paper" issue, original boards uncut (£65); #1184, 1834 ed., ordinary issue, original boards uncut (£60); #1185, 1834 ed., contemporary morocco (£85); #1186, 1853 ed., contemporary half calf very worn, "a poor copy" (£15). Francis Edwards, Nov. cat. 1310, #191, 1834 ed., slight water staining and some spotting, full calf worn (£38).

A Selection of Popular National Airs, music by Stevenson, words by Thomas Moore, 1818. Jarndyce, July cat. 106, #1114, original boards, cloth spine, rubbed (£50). Said by Jarndyce to have a title-page vignette by Stothard; not previously recorded.


Appendix: New Information on Blake's Engravings


The Separate Plates of William Blake: A Catalogue

“Chaucers Canterbury Pilgrims,” 4th st., pp. 68-70. Another impression of the rare 4th st., with the scratched inscriptions left and right of the title, is in the Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York. According to Candace J. Adelson, Curator of European Art, the sheet of laid paper measures 35.6 x 95.9 cm. Formerly folded in half; the print also has several repaired tears. The scratched inscriptions are very light (hardly visible in a photograph). Given to the Gallery in 1983 by a local collector.

“Chaucers Canterbury Pilgrims,” pp. 70-71, impression 5GG. For the sale of this impression by John Windle to a private Chicago collector, see “Chaucers Canterbury Pilgrims” under Separate Plates, above.

“Chaucers Canterbury Pilgrims,” pp. 85-86. The astute print dealer N. W. Lott has found some internal evidence for determining the printing history of the 5th (final) st. In an impression presently (Feb. 1995) in his possession, there are several scratches and other defects that do not appear in impressions of earlier sts. and appear only as slight shadows, if at all, in what are almost certainly Colnaghi (beginning c. 1881) and Sessler (1941) impressions. The most evident of these flaws are a horizontal scratch through the head, eye and nose of the Cook; scratches or corrosion in a horizontal band on the right shoulder and just above the right breast of the Lady Abbess; a similar blemish on the rump of the Knight’s horse just left of his saddle; and a vertical scar on the head of the Knight’s horse extending from the top of his bridle to his mane. Lott’s impression is on heavy wove paper and is very probably earlier than impressions that show only slight evidence of these defects. Perhaps Colnaghi repaired these accidental defects that occurred between the 4th st. impressions (probably lifetime) and 1881. Since only very slight indications of some of these flaws appear on impressions on thin laid paper with prominent chain lines, I can no longer claim that they may be among the earliest 5th st. impressions.

“George Cumberland’s Card,” p. 113, impression 1M. For the recent history of this impression, see under “Separate Plates,” above.

“Calisto,” pp. 142-43. For a newly-recorded impression, see under “Separate Plates,” above. The fact that the new impression in brown ink on laid paper is in the 2nd st. makes it probable that impression F (Keynes Collection, Fitzwilliam Museum), lacking the title and imprint but in a similar ink on laid paper, is also in the 2nd st.

“Fall of Rosamond,” p. 134, impression 1B. Acquired by the Connecticut print dealer N. W. Lott in Aug. 1995 and sold in the same month to R. Essick.


William Blake’s Commercial Book Illustrations

P. 23. For yet another issue of *The Whole Genuine and Complete Works of Flavius Josephus*, published by J. Cooke, see Josephus under “Letterpress Books with Engravings by and After Blake,” above. D. W. Dorrbecker suggests to me that the designer of pls. 1 and 3, signed by “C. M. Metz” as at least the delineator (“delin.”), may be Caroline M. Metz, not Conrad Martin Metz. The former was a painter, the latter principally an engraver.

P. 24, 2nd st. of Kimpton and Josephus, pl. 1. D. W. Dorrbecker has pointed out to me that the pl. is signed “Metz delin.,” not “Metz Delin.”

P. 48, Darwin, *Botanic Garden*, pl. 6 (“Tornado”). The proof listed in Raymond Lister’s collection, lacking finishing work in the image but with all letters, was acquired in Aug. by N. W. Lott.

P. 90, Hayley, *Life of Cowper*, pl. 6. Early in March 1802, Hayley sent John Flaxman a revised drawing for this plate. In his newly-recorded reply of 19 March 1802, Flaxman thanks Hayley and Blake for their suggestions and names a price of 45 guineas for the execution of the monument in marble. For a partial transcription of this letter, apparently including all references to Blake, see under Flaxman, above.
William Blake and His Circle: A Checklist of Publications and Discoveries in 1995

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The organization of the checklist is as follows:

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Note: Collections of essays on Blake and issues of periodicals devoted significantly to him are listed in one place, with cross-references to their authors.

Division II: Blake's Circle

This division is organized by individual (say, William Hayley or John Flaxman), listing works by and about Blake's friends and patrons, living individuals with whom he had significant direct and demonstrable contact. It will include Thomas Butts, Thomas Hartley Cromek, George Camberwell, John Flaxman and his family, Henry Fuseli, Thomas and William Hayley, John Linnell and his family, Samuel Palmer, James Parker, George Richmond, Thomas Stothard, and John Varley. It does not include important contemporaries with whom Blake's contact was negligible or non-existent such as John Constable and William Wordsworth and Edmund Burke; such major figures are dealt with more comprehensively elsewhere, and the light they throw upon Blake is very dim.

Reviews listed here are only for books which are substantially about Blake, not for those with only, say, a chapter on Blake. These reviews are listed under the book reviewed; the authors of the reviews may be recovered from the index.

"Blake and His Circle" serves in part as an addendum to Blake Books (1977) and to Blake Books Supplement (1995). I take Blake Books and its Supplement, faute de mieux, to be the standard bibliographical authorities on Blake and have noted significant differences from them.

In general, Keiko Aoyama is responsible for works in Japanese, and I am greatly indebted to her for her meticulous accuracy and her patience in translating the words and conventions of Japan into our very different context.

I am grateful to many kind assistants, especially to Freda Ablett, Keiko Aoyama, Julia Bentley, Martin Butlin, Cambridge University Press, R. F. J. Dewhurst, D. W. Dorrbecker, Maja Ericsson, Robert N. Essick, Alexander Gourlay, Heather Howell, R. L. Judge (optician), Richard Landon, Kevin Lewis, James McKusick, Jerome J. McGann, Randy McLeod, Alain Moirandat, Peter Morgan, Morton Paley, J. E. Poole (of the Fitzwilliam Museum), Princeton University Press, Dennis Read, Michael Tolley, Joseph Viscomi, Stephen Wagner (of the Pforzheimer Collection), and particularly to Dr. E. B. Bentley.

N.B. I have made no consistent attempt to record Blake-related manuscripts, typescripts, computer printouts, broadcasts on radio or televisions, calendars, coffee mugs, email, movies, pageants, pillows, published scores, recorded readings, sound-recordings, T-shirts, or video recordings.

The chief indices used to discover what relevant works have been published were the American Humanities Index, XVIII for 1992 (1993); XIX for 1993 (1993 [sic]); Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature, for 1991 (1994—76 Blake entries).

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1 Nb. In this checklist, "facsimile" is taken to mean "an exact copy" attempting very close reproduction of an original named copy including size of image, color of printing (and of tinting if relevant), and size, color, and quality of paper, with no deliberate alteration as in page-order or numbering or obscuring of paper defects. It may, however, include added matter such as transcripts of Blake’s poems.


5 For instance, William Blake, The South Bank Show, ITV (London), 17 September 1995, largely narrated by Peter Ackroyd.


7 For instance, the mug with "I want! I want!" from The Gates of Paradise produced by the Fitzwilliam Museum.

8 For the "home page" of the Blake Archive Hypertext being prepared at the University of Virginia by Eaves, Essick, and Viscomi, see http://jefferson.village.virginia.edu/Blake

9 best viewed on Netscape Navigator.


12 Such as the one of two tigers embroidered with "Tyger Tyger burning bright ..." bought in Pasadena December, 1995.

The records here of Blake discovery and scholarship are somewhat slantier than for previous years. Most notable among the books are the magisterial editions of The Continental Prophecies edited by D. W. Dörrecker and of The Urizen Books edited by David Worrall, the biography by Peter Ackroyd, and the collection of essays on Blake's art by Christopher Heppner. Each is a very notable publication which is likely to be widely and deservedly consulted.

The languages in which Blake studies are published continue to be dauntingly diverse; those recorded for this year alone include Danish, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Polish, and Swedish, and doubtless some have been overlooked, particularly in Italian, Spanish, and Russian.

Distribution I: William Blake

Blake's Writings

Ownership of Originals

No complete book written by Blake is known to have changed hands in the last year, but a number of small but often very beautiful fragments were sold, chiefly Urizen pl. 3 to Maurice Sendak, Urizen pl. 22 and Marriage pl. 20 to Robert N. Essick (see illus. 1-3), the Receipt of 5 July 1805 to John Windle, and Songs pl. a to Justin Schiller.

Perhaps more surprising is the identification of the obscure nineteenth-century landscape artist James Ferguson as a major Blake collector with a Blake collection rivaling in size all but those of the richest of his contemporaries.

And most tantalizing of all is the previously unknown extensive manuscript: containing translations with learned notes of plays by Sophocles and the repeated signature of William Blake. Nothing remotely like this Sophocles Manuscript is known in the Blake canon—but then, nothing remotely like the poem and drawing by Blake on the drinking glass known as The Felpham Rummer was known before its discovery in 1982, and the Felpham Rummer is now accepted as genuine. The Sophocles Manuscript will be a major new resource for Blake studies if its connection with Blake can be firmly established.

New Editions

A surprising number of comparatively trifling editions of Blake's poetry were published in 1995, including Blake's Selected Poems, ed. David & Virginia Erdman, Holes in the Texture of Time, Jerusalem [i.e., the lyric from Milton], with wood engravings by Linda Anne Landers, Poems of William Blake, ed. Peter Ackroyd, Selected Poems (N.Y.: Gramercy Books, 1995), Selected Poems (Bloomsbury Poetry Classics) (1994; 1995), Selected Works, ed. David Stevens, and Songs of Innocence and of Experience (Penguin). None of these pretends to advance knowledge, but the Stevens edition may be useful for "students in schools and colleges," with its suggestions for "activities and approaches," and the Jerusalem lyric from Milton is a pretty little shaped "book."
Of enormously greater importance and beauty are the last of the volumes in the new Blake Trust series of reproductions called Blake's Illuminated Books: The Continental Prophecies and The Urizen Books. The whole of the new series (1991-95) is a triumph, serving quite a different audience from the original Blake Trust series of facsimiles (1951-87), at far more modest prices, using more advanced and often better technology, and mustering a far more impressive and sophisticated range of scholarship in support of the reproductions than was attempted in the first series of Blake Trust facsimiles. Now, at the cost of the cheapest trans-Atlantic plane flight or a washing machine or half a computer, one may obtain not only first-class reproductions in color of one copy of each of Blake's works in Illuminated Printing but also the best scholarship and the most sophisticated criticism of them.

One of the virtues of the series is that the copies reproduced have sometimes not been reproduced at all or adequately before. America (H) has not previously been reproduced, Europe (B) was reproduced in 1978 only in black-and-white and in 1990 in reduced size, and Song of Los (A) was only somewhat approximately reproduced in 1890 and in black-and-white in 1978. The Continental Prophecies thus exhibits forms of Blake's works scarcely accessible otherwise save in the originals. Similarly, for The First Book of Urizen (D), The Book of Ahania (A), and The Book of Los (A) in The Urizen Books, Urizen (D) was previously reproduced in 1876 only in black-and-white, Ahania (A) in 1892, 1973, 1974 (in black-and-white), and 1978 (in black-and-white), and The Book of Los (A) in 1974 (in black-and-white), 1976, and 1978 (in black-and-white). (Ahania and The Book of Los survive in only one copy each.) The Urizen Books reproduced here are all color-printed, a medium notoriously difficult to reproduce, and these new reproductions are notably satisfactory in this respect.

Equally impressive is the quality of scholarship which accompanies the reproductions. D. W. Dorrbecker and David Worrall have assembled a formidable mass of information and presented it deftly and effectively. Indeed, so substantial is the apparatus which they provide that what was originally intended to be presented within the covers of one volume had to be separated into two substantial quarto volumes totaling almost 600 pages. This editorial apparatus is extremely valuable and should be made accessible as widely as possible. It would be desirable to reprint the whole series in two different formats, one with only the color facsimiles and the other with typeset text and this extraordinary apparatus to accompany it.

An indication of the value justly attached to the Blake Trust facsimiles is the fact that they have repeatedly been reproduced, often silently and somewhat approximately, in reproductions of facsimiles. An example is the edition of Milton published in Vienna and Lana with some plates in color and most in black-and-white. This is the sincerest kind of flattery, particularly when, as here, the relationship is honestly acknowledged.

Part II
Blake's Art

The most notable publication reproducing Blake's art is the selective reprinting of illustrations from the great Keynes and Binyon edition of Blake's Job designs published by the Pierpont Morgan Library in 1935. Now that the Keynes and Binyon edition is (more or less) out of copyright, about half of the designs published there have been reproduced by Dover, though without the accompanying text. If one has no access to the Morgan edition of that or the Blake Trust in 1987, this Dover publication may be useful as providing reproductions of reproductions.

Part III
Commercial Book Engravings

With Blake's commercial book engravings, there is comparatively little to report. A new working proof of Schiavonetti's plate for Blair's Grave has been discovered, two designs for Commins's Elegy (1786) have been acquired by Robert N. Essick, and the colored copy of Hayley's Little Tom the Sailor was bought by Sendak. A new edition, or at least a new titlepage, for Maynard's Josephus has been identified, and many of the titlepages in the three editions of Lavater's Essays on Physiognomy are misdated, some of them by a quarter of a century.

Part IV
Catalogues and Exhibition

Several of the catalogues of Blake published in 1995 were surprisingly ambitious, and two of the minor ones are quite useful. Doubtless the most frivolous exhibition catalogue associated with Blake in 1995 or perhaps in any other year is the one called The Genitals Are Beauty (London: House of William Blake), printed on a small brown paper bag. All the rest at least have serious intellectual pretensions. Robin Hamlyn's small Tate exhibition called William Blake and Patronage has useful information particularly on Blake's early patron John Hawkins and on the neighborhood of Thomas Butts, and D. W. Dorrbecker, "In Cambridge & in Oxford, places of Thought": Blake in British Theses 1950-1994, records a surprising number of Blake theses which had not previously appeared in Blake bibliographies. One of the most impressive Blake sale catalogues for many years, perhaps in this century, was that of John Windle in The Blake Collection of Joseph Holland & Vincent Newton, with admirable descriptions and reproductions—and prices sometimes too searing to be committed to print. The most ambitious Blake bibliography was G. E. Bentley, Jr., Blake Books Supplement, which covers the years from the completion of Blake Books (1975) until 1993, using the same standards and conventions.

Part VI
Scholarship and Criticism
Pre-1863 Blake References

Several previously unremarked pre-Gilchrist (1863) references to Blake have been noticed, including John Gorton, A General Biographical Dictionary (1835, 1841, 1847, 1851), W. A. Beckett, Universal Biography (1836), two poems by Blake in The Estray [ed. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow] (1847), Poems and Songs by Allan Cunningham (1847), and Walter Thornbury, Imperial Dictionary of Universal Biography (1863).

16 See Blake, XXIX (1995), 16-23.
Dissertations on Blake

A surprising number of dissertations are newly recorded here, especially from Index to [British] Theses, which are mostly omitted from Dissertation Abstracts International; they are extensively concerned with gender, feminism, and masculinists.

Blake Journals

Two new journals concerning Blake have begun publication. The first is Urthona, for which "Blake is, as it were, the guiding spirit," with even stronger Buddhist overtones. Thus far, Blake has been only occasionally the explicit subject of Urthona. For the Journal of the Blake Society at St James, on the other hand, Blake is the only subject, though in a somewhat eclectic fashion, with stories for children and poems and reflections on Blake by an industrialist. It sometimes takes its readers somewhat surprisingly into the world of sex and commerce. For instance, the assertion by a former director of British Rail that Blake "has proved to be, for me, the revelation of revelations" prompted an irrevocable contributor to the Times Literary Supplement to comment: "So, in the late 1970s and early 80s, British Rail was effectively run by William Blake! This surely explains a lot." [17]

Japanese Works on Blake

As has been the case for half a century and more, there is a great deal of writing about Blake by Japanese scholars and in Japanese. I ignore here most works in Japanese because I cannot confidently read this major language of Blake criticism, though more is published on Blake in Japanese than in all other non-English languages combined. Among the most energetic and promising of these are the essays of Keiko Aoyama, Toru Endo, and Rikyu Kono. Note also the collection of Blake essays in English in Centre and Circumference: Essays in English Romanticism [by members of the] Association of English Romanticism in Japan, edited by Kenkichi Kamijima, particularly those by Eiko Endo and Shigeru Taniguchi.

Blake Biography

The most important and influential book about Blake published in 1995 was Peter Ackroyd's ambitious and comprehensive biography called Blake. It is admirably up-to-date, with biographical details from the latest articles, but it rarely attempts to take the reader much beyond the best information previously available. And when it does attempt such novelty, it is not always very reliable. [18] Chapters with biographical details are interspersed with sections on what Blake was writing at the time (usually fairly conventionally described) and on what he was drawing (much more rewarding). In particular, there is a consistent attempt to depict Blake in his London setting and to characterize him as a Cockney, which apparently here means one who loves London rather than someone born within the sound of Bow Bells who drops his "h"s. Ackroyd's account of Blake is careful and loving and is probably the best biography of the poet published since those by Alexander Gilchrist (1863) and Mona Wilson (1927).

Two other scholars have made significant contributions to our understanding of Blake's life and biographical context. Joseph Viscomi discovered that Blake's patron Thomas Butts was married twice and consequently that there is some uncertainty as to the identity of the intended recipient (which "Mrs Butts"?) of Blake's poem called "The Phoenix." [19] This extraordinary discovery has wide-ranging implications for the ownership of many of Blake's most important works in the nineteenth century. And Aileen Ward has assembled strong evidence to show that Blake's favorite brother Robert was born, not in August 1767, as Blake Records had suggested, but in June 1762, as Gilchrist and all other earlier biographers had asserted. [20]

Michael Phillips has revised a number of his bibliographical essays on Poetical Sketches and Songs of Innocence and of Experience which have been translated into French as William Blake: Recherches pour une Biographie: Six Etudes. And Marsha Keith Schuchard has presented yet more evidence of the strange magical, Masonic and Swedenborgian worlds which Blake may—or may not—have participated in. [21]

Blake's Art

Christopher Heppner's Reading Blake's Designs is the most important book about Blake's art published for some years. It incorporates six of his previously-published essays concentrating particularly upon Blake's work as a History Painter, the aspect of his work which Blake would have thought to be most valuable. Probably the most rewarding section is the one on that perennial enigma, The Arlington Court Picture, which Heppner has analyzed more persuasively than any of his predecessors—though uncertainties yet remain.

Similar close reading is displayed with remarkable learning by Irene Chayes, in examining the image in Blake, Edward Young, and his predecessors of a bust or statue of Mercury used as a finger-post at the roadside. [22]

Blake's Writings

A number of books on Blake have been published dealing...
with both recondite and fashionable subjects in a workmanlike way. Danièle Chauvin's *L'oeuvre de William Blake: Apocalypse et transfiguration* is a "mythocritique" study of images and structures, and Jules van Lieshout's *Within and Without Eternity: The Dynamics of Interaction in William Blake's Myth and Poetry* is a revised dissertation concentrating on a "state of criticality" (187) in the *Marriage, Urizen, Vara, Milton, and Jerusalem*. Eugenie R. Freed, "A Portion of His Life": William Blake's Miltonic Vision of Woman concludes rather unconventionally that Blake creates "a concept of gender that was remarkable for its time in its sensitivity to female sexuality, and its breaking down of sexual stereotypes" (122, 126, 125). Peter I. Sorensen, *William Blake's Recreation of Gnostic Myth: Resolving the Apparent Incongruities* approaches another subject of perennial fascination and difficulty. Sheila Spector has returned to the Kabbala in the context of Blake and Milton,23 and Tilottama Rajan has written challengingly about "the reading-function within the text [which] results in a discursive function that is characteristically romantic."24

As usual, the solidest scholarly work relating to Blake's writings and art is provided by Robert N. Essick; in 1995 this consists of his magisterial "Blake in the Marketplace, 1994" in *Blake*, XXVIII. Few authors and disciplines are served as well as Blake is served by the indefatigable labors and scholarly shrewdness of Robert Essick.

**Frivolity**

Fortunately scholars attempting to absorb all that has been written about Blake, or at least a lot of it, may occasionally encounter bemusement among works which may otherwise often seem to be pretty heavy going. My own favorites for 1995 are *The William Blake Tarot of the Creative Imagination*, created by Ed Buryn and "Blakeclipsecapefigg;" in *LSAmagazine*, a "collective essay" written in Cyber-Speak by Amanda Basler et al. which was created for a university course presided over by "a life-sized effigy of William Blake in *ne plus ultra* period dress, with a cerulean blue head."

**Division II: William Blake's Circle**

Relatively little has been published on Blake's confined circle (except for Thomas Butts mentioned above). There has, however, been a sudden and long-overdue flurry of interest in Richard and Maria Cosway, chiefly in the admirable exhibition and catalogue of Stephen Lloyd, *Richard & Maria Cosway: Regency Artists of Taste and Fashion* [Catalogue of an exhibition held at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh from 11 August to 22 October 1995 and at the National Portrait Gallery, London from 17 November 1995 to 18 February 1996]. At the same time there appeared a worthy book by Gerald Barnett, *Richard and Maria Cosway: A Biography*. There also appeared a very agreeable little work by Griselda Barton, with Michael Tong called *Underriver: Samuel Palmer's Golden Valley*, with some wonderful reproductions. And among works about Blake's nineteenth century followers is Susan P. Casteras, *James Smetham*: Artist, Author, Pre-Raphaelite Associate (Aldershot, Hants.: Scolar Press, 1995).

**Division I: William Blake**

**Part I**

Editions, Translations, and Facsimiles

**Section A: Original Editions**

**TABLE OF STAB HOLES**

**Addenda**

Two Holes

3.9, 4.3 Urizen pl. 22 (Small Book [B])

"Albion Rose"

(1796)

Copy A

History: (1) This is presumably the copy described in Alexander Gilchrist, *Life of William Blake, "Pictor Ignitus"* (1863), I, 32 and reproduced in 1880, I, 28 (it omits most of the inscription uniquely trimmed off in this copy) and lent by Mrs. Gilchrist to the Boston exhibition (1880), Lot 114 ...

America

(1793-[1831?])

Copy H


The Book of Ahania

(1795)

Copy A


Book of Thel

(1789-[1827?])

Copy E

History: The statement that "The Book of Thel ... with the titles [sic], consists of seven quarto pages of verse and figures in metallic relief" in John C. Jackson & William A. Chatto, *A Treatise on Wood Engraving* (1839), 715 note, must refer to copy E, as only copy E has seven rather than eight plates. (No copy has more than one titlepage.) The history of Thel (E) is not known before 1853, though it may once have been "Stothard's Copy" and later belonged to "Hamilton[?]," as contemporary inscriptions in it suggest.25

History: (1) This was "Stothard's Copy" (according to a note on the fly-leaf); (2) It was "Bot[?] of[?] Hamilton[?] 1853" (according to an erased pencil note on the fly-leaf), evidently by


25 The only references to Thel in print before 1839 appear to be: (1) Quotation and description in Anon., "The Inventions of William Blake, Painter and Poet," *London University Magazine*, II (March 1830) (see *Blake Records* [1969], 385-386), (2) The sale of "Book of Thel [A], &c. coloured" with George Cumberland's Collection at Christie's, 6 May 1835, Lot 61; (3) The sale of "Blake's Milton [D] and Thel [O], h.b. [half bound]" with James Vine's Collection at Christie's 24 April 1838, Lot 297.
Alexander Gilchrist, who described it in *William Blake, "Pictor Ignotus"* (1863), I, 77, and whose widow lent a copy to the Boston exhibition (1880), Lot 43; ... Thels Bog. Tr. Kaiftriis Møller. Illustreret af Lis Tvenden. (København: Carit Andersen Forslag, 1945) 4°, 23 pp., in Danish <BB #30>.

Møller's "Forard" is pp. [3-6]. The illustrations are not related to Blake's.

Europe
(1794-[1833])
Copy B
History: It was reproduced in color in *The Continental Prophecies* (1995).

Plate 18
History: ... (2) On 29 July 1942 Percy E. Lawler of the Rosenbach Company offered the print to Joseph Holland for $58.50 (according to the letter now in the collection of Robert N. Essick—see his "Blake in the Marketplace, 1995," above), before the firm sold it on 7 April 1947 to the Rhode Island School of Design <BBS 69>.

*First Book of Urizen*  
(1794-[1815?])

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Copy D

Plate 3
Binding: Loose; when the design (only) was printed for the Small Book of Designs (B), a breast was added in the coloring, and at some point the leaf was cut down to the image; on the verso is a slight sketch.  
History: (1) ... lent to the exhibition of *A Peculiarly English Art*, Gainsborough’s House (Sudbury), 20 August-9 October 1994, #1, and (2) Sold anonymously at Christie’s, 25 April 1995, Lot 52 (the design only reproduced; estimate £30,000-£50,000) for £32,000 (plus commission) to (3) Maurice Sendak (see illus. 1 above, in Essick).

Plate 22
Binding: There are three stab holes, 3.9 and 4.3 cm from the top, corresponding to those in *Urizen* pl. 2, 5, 10, and *Marriage* pl. 11 from the Small Book of Designs (B).

- "The original quarto consists of seven engraved pages, including the title." copy E has seven plates, and all other copies have eight. The size Gilchrist gives for the "pages" is six inches by four and a quarter" (15.2 x 11.8 cm), is the size of the copperplates (c. 15.3 x 10.8 cm) rather than the leaves of copy E (30 x 24 cm) or of the smallest of the other extant copies (A: 26.5 x 18.2 cm).

- Design only when printed for A Small Book of Designs (B).


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Spring 1996
"Joseph of Arimathea" (B)

Visions pl. 1 24.5 x 34.5
Visions pl. 7 24.5 x 34.5

All were color printed except for "Joseph of Arimathea."

The prints were stabbed together in 1796; they are now in the British Museum Print Room.

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(not color-printed)

Large Book (B) differs from A in lacking Urizen pl. 14. Urizen pl. 22 is not in Large Book (B), as in Small Book (B), as in BB 357.

The "9" on America pl. d derives from when it was bound at the end of Song of Los (D).

Letters
26 November 1800

History: (1) The letters of 26 November 1800, 26 October 1803, 4, 20 May, 9 August, 23 October, 18 December 1804, 22 January, 17 May, 4 June 1805 were sold with the Hayley Correspondence at Sotheby's, 20 May 1878, Lots 33 (£3.1.4s.), 32 (£3), 17 (£4), 18 (£5.10s.), 32 (£3), 23 (£5.14s.), 27 (£5.10s.), 30 (£4.8s.), 25 (£5.5s.), 31 (£3.15s.) to Urquhart and (2) Were offered in Quaritch's General Catalogue (1880), Lot 12,803 (only the first and last letters dated) for £52.10s.; (3) Apparently bought by Alexander Macmillan; (4) Untraced.

7 October 1801

History: ... (2) Maggs Bros. permitted Thomas Wright to publish it for the first time in his Life of William Blake (1928), II, 183-84; ...

26 October 1803

History: See letter of 1800 November 26

In the 1880 catalogue, 11 letters are offered, but, though Quaritch is known to have bought 11 Blake letters at the 1878 sale, the letter of 23 February 1804 was sold promptly to the British Museum Library. The unidentified letter in the 1880 catalogue may have been that of 18 February 1800, which is known only from the transcript in Gilchrist (1880), I, 143.


12 March 1804

History: (1) Sold with the Hayley Correspondence at Sotheby's, 20 May 1878, Lot 7, for £2.15s. to Waller; (2) Apparently acquired (with the letters of 31 March, 2, 27 April, 28 Sept 1804) by [?J.R.] Kirby; 33 (6) Acquired before 1980 (when the new ownership is recorded in The Letters of William Blake, ed. Geoffrey Keynes [1980, 198] by Charles Ryskamp.

1804 March 31

History: (1) Sold with the Hayley Correspondence at Sotheby's, 20 May 1878, Lot 14 (with the letter of 2 April 1804), for £4 to Waller; (2) Apparently acquired (with the letters of 12 March [q.v.]), 27 April, 28 Sept 1804) by [?J. R.] Kirby; ...

1804 April 2

History: (1) Sold with the Hayley Correspondence at Sotheby's, 20 May 1878, Lot 14 (with the letter of 31 March 1804), for £4 to Waller; (2) Apparently acquired (with the letters of 12 March [q.v.], 31 March, 27 April, 28 Sept 1804) by [?J. R.] Kirby; ...

1804 April 27

History: (1) Sold with the Hayley Correspondence at Sotheby's,
8623," "Drawing of Blake's given to A[dam] White by M" was one
41 —see Essick, illus. 3 (recto before restoration), 4 (verso
20 May 1878, Lot 16 (with the letter of 2 April 1804), for £2.13s.
to Waller; (2) Apparently acquired (with the letters of 12 March
[q.v.], 31 March, 2, 27 April, 28 Sept 1804) by [?]. R.] Kirby; ....
1804 May 4
History: See letter of 1800 November 26
1804 May 20
History: See letter of 1800 November 26
1804 August 9
History: See letter of 1800 November 26
1804 September 23
History: See letter of 1800 November 26
1805 January 22
History: See letter of 1800 November 26
1805 May 17
History: See letter of 1800 November 26
1805 June 4
History: See letter of 1800 November 26
1827 March 18
History: ... (3) W. T. Spencer allowed it to be published for the
first time in Thomas Wright, Life of William Blake (1928), II,
113-14; ...
1829 Catherine Blake to James Ferguson in Tynemouth
History: (1) About 1829 Catherine Blake sent to the artist
James Ferguson of Tynemouth "a List of Works by Blake, offered
for sale by his widow"; [2] (2) Untraced.

The date may be about 11 April 1829 when Tatham wrote to an
anonymous patron "In behalf of the widow of the late William Blake"
with a list of "works for sale" (the works are not detailed in the only
known MS of the letter) (Blake Records Supplement [1988], 90). It is
possible that the letter to Ferguson was written on behalf of Catherine
Blake (like this one by Tatham) rather than by her.

Ferguson "took three or four of the Engraved Books" (according
to Alexander Gilchrist, Life of William Blake, "Pictor Ignotus" [1863] I,
366), perhaps including "A work called Outhoon. 12 Plates, 6 inches more
or less" which was offered to him (II, 262). Blake Books guesses this to
be Visions (N) but does not notice that Ferguson also owned two or
three other unnamed books.

Apparently W.M. Rossetti asked Tatham to reconstruct the list of
seven color-prints offered to Ferguson, and Tatham replied a little un-
certainly on 9 Nov 1862:

Nebuchadnezzar was one [Butlin #302 or 304]; Pity like a
New-born Babe [ #311 or 312], Newton [ #307]; The Saviour
["Christ Appearing to the Apostles after the Resurrection #326
or 327] another, Eve with the Serpent ["Satan Exulting Over
Eve #292] another, Elijah in the Chariot ["God Judging Adam
Marriage of Heaven and Hell
(([1790])[-1827?]) <BBS 97, 99-100>
Plate 20

Binding: (1) The design from the bottom of Marriage pl. 20
was color-printed about 1796 onto a leaf at least 18.9 x 15.5
"Drawing of Blake's given to A[dam] White by M" Varley March 31 1856," and "evidently printed in oil & touched with
colour afterwards" were lost, though they are visible in Plate 4 above.

For almost all the information and deductions here, I am in-
debted to correspondence with Robert Essick and to drafts of "Blake
Plates 1, 4, 6, and 7 are now in the British Museum Print Room.

In 1856 they were rearranged by size in the BMPR in a quite different order: Urizen pl. 1, Marriage pl. 11, Marriage pl. 17, Marriage pl. 16, 14, 20, Urizen pl. 23, 24, 3, Thel pl. 2, Urizen pl. 10.

in the Marketplace, 1995" for Blake (1996). The 1818 date and even parts of the sequence here are particularly hypothetical.
cription (save for Visions pl. 10). Urizen pl. 22 is watermarked “1794.”

The stab-holes indicate that at least Marriage pl. 11 and Urizen pl. 2, 5, 10, 22 were once bound together—perhaps similar stab-holes were trimmed off the other leaves.

The number “22” on Visions pl. 10 implies that the work once had at least 22 prints, corresponding well with Small Book (A), which has 23.

All the prints in Small Book (B) save Urizen pl. 9, 12, 22 are duplicates of those in copy A; if the set of duplicates was completed, it should also include Thel pl. 2, 4, 6-7, Urizen pl. 7-8, 11, 23-24, 27, Marriage pl. 16, and Visions pl. 3 with 3 or 4 framing-lines and inscriptions. Perhaps some may re-appear, as Marriage pl. 20 has.

Song of Los
(1795)

History: It was reproduced in color in The Continental Proph­eties (1995).

Songs of Innocence and of Experience
Songs of Innocence (1789-[1808?])
Songs of Innocence and of Experience (1794-[1831?])

Plate a

Plate a “may originally have been executed for There is No Natu­ral Religion, series b, but rejected,” according to Robert N. Essick, “Blake in the Marketplace, 1995,” above.

Copy H

History: ... (8) From Justin Schiller it passed in August 1994 (according to Robert N. Essick, “Blake in the Marketplace, 1995,” above) to (9) Maurice Sendak.

Copy I

History: (1) Probably acquired by Thomas Phillips when he painted Blake’s portrait in April 1807 and inherited by his son (2) H. W. Phillips ....

Copy P

History: ... (7) The anonymous collector who acquired it after January 1971 was apparently Paul Getty Jr. (according to George Goyder, Signs of Grace [1993], 103).

Copy o

History: ... (5Dii) Pl. 18, 24, 38 were offered in & Book Collector (Marlborough, Wiltshire, July 1995), Lots 25-27 for £2,250 each.

Plate a

History: ... (6) After the death in 1994 of Joseph Holland, it was (7) Offered with the collection of Joseph Holland & Vincent Newton in John Windle Catalogue 26 (Dec 1995), Lot 2 (re­produced in color), Price on Enquiry, and sold to (8) Justin Schiller.

Copy P

History: (1) The copperplates passed from William Blake on his death in 1827 to (2) His widow Catherine (who printed a few copies watermarked 1830), and at her death in 1831 they passed to (3) Frederick Tatham, who seems to have acquired all her property and who printed at least pl. 29-30, 37 in 1838; all but 16 of the plates (pl. 3, 6, 8, 16, 18, 24, 27, 29, 33-34, 36, 43, 46-48, 53) on 10 pieces of copper were stolen by an Afro­Briton and sold for scrap; the remaining copperplates were used to make electro­types which were printed in Gilchrist, Life of William Blake, “Pictor Ignotus” (1863, 1880), II, and then the original copperplates in turn disappeared.


Newly Recorded Title
The Sophocles Enigma

Description and History: “A notebook has recently been dis­covered in which Blake has translated parts of Ajax by Sophocles and then on some subsequent pages, has made notes of the same dramatist’s Philoctetes,” according to Peter Ackroyd, Blake (1995), 227, 378, who was “indebted for this information to Mr George Lawson of Bertram Rota Books.”

Spectacles, Blake’s

Description: A pair of iron-framed round spectacles (11.5 cm wide to the hinges, 10.6 cm for the ear­pieces), right lens -3.25 Diop­ter Spheres, left -3.50 DS, indicates that the wearer could see nearby objects well but that for objects beyond arm’s length he would need spectacles (see illus. 1).

The very worn, dark brown cardboard case (12.9 x 4.5 cm) which has accompanied them at least since 1937 (see below) is

46 The catalogue specifies “Fifty­four” designs (presumably because the last plate is numbered “54”), but the British Library copy of the catalogue is emended to “Fifty­two,” and Anon., “Notes of the Month,” Gentleman’s Magazine, N.S., XXXVII (Feb 1852), 165 <BB 729>, says it was “wanting three plates out of fifty­four.”
rectangular with rounded ends; it is stamped or moulded with panels containing a stylized flowerhead. When one end is pulled away from the other it reveals a green area, and the interior of that lower or left part is blue; the interior of the upper or right part is uncolored.

History: (1) Acquired from Mrs. Blake (according to the 1937 catalogue below) by (2) Samuel Palmer, from whom they passed to his son (3) A. H. Palmer; (4) Acquired by Lt. Col. W. E. Moss, who sold them at Sotheby's, 2 March 1937, Lot 283 (with "an old cardboard case"); (5) Acquired by Lord Rothschild, who gave them in 1948 to (6) The Fitzwilliam Museum (M.9.1948).

There is No Natural Religion
([1788?])

Songs pl. a "may originally have been executed for There is No Natural Religion, series b, but rejected," according to Robert N. Essick, "Blake in the Marketplace, 1995," above.

The copy of No Natural Religion pl. a9 sold at Christie's, 29 November 1988, Lot 74, as an original was returned and accepted as a facsimile (perhaps from the Pearson edition of 1886 <BB 140>)—see Robert N. Essick, "Blake in the Marketplace, 1988," Blake, XXIII (1989), 4.

Section B: Collections and Selections

Reprints of Blake's Works Before 1863

1847


The description in David Bindman, William Blake: Catalogue of the Collection in the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge (1970), 60, based on the examination of Dr H.L. Backhouse, is:

Temple support for side pieces. Right eye: -2.75 dioptre sphere; left eye: -2.5 dioptre sphere. Ground on inner surface, plano-convex; diameter 30 mm. There is no correction for astigmatism; this was apparently not possible in the early nineteenth century.

According to Alexander Gilchrist, Life of William Blake, 'Pictor Ignotus' (1863), 1, 315, "He wore glasses only occasionally." No contemporary representation of Blake shows him wearing spectacles (Geoffrey Keynes, The Complete Portraiture of William & Catherine Blake [1977]), and there is some evidence that about 1815 he wore half-lens spectacles, which must have been replaced by the Fitzwilliam pair.

49 A. H. Palmer wrote in a note still accompanying them: "These spectacles were once the property of William Blake; & were much valued by his friend and disciple Samuel Palmer. A.H. Palmer March 1908."

50 Here and below I ignore mere reprints.

I Blake's spectacles. Courtesy of the Fitzwilliam Museum, University of Cambridge.

New Editions and Reprints


Review

1 Edward Larissy, Nè-Q, CCXXXIX [N.S., IV], (1994), 404-05 (with Otto, Constructive Vision) (Stevenson has normalized Erdman's text and dropped Erdman's name from the titlepage, but his notes are "indispensable").


Anon., "Note" (iii-iv) says that "Mr. and Mrs. Erdman have brought together a valuable collection of Blake's work" selected from Poetry and Prose, ed. D.V. Erdman (1965) which "attempts to follow the lyrical impulse of the poet through the various phases of his writing ... from youth to middle age."


The work consists of color reproductions of America (H), Europe (B), and Song of Los (A) with facing transcriptions, plus David Bindman, "General Editor's Preface" (6), DWD, "Foreword" (7), "The Continental Prophecies" (13-24), and explanations of "Themes and Contexts," "The Designs," "Plates, Printing[s], and Contexts" for America (27-79), Europe (141-206, 210-16), and The Song of Los (287-323), followed by "Notes to Blake's Text" (127-38; 267-83; 347-54) and two Appendices: "The Designs in Europe and 'The History of England'" (206-07) and "The Marginal Glosses Added to Europe Copy D, Here Keyed to the Plate Order of Copy B" (207-10).

"Substantial portions" of the editor's "The Song of Los: The Munich Copy and a New Attempt to Understand Blake's Images," Huntington Library Quarterly, LII (1989), 43-73 <BBS 518>, "have been adapted and revised" here.

The publication is a major accomplishment.

A Cradle Song. (September 1970)

According to the colophon, "50 copies of the CRADLE SONG have been printed by Simon Rendell at the Yellowsands Press, Bembridge School."

A collection of excerpts.

Jerusalem. With wood engravings by Linda Anne Landers. This edition is limited to [100] copies printed and signed by the artist at the Spoon Print Press, London, 199[5]. Narrow 8°, 6 leaves plus covers.

The text is the hymn from Milton. The numbers in brackets in the titles and colophon above are supplied in manuscript. The handsome designs are unrelated to Blake's.

Lines From The Auguries of Innocence by William Blake. (Bembridge [Isle of Wight: Privately printed], October 1968) 12°, 8 pp. (plus covers).

"Thirty copies of this pamphlet have been printed by W. J. Washington at The Yellowsands Press October MCMXLVIII"; a pretty little work in red and black with agreeable illustrations printed at a school press.

Matrimonio del Cielo y el Infierno. Traducción y prólogo de Diego Arenas. (Montevideo: Editorial Arca; Buenos Aires: Editorial Galerna, 1979.) Colección Aves de Arca. 94 pp. ISBN: <BBS 100, unseem, erroneously listed as if it included only the Marriage, as on the titlepage>.

The text includes not only the Marriage but also Visiones de las hijas de Albion and "El viagero mental." The "Prologo" is pp. 9-20.


It is primarily a reproduction (9-59) of the Blake Trust color facsimile (1967) <BB #120>, except that (1) Only 12 plates (mostly full-page designs) are in color, the rest being in black-and-white, (2) The rectos in the original are mostly printed here as versos; and (3) Pl. 2 from Copy B is added. In addition there are "Editorischer Hinweis" (60); translation of Milton (61-125), ""Gottes Wege: Ein Nachwort" (129-81); "Kommentar": "Merkt meine Worte wohl: Ein Gang durch Blakes Gedicht Milton" (85-270); "Anhang: Eine Vision des Jüngsten Gerichts" (reproduction of the "Vision of the Last Judgment" design in the U.S. National Gallery, with an elaborate overlay identifying the figures), "Vorbemerkung" (275-76), and a translation of the description of the "Vision of the Last Judgment" from Milton "Anhang: Eine Vision des Jungsten Gerichts Ins Deutsche" (85-270); translation of Milton (61-125), ""Gottes Wege: Ein Nachwort" (129-81); "Kommentar": ""Merkt meine Worte wohl: Ein Gang durch Blakes Gedicht Milton" (85-270); "Anhang: Eine Vision des Jüngsten Gerichts" (reproduction of the "Vision of the Last Judgment" design in the U.S. National Gallery, with an elaborate overlay identifying the figures), "Vorbemerkung" (275-76), and a translation of the description of the "Vision of the Last Judgment" from the Notebook (226-92), plus "Anmerkungen" (293-94).


"Introduction" (vii-ix).


Roof’d in from Eternity. Tr. Dieter Löchle. (Tübingen, Germany: Galerie Druck & Buchhandlung Hugo Frick, 1995).

Translations from the Lambeth books, with a commentary, to accompany an exhibition at the Tübingen University Library (April-May 1995) of the translator's drawings, paintings, and prints based on Blake's imagery.


A "Selection by Ian Hamilton," mostly of lyrics.


Christopher Moore, "Introduction" (11-14).


Judith Baxter, "Cambridge Literature" (5): it was "prepared for students in schools and colleges"; David Stevens, "Introduction" (6-7); each poem has a section of "Activities and approaches," and at the end are Resource Notes (126-44).


The poems are "Piping Down the Valleys Wild" ["Introduction"], "The Shepherd," "Nurse's Song," "Spring," "Opportunity" ("He who bends to himself a joy," of course not from Innocence), "Infant Joy," and "Night," sold either separately or "The set complete in Decorated Portfolio." The 4° designs are unrelated to Blake's.


A sheet folded to make a four leaves with a cover; 25 of the 150 copies are colored by the artist.


Review

Emergency Librarian, XX (Jan 1995), 48.

The work has color reproductions of Urizen (D), Ahania (A), Book of Los (A) with facing transcriptions, plus David Bindman, "General Editor's Preface" (6), David Worrall, "Foreword" (7), "Introduction: Blake's Urizen Books" (9-15) and accounts of "Themes and Contexts" and "The Designs" for Urizen (19-59), Ahania (153-63), Book of Los (195-204) and "Notes to the Text" for Urizen (128-43), Ahania (184-90), and Book of Los (218-24), plus "The Book of Urizen: variants" (144-46) and "Copy D: a bibliographical description" (147), "The variant copies of Urizen analysed" (148), "Plate Sequences in Known Copies of Urizen" (148-49), and "Bibliographical Description" of Ahania (191-92).

Part II
Reproductions of His Art
Section A
Illustrations of Individual Authors

Dante Alighieri
La Divina Comedia. Prólogo de Marcial Oliver; La Divina Comedia en la Literatura Español, por Joaquin Arca; Ilustraciones de William Blake. (Barcelona: Ediciones Nautica, 1968) <BBS 208, unseen, listed erroneously under engravings>.

There are 35 reduced-size black-and-white reproductions of Blake's watercolors.

Bible: Job


Anon., "Publisher's Note" (iii-iv) says that the 69 reproductions from 134 plates are reproduced in Blake's Illustrations to the Book of Job (1995).


69 of the 134 plates are reproduced in Blake's Illustrations to the Book of Job (1995).

*A-B 1791 First and Second Editions. Large Paper copies of the First and Second Editions are on heavy wove paper with the watermark "E & P," while ordinary paper copies are on a lighter unwatermarked paper with a distinctive checkered pattern, according to Robert N. Essick, "Blake in the Marketplace, 1995" (above).

C 1795 Third Edition. A proof of Pl. 6 (Fuseli's "Tornado") added to the 1795 edition) with all letters but lacking some finishing work was offered by N.W Lott in 1995 (according to Robert N. Essick, "Blake in the Marketplace, 1995" (above).


Part III
Engravings

Blair, Robert, The Grave
(1808) <BB #435A-B>
Quarto: New Location: G. E. Bentley, Jr.

Copies of Unrecorded Format: New Location: Kongelige Bibliotek (Copenhagen).

Cromek may also have issued a suite of prints from the 1808 folio issue (marked "Proof Copy") without the text save for the four-leaf description "Of the Designs" and the integral prospectus for Stothard's Canterbury Pilgrims (with the signature F as in the quarto), as in the copy acquired in 1995 by Robert N. Essick (see his "Blake in the Marketplace, 1995" above).

Newly Recorded Working Proof Plate 1: The titlepage lacking the imprint and the "Proof Copy" inscription was sold with all 13 prints with the collection of Joseph Holland & Vincent Newton offered in John Windle Catalogue 26 (Dec 1995), Lot 7, Price on Enquiry [$375 to Robert N. Essick].

(1813) <BB #435C-D>.

Commins, Thomas, An Elegy Set to Music
(1786) <BBS 204>
Two leaves with drawings for the frontispiece were acquired by Robert N. Essick, one with wash on one side and pencil on the other, the other with wash on both sides.

Darwin, Erasmus, Botanic Garden
(1791, 1795, 1799, 1806)
A-B 1791 First and Second Editions. Large Paper copies of the First and Second Editions are on heavy wove paper with the watermark "E & P," while ordinary paper copies are on a lighter unwatermarked paper with a distinctive checkered pattern, according to Robert N. Essick, "Blake in the Marketplace, 1995" (above).

Enfield, William, The Speaker
(1780, 1781, 1785, 1795, 1797)
On 24 August 1796, Joseph Johnson, the publisher of the hugely-successful Speaker (which included a Blake plate), wrote to the Philadelphia bookseller Thomas Dobson:

By the next vessel you shall have some Enfield's Speaker & a few other articles, the elegant plates which accompany this work give it so decided a preference, independant of the accuracy with which it is printed over every other edition which has been printed upon me that you cannot fail having a large demand for it.[5]

[5] Quoted, like the other Joseph Johnson correspondence here, from office transcripts in the newly-discovered Joseph Johnson Letter-Book
And six weeks later, on 10 October, he wrote again:

When the drawback is deducted the price of Enfield's Speaker & Exercises is reduced to 2/4 which I apprehend they would cost you, without the plates, if you were to print & bind them yourself indeed my profit is small but I do expect a considerable demand for them from you; these books are universally used in schools here, of the Exercises we use about one half of what we sell of the Speaker.

Flaxman, John, *The Iliad of Homer*  
(1805)  
New Location: Kongelige Bibliotek (Copenhagen); New York Public Library.

Hayley, William, *Ballads*  
(1805)  
New Location: Kongelige Bibliotek (Copenhagen).

Hayley, William, *Designs to A Series of Ballads*  
(1802)  
New Location: Ballad 1: Dr. Williams's Library (London): 10470 t 1.

Hayley, William, *The Life ... of William Cowper*  
(1803-04)  
New Location: New York Public Library (two copies).  
Joseph Johnson wrote in his letter-book:

May 12, 1800

Ordered J. Seagrave to print 1000 demy & 150 royal of Hayley’s Life of Cowper to be in this shop y’beginning of Nov/ next, afterwards 100 more royal were ordered.

Hayley, William, *Little Tom the Sailor*  
(1800)  

Henry, Thomas, *Memoirs of Albert de Haller*  
(1783)  
New Location: GEB.

Josephus, Flavius, *... Complete Works ...*  
(1785-1790?)  
New Edition  
Ba [1789-90] [Gothic] By the King’s Royal License and Authority. | - | THE WHOLE GENUINE AND COMPLETE  
now in the The Carl H. Pforzheimer Collection of Shelley and His Circle, The New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations, by whose permission they are quoted here. The Letter-Book was copied in approximately chronological order.

WORKS | OF | FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS, | ... | To which is now first added,| A CONTINUATION of the HISTORY of the JEWS,| ... | LONDON: Printed for J. COOKE, No.17. Pater-noster-Row. | And sold by all other Booksellers in Great Britain | [1789-90]. | <D. W. Dörnbecker>.

The new edition (identified by Robert N. Essick, "Blake in the Marketplace, 1995"); GEB compared a xerox of the titlepage with BB is like B except that it (1) Adds the first line (as in C); (2) Gives the contents (I-VII) in double columns separated by two vertical rules; and (3) Alters “To which will now be first added” to “To which is now first added.”

Lavater, John Caspar, *Aphorisms on Man*  
(1788, 1789, 1794)  
A First Edition (1788) In one copy, “The original owner ... Thomas S. Butt ... signed and dated the title-page 23 August 1789, added a number of marginal notes and comments [throughout], and marked certain aphorisms with such symbols as b, B, %, etc. These [ink] notes and markings are analyzed by [a later owner the collector and publisher Roger] Senhouse on the front endleaves” in pencil, and Senhouse also identified Butt as “Muster Master General” and transcribed Blake’s marginal notes from the Keynes Nonesuch edition ([1925 or 1957]) in this copy, according to the Quritch Catalogue of English Literature (Autumn 1995), #281 (£600).

Lavater, John Caspar, *Essays on Physiognomy*  
(1789-98; 1810; 1792 [i.e., 1818?])  
For evidence that many of the dates on its titlepages are falsified, see Blake, XXIX (1995), 16-23.

When John Murray, the chief publisher of the first edition of Lavater’s *Essays on Physiognomy* (1789-98), died in 1793, the business was left to his under-age son in partnership with Highly, and the accounts for the Lavater book were left in some disarray.54 The other partners in the venture clearly asked Joseph Johnson to speak for them, and his office Letter-Book contains numerous letters on the subject, to the engraver Thomas Holloway (23 July 1799); B. Dugdale (Dublin, 13 Oct 1800); Mr Highly (19 and 31 Dec 1800); Mr Mayne (Star Office, 28 Aug 1801); Gentlemen (5 Sept 1801 for Hen. Hunter [the translator of the work], J. Johnson, Tho Holloway, apparently “the Proprietors of the English Lavater”); Exec of M’ Murray (23 Sept 1801); and B. Dugdale (Dublin, 19 Nov 1801). These letters deal particularly with monies not yet distributed by Murray to the other Proprietors of the English Lavater55 and with heavy charges of Thomas Holloway for supervising all

52 There should be no vertical rule in the "Containing" section I after “Glory and Misery, of.”

53 Blake’s patron Thomas Butts (not Butt) was merely a clerk in the office of Muster Master General—see “Thomas Butts, White Collar Macenas,” PMLA, LXXI (1956), 1052-1066.


55 These sums were apparently quite large, for on 23 September 1801 Johnson wrote to the Executors of Mr. Murray asking for distribution of monies in their hands from Lavater in the proportions £600 to £700.

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the engravings. For instance, Johnson wrote to
M. Highly

There is, certainly, no provision made for M.' Holloway's extra charges, indeed they could not then have been foreseen. the necessity & difficulty of obtaining facsimilies soon appeared as essential to the work, but elegance only was at first thought of. At our meetings M.' H was continually reminding us of the difficulty he found with all the engravers, and that he could not get a facsimile from any of them, he told us he was obliged to work himself on every plate to make it what it should be, and we certainly were prepared, & in his absence frequently mentioned it, for a large extra demand on this account. After what has passed & our knowing that he devoted all most [sic] of his whole time to the work, & having acquired himself so well, I think it would be not only illiberal but unjust to bind him to the agreement. How executors may feel, or think themselves empowered to act, is not for me to say. The extra charges are certainly very great. I shall concur in any mode of adjusting this business which shall promise liberal justice to M.' Holloway.
Y.' J J Dec' 19. 1800

And on 28 August 1801 he wrote to Mr. Mayne, Star Office:

it appears that a very large proportion of the subscr.:" have not completed their sets ... a very considerable part of expected profit will be lost if so many numbers are left upon our hands, and it may be fairly presumed that many who have taken three parts would upon a proper application take the remaining fourth.

Malkin, Benjamin Heath, A Father's Memoirs of His Child (1806)
A "working proof of [Cromek's engraving of] Blake's frontispiece, before all letters and lacking much work in the design," in the same state as the British Museum Print Room proof re-produced in The Complete Graphic Works of William Blake, ed. David Bindman (1978), p. 410, on wove paper watermarked 1804 (formerly in the collections of A. E. Newton and Joseph Holland) was acquired by Robert N. Essick—see his "Blake in Holland) was acquired by Robert N. Essick—see his "Blake in

Salzmann, C. G., Elements of Morality (1791, 1792, 1805, 1815)
A 1791 New Location: Pforzheimer
B 1792 New Location: Pforzheimer

Stedman, J. G., Narrative of A Five Years' expedition, against the Revolted Negroes of Surinam (1796, 1806, 1813)
When Stedman's book was going through the press in 1796,

its irascible author not only went to London to interfere in the printing of the work, and, as he wrote in his Journal for January and February 1796:

I sent besides to London Hansard [the printer, all the preliminaries for the book, index, etc.] ... I charged hansard not to trust the above papers with Johnson who I would now not save from the gallows[,] with only one of them so cruelly was I treated—and I declare him a Scoundrel without giving me satisfaction .... Johnson, the demon of hell, again torments me by altering the dedication to the Prince of Wales &c., &c., he being a d-smn'd eternal [infernal?] Jacobin scoundrel. 56

After Stedman's death in 1797, the Jacobin scoundrel wrote on 25 October 1799 to Stedman's widow in Tiverton, Devon:

Dear Madam
I wish to consult y.' executors upon the following proposal:[

The edition of y.' Colonel's book being nearly sold I think there is a prospect of another smaller ed. going off at a cheaper price, & if it meet with your approbation & theirs I will print one at my own risk & expense, & share with you whatever profit may arise from it.

J.J.

Mrs. Stedman was clearly as suspicious of Johnson as her paranoid husband had been, she thought that Johnson owed money for the book, and she put the matter into the hands of an agent. Nine months later, Johnson wrote to

N Dennis Esq' Tiverton July 9, 1800
I have received, copied I suppose from Mr Stedmans book, a long account between him & me, of which I can make nothing. There can be no account between us but what arose out of y agreement for his Ms. 1 The payment of £300 by me can easily be proved. 2 He was to receive 10/6 every Sub. of 21/, which he procured. 3 he procured by his own account 200 for which he owes me 100 g. 3 [i.e., 4] He was to be allowed his own necessary expenses incurred in y. printing of ye work which I understood to be occasional postage & carriage of parcels but he has charged £42 for his stay in Lond[on] which was totally unnecessary & put me to an enormous expense in reprinting part of y. work from mere caprice, & he makes a charge of £3.9.6 for expenses in Setting[?]* his Ms—these two charges I object to, his other charges for letters & parcels I agree to, but am ready to settle every difference by arbitr.* if you do not acquiesce with my statement.

I am &c

Mrs. Stedman seems to have put the matter then in the hands

of a London agent, for Johnson then wrote to S. Freeman [?Truman] Esqr Clarges St Augt 3. 1800
1 return M. 'Stedman's acc.' having marked such charges as I admit, with X, amounting to £10.1.6, [although some of them I have nothing to do with such as advertising & paying booksellers commission del] this sum taken from 105£ [received by him del] , due to me, for 200 Subscript del, at a Guinea each, which he [procured del], received, leave a balance in my favour of £94.18.6.[.] 1 never received anything from him.

It seems fairly plain from Johnson's straightforward account that Stedman's estate owed money to Johnson rather than vice versa. Perhaps the matter was dropped here, for there is no more correspondence about Stedman's Narrative in Johnson's Letter-Book. The matter was resolved at least to the extent that new editions were published in 1806 and 1813—and clearly the second edition would have been published much earlier but for the obstreperousness of Mrs. Stedman.

Stuart, James, & Nicholas Revett, The Antiquities of Athens Vol. III (1794)
Copies of Blake's prints on paper watermarked J Whatman 1806 are in the collection of D. W. Dürrbecker, but they did not appear in any of the editions known to me of 1808-22 (in French), 1825-30, 1829-33 (in German), 1837, 1849, 1881, 1905.

Wollstonecraft, Mary, Original Stories (1791, 1796)
A 1796 New Location: Pforzheimer

Young, Edward, Night Thoughts (1797)
New Location: Kongelige Bibliotek (Copenhagen)

Census of Colored Copies
Addenda
Copy G
History: (3) ... Offered in Quaritch Catalogue 401 (May 1926), Lot 218, for £175; (4a) Offered in James F. Drake Catalogue 181 (1926), Lot 17 ("The Gaisford-MacGeorge copy") for $1,200; (4b) Acquired by Cortlandt F. Bishop <BBS 271>.

Copy X <BBS 273>
History: ... (4) Acquired by two collectors named Gilbert & George.

Appendix
Books Improbably Alleged to Have Blake Engravings


According to Peter Ackroyd, Blake (1995), 194, "The Conjuror's Magazine ... printed one of Blake's engravings," but there is no plate signed by Blake in either The Conjuror's Magazine (Aug 1791-July 1793) or its successor The Astrologer's Magazine (Aug 1793-Jan 1794). The separately-paginated edition of Lavater's Essays on Physiognomy which was included with each monthly issue of The Conjuror's Magazine and The Astrologer's Magazine was translated by C. Moore with octavo-size plates "Engraved by Barlow" (as most contents pages explained), not the folio size plates which Blake and others engraved for the Hunter translation of Lavater.

Part IV
Catalogues and Bibliographies

1957, 1971, 1990

1990 Nicholas Serota, "Preface" (7-8); Krzysztof Cieskowski, "The Formation of the Collection" (11-16); Butlin, "The Art of William Blake" (17-26), plus the list of 172 Blake works plus an appendix of associated works (42-248), most of which are reproduced.

This is a revised version of Butlin's catalogues of 1957 and 1971 <BB #1679A-B>.

26 October 1971

The Blakes of G. L. Miller (#84-114) are dated 1863 ff.

1989

Review
1 David B. Brown, "Blake in Australia," Print Quarterly, XII (1995), 87-88 (it gives "a rounded introduction to Blake's mind and methods").

1991

Reviews
1 "G. E. Bentley, Jr., Wordsworth Circle, XXIII (1992), 233-35 (a "most impressive contribution of original scholarship" [234]; N.B. the same review also appeared, by permission, in Antiquarian Book Monthly, XX, 4 [April 1993], 31-32 <Blake (1994)).
2 §Michael Ferber, Word & Image, VIII (1992), 283-84.
3 Susan Matthews, BARS Bulletin & Review, No. 3 (Oct 1992), 14-15 ("an essential research tool for those working on Blake").
4 D. W. Dürrbecker, Blake, XXVII (Winter 1994-95), 103-10 ("This catalogue raisonné deserves the highest possible praise for its reliability" [107]; an Appendix [108-10] contains minor corrigenda).
1 May - 26 June 1993
Paul Stirton, introduction (3-4).

6-17 February 1995

July 1995
§Antique & Book Collector (Marlborough, Wiltshire, July 1995).
An exhibition and sales catalogue includes some of Blake's commercial book illustrations detached from their parent volumes and, as Lots 25-27, Songs (o) pl. 24 ("Nurse's Song" from Innocence), 18 ("The Divine Image") and 38 ("Nurse's Song" from Experience), at £2,250 each.

11 July -15 October 1995
Robin Hamlyn, "Introduction" (2); "William Blake 1757-1827" (2-7), especially about John Hawkins, Thomas Butts, and William Hayley. Some of the 48 entries are not by Blake.

December 1995

1995
"Introduction" (1-9); "Blake Discoveries, Scholarship, and Criticism" (10-30).

Review
1 Bruce Tice, Antiquarian Book Monthly, XXII, No. 10 (Nov 1995), 76 (it is "necessary reading" "for those wishing a comprehensive overview of the current state of Blake studies .... 'Every word and every letter is studied and fits into its place").

1996
For information on how to obtain copies, see Blake, XXIX, 1 (1995), 35.

1995

Part V
Book Blake Owned

Raphael Sanzio of Urbino
Historia del Testamento Vecchio (1698) <BBS 322-23; Blake (1994)>.

1995
Closing Account: According to Dr. Michael Phillips (see below), "the six glue spots visible on ... [the print of ‘Lot’s Escape’] are revealing of Blake’s technique for transferring images for etching" [though Blake is not known to have etched this transferred image].
History: ... (6) Dr. Michael Phillips lent it anonymously to the exhibition of Richard & Maria Cosway (11 August 1995-18 February 1996; see below).

Part VI
Criticism, Biography and Scholarly Studies

An account silently derived from Cunningham <BB #1433>: Blake was an "artist of powerful but eccentric imagination" whose "meaning was most sublimely obscure if not absolutely unfathomable" except for the Songs and the Canterbury Pilgrims design.

Acknowledgements
An elaborately detailed biography of Blake as a "Cockney visionary," an "urban genius" (92, 229), with a good deal of analysis of Blake's words (conventional) and designs (often ambitious and interesting).

Reviews
1 *Jonathan Bate, "William Blake in the: Jonathan Bate ad­mires Peter Ackroyd’s biography of the great London vision­ary," Sunday Telegraph, 3 Sept 1995 ("a biography of Blake which is lucid and measured, but also intuitive and empathetic. The scholarship is impeccable, yet at the same time the novelist has got under his man’s skin").
2 *John Carey,* "Heaven on earth: John Cary is inspired by a sensuous and glowing portrayal of the celestial world of William Blake," *Sunday Times,* 10 Sept 1995 ("Ackroyd's biography will send many readers back to the poems enriched and newly attentive").

3 *John Bayley,* "The Lambeth seer acclaimed for our time," *Times,* 14 Sept 1995 (a "grippingly perceptive study").

4 *Grey Gowrie,* "Heaven and hell and infinite London: Grey Gowrie acclaims the sublime spellbinding biography of a poet who continues to be an icon," *Daily Telegraph,* Sept 1995 ("a masterpiece of a biography").

5 *Malcolm Bull,* "Liberty Boy-Genius: The politics, religion and sexuality of a counter-Enlightenment eccentric," *TLS,* 20 Oct 1995, pp. 3-4 ("This is, without doubt, the best available biography of Blake," but it reduces "his imaginative world to the wholly uninformative category of the 'Cockney visionary' and omits serious consideration of his "politics, religion and sexuality").

6 *Andrew Motion,* "A passionate dissent," *Guardian Weekly,* 17 Dec 1995, p. 28 ("its treatment of this central issue —the business of the madness—is disappointingly under-developed").

7 Leonee Ormond, *Country Life* (26 Oct 1995), 74 ("a remarkably human biography").


When he was young, "Blake and all his friends were committed political radicals" and "in fact he had worked within a radical milieu all his life. His parents were of old city stock characterised by its republican attitudes ...."


Blake's ideas are said to be similar to those in the thirteenth-century Muslim "Wisdom of Illumination, Hikmat al-Islaq" in which "Man is a fallen angel whose soul belongs to a cosmos of light while his body ... belongs to a world of darkness," though no direct source for Blake is suggested (37, 57).


Blake was an antinomian; "the final three chapters recontextualize woman."

An invited report on the Aoyama and Bentley book <see under 1994 in Blake (1995)> organized as (1) "Hon Shoshi Kanko no Kei to Kokunai demo Sakusei Sagyo [Why and How the Bibliography was Published and My Role in It]"; (2) "Kaigai no Deta no yaritori [How Exchange Data with the Authors]"; (3) "Kaku Deta no Kisai Jiko to Yoshiki [How Each Study], Nenpo Dai 11-go Bessatsu [Extra Issue of Annual Re-

Aoyama, Keiko. "Nihon ni okeru William Blake Juyo no Ichi Danmen (1)—Oe Kenzaburo soshite Meiji, Taisho Era."

It deals with (1) Blake's influence on Kenzaburo Oe; (2) "Meiji-ki ni okeru Blake no Shi no Hoyaku [Several Blake Poems Translated into Japanese in the Meiji Era]"; (3) "Eibungakusha to Blake (Lafcadio Hearne to Natsume Soseki) [Japanese Scholars of English Literature in the Meiji Era and Blake (La Fabrio Hearne and Soseki Natsume)]"; (4) "Blake no 'Hai' [Blake's 'The Fly'] (translations of 'The Fly' in Seika Mayama's novel Hai [The Fly] [1907]) and by Arikae Kanbara as "Aobae [The Blue Fly]' [1906]; (5) "Yameru Bara [The Sick Rose]' (its relevance to Rofu Miki's poem "Yameru Bara [The Sick Rose]') [1901] and Haruo Sato's novel Denen no Yuutsu [Pastoral Melancholy] [1919]; (6) Conclusion.


He examines particularly Blake and Coleridge (Chapters II-III) and Frank Norris.


The paper consists of: (1) "Hajimeni [Introduction]"; (2) "Owari ni [Conclusion]."


A 111-page effort in 55 poems and four essays "on contemporary visionary poetics, its theoretical and artistic roots in William Blake, and the forms it is taking in present day expression."


1 James O. Allsup, Wordsworth Circle, XXV (1994), 219-21 ("his readings of Blake [are] bold yet measured, plucky yet urbane, venturous yet steady").


The correct title is "William Blake and the Alchemical Philosophers."


The Blake examples are chiefly "The Felpham Rummer," America (B), and There is No Natural Religion, based on the work of Robert Essick and Joseph Viscomi.


An autobiographical account.
Christopher Heppner. "The Good (In Spite of What You May
Christopher Heppner. "Blake's 'The New Jerusalem Descend­
399)."

B. Revised in chapter 4 of his

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Volume XXVI, No. 3 (1992-93).

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Volume XXVIII, No. 3 (1994-95 [May 1995]).
1 *Aileen Ward. "Who Was Robert Blake?" Pp. 84-89. ("When all aspects of the question are considered, the conclusion seems almost inescapable: Robert was born in June 1762, not August 1767," pace Blake Records [89].)
2 June Sturrock. "What have I to do with thee?" Pp. 89-91. (Perhaps the scene depicted in "To Tirzah" represents "Mary and Martha of Bethany supporting their brother Lazarus" [89].)
5 Alexander S. Gourlay. "A New Colored Copy of Night Thoughts at Smith College." P. 100. (Description of copy Z <BBS 273>.)
14 Anon. "Urthona." P. 35. ("A new arts magazine that 'takes Blake as its guiding spirit'.")
15 Anon. "Blake Opera." P. 35. (Part 1 of Dana Harden's "new opera based on William Blake's Milton" will be performed in 1995, but "Funding is needed" to produce part 2, with "'Virtual Sets'.")

Omitting entries unrelated to Blake.

"Blake wants to leave us with a vision of the difference between black and white finally abolished."


Concerns "the way in which Blake's poetry revises Milton's theology and politics."


"It focuses on the ways in which Blake's work both reflects and contributes to the debates on gender and power in British society" in his time.


"Two major influences, Methodism and the theories of the creative imagination of William Blake, come together in the work of Northrop Frye to create a 'redemptive vision.'"


"A practical and inspirational tool for personal creativity that features the art and ideas of William Blake" (1). The book is accompanied by a box with a Tarot deck about twice the size of ordinary playing cards with designs mostly related to Blake, in four series: (1) Numbered 00-0-1-XXI (but different in size, design, number, and color from the 1991 set of Tarot cards by Buryn); (2) 14 each on Painting, Science, Music, and Poetry, each numbered "Ace of Painting" (&c), 2-10, plus "Angel," "Child," "Man," and "Woman of Painting" (&c).


It includes a "close reading of Milton."


It is "a simple meditation on aspects of the Bible and aspects of Blake" (239).


Deals especially with the *Marriage and Songs*.


"In Chapter One, Blake's visions and Revisions of a Daughter of Albion, I argue that contradictions in the character of Oothoon ... "[in Visions]" reflect the contradictory investments Blake had in the feminism of Mary Wollstonecraft, whose philosophical underpinnings Blake rejected but whose new vision of women Blake's own political project required."

1 Anon., *Virginia Quarterly Review*, LXIX (1992), 12 (“succeeds brilliantly and in unexpected ways”).
2 Stephen Clarke, *BARS Bulletin & Review*, No. 2 (Feb 1992), 9-10 (it is “problematic in several major respects”).


It concerns Rousseau’s *Emile*, Mary Wollstonecraft’s response to it, and especially *Visions* and *Jerusalem*; “Blake’s work cannot be reduced to a simplistic opposition between masculine activity and feminine passivity.”


1 Michael Grenfell, *Journal of the Blake Society at St James*, 1 (1995), 42-43 (“What comes through, loud and clear, is the atmosphere of Blake’s world…. For this, I have not come across a better book”).


Not in DAI.


Ackroyd says that “[i]n fiction you have to tell the truth. In biography you can make things up.”


Peter Cunningham’s father hoped that his *Lives* <BB #1433> would be remembered “by all who felt an interest in the wild but noble imagination of Blake, the classic conceptions of Flaxman, or the all-ennobling poetry of Robert Burns” (ix-x).


About “Blake’s relation to the history of ideas” (53).


1 Ronald Paulson, *Blake*, XXVIII, 3 (Winter 1994-95), 101-02 ("This is a fascinating study in historiography" [101]).


Jerusalem as a city and a woman in *Jerusalem* is said to be like “a fixed point” in mathematics.

Endo, Toru. “‘Kyomu’ to ‘Eien’—kukyo na Mugen to chumitsu na Space” which is filled with human forms, so that each moment "is 'Eternity,' and the other is a negative concept expressed by such terms as "void," "vacuum," "non-entity," "eternal death," and "annihilation.""Void" is directly connected with Newtonian "absolute space and absolute time" and is outside "the human existence." In Blake’s text, on the contrary, there is "Infinite Space" which is filled with human forms, so that each moment becomes equal to "eternal."


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It concentrates on Blake's frontispieces as epitomes; "Blake's development of his illustrative technique is an exploitation of conventions he shared with his contemporaries more than a revolt against them" (185).

For an essay by Butlin in the same volume, see Blake (1994).


24 pages of doodles, Blake poems, imitations.


About "Blake's [early] idea, or ideal, of social revolution," particularly in the Prelude to America (74).


"Portraits of Cain" by Byron, Coleridge, Blake (The Ghost of Abel), Gerard de Nerval, Victor Hugo, Charles Baudelaire, and Charles-René Marie Leconte de Lisle are traced "back to their sources in the text of the Hebrew Bible ...."


"The project closely examines specific works of William Blake and Samuel Beckett which problematize the isolation of a text from its concrete nonverbal presentation."


The Blake section of this directory of the South Bank consists mostly of quotations from Blake's poetry.


"In comparing Blake's response to nature with that of Wordsworth I am indebted to Kathleen Raine's essay on Blake, Wordsworth and nature" in her Blake and the New Age (1979) (36, 40).


Goldweber, Dave. "The Style and Structure of William Blake's 'Bible of Hell.'" ELN XXXII, No. 4 (June 1995), 51-68.

In this "reader-response [or rhetorical] study of Blake's Bible," "comprising The (First) Book of Urizen, The Book of Ahania, and The Book of Los," "I examine rhythm, tone, syntax and tautology in terms of the syntax they render" (64, 51).


An account of "an ingenious but eccentric artist" derived from the obituary in the Annual Register (1828) <BB #915>, which is in turn silently derived from that in the Gentleman's Magazine (1827) <BB #989>.

Blake does not appear in the editions of §1828 and §1830.


Autobiographical account of Sir Geoffrey Keynes, who "took me in hand and taught me all I know about Blake" (85), and of the Blake Trust.

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An account of the secret manoeuvres by which the Blake Trust secured 20 pictures at Graham Robertson's sale at Christie's for English institutions.


About forgiveness in Blake.


Concerns Milton and the fantasy of the living statue (62).


"Frye's criticism and Blake's poetry attempt to recover or recreate the mythological universe" (287).


A rewarding examination of Blake's work as a History Painter, with separate chapters on the Twelve Large Color Prints, the Night Thoughts designs, "Blake's Bible" watercolors, and the work called "The Sea of Time and Space" or the Arlington Court Picture.


"The purpose of Chapter II is to apply William Blake's mythic scheme of Innocence, Experience and Higher Innocence to the poetic journeys of Wordsworth and Whitman.


Huntington Library Quarterly, I (1989):


Inoue, Masae; see also her married name, Masae Kawatsu.


He "examines Blake's attack on the monologic discourses of the enlightenment."


1 Peter Cadogan. "The Birth of the Journal." Pp. 2-5. (They decided to "start with an annual production and take it from there" [5].)

2 Kathleen Raine. "Learning from Blake." Pp. 6-8. (Mostly a rehearsal of her work on Blake; "Finding myself unawares on that [academic] battlefield I have since had no wish to be anywhere else in the world" [8].)

3 Peter Parker. "Blake—and Management." Pp. 8-10. (Blake "has
proved to be, for me [as an industrialist], the revelation of revelations .... Management, at its best, is Imagination" [9].

4 "Keri Davies. "All pleasant prospect at North End': William Blake and Hampstead." Pp. 10-22. (A useful factual account, with maps, on the occasion of the Blake Society's visit to Collins Farm in June 1993.)

5 Robin Hamlyn. "William Blake at the Huntington." Pp. 22-26. (A review of the "important" Blake exhibition of 1994; Essick's William Blake at the Huntington, written "in his customary scholarly, crystal-clear and accessible style, ... is both an invaluable guide to the Huntington Blake holdings and an important addition to the Blake literature" [25].)

6 Marcia Baker. "If Only You Imagined The Wondrous World of William Blake." Pp. 26-30. (This "children's story" summarizing his life and ideas shows that "He was a very special and unusual person" [26]; "A longer version ... will be published by Minerva Press in 1996."

7 Monica Hoyer. "2 poems." P. 30. ("To Blake on our Birthday" and "A Devil Might Care.")

8 George Goyder. "The William Blake Trust & The Blake Society." P. 31. (I hope that the Trust, or the Blake Society, will make facsimiles" of "Blake's illustrations of The Book of Job, Dante, and the works of Milton and Bunyan.")

9 [Chris Rubinstein]. "Test your knowledge of Blake!" P. 32. (And win a prize from the society.)

10 Jim Dewhurst. "Is The Tyger All About IT?" Pp. 33-36. ("Is therefore The Tyger, at the most basic level of all, about sex in the middle of the night?" [35].)

11 [Chris Rubinstein]. "News Flash from Eternity." P. 36. (The Society sometimes meets on land that once belonged to Gibbon, and next door to Swinburne's house.)


13 [Tim (Heath) & Meredith (Davies)]. "Tyger! Tyger! An Interior for William Blake." Pp. 40-41. (An account of the two exhibitions at The House of William Blake, on house-furnishings [Aug 1994] and on The Genitals are Beauty, including statistics for the latter, e.g., "Visitors who were hugely embarrassed 9")

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15 Peter Cadogan. Review of E. P. Thompson, Witness Against the Beast (1993). Pp. 43-44. ("Witness Against the Beast, clear-eyed and apocalyptic, will be read a hundred years from now, while others remain on the shelf.")

Correspondence

16 Suno Vagabond [the stage name of Andrew Venerde]. Pp. 45-46. (A letter asking for assistance for The Hammer of Los group to "mount a trilogy Willy-Nilly" consisting of If Men and Mountains Meet about "Willy Brandt, William Blake and Kotama Okada", At the End of the Day, and All-Round Heart, "making use of" German, Japanese, Italian, Irish, Scots, Gaelic, Welsh, Hebrew, Arabic, Sanskrit, and Chinese "on top of English.")

17 Marcia Baker. P. 46. (A letter asking the location of Blake's drawing of "The Fairy Funeral.")


19 Anon. "Urthona," P. 47. (A new arts magazine called Urthona "takes Blake as its guiding spirit.")

For a comment on this first issue of the Journal of the Blake Society, see S., D. "NB." TLS, 23 June 1995, p. 16.


On the significance of Blake's method of Illuminated Printing.


The essays include:


2 Mikioku Ikeshita. "A Phoneme-Conscious Reading of Blake's 'The Little Black Boy'." Pp. 51-66. (An attempt "to clarify ... the unseen structure of the poem" [52].)


4 Shigeru Taniguchi. "The Vicissitudes of Spectres and the Development of Blake's Myth." Pp. 83-95. ("The features, functions and roles of the spectres in The Four Zoas and Milton have thus changed in a dramatic way complying with the development of Blake's myth itself" [94]; "This is a revised and translated version" of "The Four Zoas' to 'Milton' ni okeru Spectres no ichi kosatsu: Counterpart to Negation no mondai [A Study of 'Spectres' in The Four Zoas and Milton: The Problem of 'Counterpart' and 'Negation']," Reitaku Daigaku Kyio: Bulletin of Reitaku University, XII [1971], 140-58 <BBS 656>.)

5 Noriko Kawasaki. "Form and Worm in William Blake." Pp. 96-113. ("The co-relation of these two terms gives us some crucial clues by which to clarify the seeming ambiguity of 'Form' and even to clarify Blake's symbolic world as a whole" [96].)

6 Eiko Ando. "The Four Zoas: Blake's Jesus." Pp. 114-26. ("Blake uses the word 'Saviour' 50 times, while 'Redeemer' is used only 3 times. This shows that Blake seems not to accept Atonement" [123].)

7 Hatsuko Niimi. "The Use of Aphorism in Blake's Jerusalem." Pp. 127-44. (The paper explores "only the aphorisms uttered by Blake himself and ... Los, ... divided into ... [1] a defence of imagination ... [2] the necessity of the forgiveness of sin; [and 3] ... general maxims which vindicate art and individuality" [130]; it is "a revision of my thesis" in "Jerusalem' ni okeru kakugenteki hyogen ni tsuite: Proverbial Language in Blake's Jerusalem," Nihon Joshi Daigaku Kyio: Journal: Faculty of Humanities: Japan Women's Institute, No. 40 (1990), 21-26 <BBS 587>.)

8 Kaplan, Marc. "Blake's Milton: The Metaphysics of Gender." Nineteenth-Century Contexts, XIX (1995), 151-78. ("The poet's mythic cosmos is not only gendered, but hierarchical and masculinist in character" [151].)

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1 Susan Matthews, BARS Bulletin & Review, No. 2 (Feb 1992), 6-7 ("A magisterial biography would be most welcome," but "this is not it, although it does have some virtues").

3 Hatsuko Niimi. Studies in English Literature [English Literary Society of Japan, English Number 1994 (1994), 99-105 (its psychological dogmatism "does not inspire much confidence" [104]).


There are "clear parallels with The Botanic Garden" and "The Tyger" (for which some evidence is offered), "The Sick Rose," "Ah! Sun-Flower," "A Poison Tree," and "The Human Abstract" but later Blake "developed ... a distaste" for Darwin, though no evidence is offered.


It is divided into (1) "Blake to Indo Geijutsu [Blake and the Arts of India]" (273-44) of Part IV ("Shukyo to Bungaku [Religion and Literature]") in his Hikaku Bunka Nyumon: Ishokujura kara Shukyo made [Introduction to the Comparative Study of Some Cultures: From Food, Clothing, and Housing to Religion]. (Tokyo: Hokusaido Shoten, 1995) In Japanese.

It is divided into (1) "Blake to Indo Geijutsu [Blake and the Arts of India]" (213-44), (2) "Bhagavad Gita ni tsuite [On Blake's Christianity and the Bhagavad Gita]." Chapter 2 (213-44) of Part IV ("Shukyo to Bungaku [Religion and Literature]") in his Hikaku Bunka Nyumon: Ishokujura kara Shukyo made [Introduction to the Comparative Study of Some Cultures: From Food, Clothing, and Housing to Religion]. (Tokyo: Hokusaido Shoten, 1995) In Japanese.

It consists of (1) "Han o kaseneta Blair no Shi Haka [Blair's Poem The Grave Which Went into Many Editions]" (245-46), (2) "Cromek no Kikaku ni yoru Blair no Shi Haka [Blair's Poem The Grave Planned by Cromek]" (246-48), (3) "'Blair no Shi to Blake no Sashie [Blair's Poem and Blake's Illustrations]" (249-50), (4) "'Blair no egaku Haka no Kyogu to Blake E ni yoru Hihan [The Dread and Horrible Grave Presented by Blair and Blake's Criticism of It in His Designs]" (251-58), (5) "'Kyojin naru Otoko no Shi' to 'Zenryo naru Rojin no Shi' [Death of the Strong Wicked Man] and 'The Good Old Man Dying']" (258-65), (6) "'Masani shinan to suru Kyojin na Otoko no E no osieru mono [What the Picture of 'The Strong and Wicked Man Dying' Teaches Us]' (266-68), (7) "'Masani shinan to suru Zenryo naru Rojin no E no osieru mono [What the Picture of 'The Good Old Man Dying' Teaches Us]' (269-73), (8) "'Saigo no Shipan ni tsuite [On the Last Judgement]' (273-81), (9) "'Shi no Tobira' (Death's Door) no E ni tsuite [On the Picture of 'Death's Door]' (281-83), (10) "Musubi [Conclusion]" (283-87).

It includes:


The "black'ning Church" is "a cleverly duplicitous description."

On Blake as a humanist.

"The connection between Bolcom and English poet William Blake is especially significant."

James Joyce took extensive notes from the book by Figgis <BB #40B> for Finnegan's Wake but in the end did not use them.

Wales (Bangor) Ph.D.

The relationship of text and design in Blake operates in "three distinct modes" (344).


In Blake's view of art, music as well as painting and poetry play a very important role.

A general essay stimulated by the recent Blake Trust volumes.

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An occasionally "heated and ad hominem" debate, which "ends, as it had begun, in medius rebus," between the positions that "Blake was not a political apostate" (Mack) and that Blake was driven to "political quietism and acquiescence in the status quo" (127, 137, 118, 119).


Reviews
1. Susan Matthews, BARS Bulletin & Review, No. 5 (Nov 1993), 16-17 ("an impressive work").

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Review
1 Mark S. Lussier, Blake, XXVIII (1994-95), 110-14 (the "power" of the book "resides in its willingness to speculate with somewhat limited evidence," but chapter 7 on Blake "adds little to our understanding of Blake" [111, 113].)


A review essay consisting of (1) "Hajime ni [Introduction]," (2) "Teksuto no Kakuritsu to Blake Kenkyu [Works for Establishing Blake's Texts and Blake Studies]"; (3) "Guraffikku Teksuto to Blake Kenkyu [Blake's Graphic Texts and Blake Studies]"; (4) "Rekishi Gakusha ni yoru Blake Kenkyu [Historical Studies of Blake]; (5) "Beula to Serpent no Khashakuron o megrete [Some Interpretations of Beulah and Serpent]; and (6) "Ketsuron [Conclusion (concerning E. P. Thomson's book)]."


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William and Catherine Blake, Joseph Johnson, William Godwin, Mary Wollstonecraft, Thomas Paine, Thomas Butts, as well as Urizen, Tharmas, Luvah, and Vala appear as characters in Timequest, which may be the same as Nelson's Blake's Progress (1975) <BBS 585>, a science fiction novel in which the Blakes journey through time.

Gene Van Troyer, "Blake no Hisho: Hiototsu no rauv sutori [Blake's Flying—A Love Story]" (531-37) is a commentary on Nelson's story.


B is a "revision of my thesis ... The main theme of the argument has been for the most part retained except for a change in the terminology" (142).


Review
1 Stephen C. Behrendt, Blake, XXIX, 1 (Summer 1995), 26 ("a learned and meticulous book ... a trove of valuable visual information," "an immense achievement" [25, 29]).


Thel "comes to stand for, and stand in, a liminal position between theory and resistance to theory ... a position that the text portrays as radically gendered" (255).

O., N.; see Owens, Norah.


A reference to "houses of brick ... full of monkeys" is alleged to be a covert allusion to The Marriage.


Reviews
1 Phillip Cox, BARS Bulletin & Review, No. 3 (Oct 1992), 13-14 ("a useful contribution to Blake studies").
2 §Andrew Lincoln, in Literature and Theology, XVII (Dec 1993), 408-09.

O[wens], N[orah], "William Blake and DIY." Bognor Regis Lo-
"William Blake was the arch-practitioner of DIY [Do It Yourself]. He wrote poems, illustrated them himself, engraved them ..., and printed them."


"Blake's plot resembles Burke's, seen of course from the other side" (255).


"Embodied humanity does not live by matter alone; spirit, not matter at all" (114).


Yves Bonnefoy, "Préface" (11-12) is about Phillips's "vaste enquette" for "une grande biographie du poète."

Michael Phillips, "Introduction" (pp.13-16), says that each section deals with an "aspect du processus créateur de Blake."
The six studies consist of translations of his previously-published essays, all but the last revised:
III "Les Corrections dans les Esquisses Poétiques." Pp. 67-72. (Translated from "Blake's Corrections in Poetical Sketches," Blake Newsletter, IV, No. 1 [Autumn 1970], 40-47 <BB #A217 64; see also # ..., 78>.)
V "La Création des Chants." Pp.95-136. (Translated from "William Blake's Songs of Innocence and Songs of Experience from Manuscript Draft to Illuminated Plate," Book Collector, XXVIII [1979], 17-59 <BBS 422>.)


In Blake's Prophecies, "deconstructive gnosis disguises itself as fragmented narratives."


"The inclusion of the reading-function within the text results in a discursive function that is characteristically romantic" (25).


"I use the term 'comic' to encompass the social, poetical and philosophical implications of laughter.


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"An attempt at "documenting Blake's Masonic experience and deciphering his Masonic allusions" (85).


"My suggestion for teaching Job is to use William Blake as a guest instructor" with his Job engravings (124).


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*Sørensen, Peter J. "Blake's Gnostic 'Eternals.'" *Journal of Reli-
On characteristics of the hypostatic generation of gods.


"A phenomenological reading ... from Blake's perspective" shows that he and Toni Morrison share "a continuum of thought."

The purpose of this thesis is to demonstrate the relevance of Boehme's theosophy to Blake's poetry up to and including The Four Zoas."


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Blake "offers ... an origin/rise and no progress as an alternative to the origin/rise and progress" (29)."


Reviews
1 Shoichi Matsushima, Gakuto: Gakuto [Lamplight of Learning], XCI, No. 8 (1994), 64-65. In Japanese. ("Was Blake a Muggletonian? Was he a Rant? Or did he have nothing to do with both sects? In any case, it is certain that Blake as an artisan was deeply related to the tradition of British popular culture.")
2 Jason Whitaker, BARS Bulletin & Review, No. 8 (March 1995), 11-12 ("the over all feeling is that Blake's work eludes him") (12).
3 Dharmachari Vishvapani, "A Way of Breaking Free," Urthona, No. 3 (Spring 1995), 12-14 ("Thompson's achievement is to ground Blake in a cultural milieu ... because this Blake is more credible, he is also more accessible") (14).
4 "Lars Bergquist, "Med visionen för en bättre värld [With a Vision of a Better World]," Svenska Dagbladet, 21 Nov 1995 (Ackroyd's biography is a virtuoso performance which yet has not gone sufficiently into Swedenborg's thought).
5 Peter Cadogan, Journal of the Blake Society at St James, I (1995), 43-44 ("Witness Against the Beast, clear-eyed and apocalyptic, will be read a hundred years from now, while others remain on the shelf.")
6 Dan Latimer, Philosophy and Literature, XIX (1995), 412-12 (a summary of the argument of Muggletonian antinomianism).
7 David Fuller, British Journal for Eighteenth-Century Studies, XVIII (1995), 217-18 ("The book is full of interesting material and ideas, and is beautifully written.")

Blake was "a genius, if ever one lived"; though the Job illustrations are "tame, insipid, and quaint" and "His visions grew more and more incoherent; his verse (a bad sign) rhymeless," "A selection of his poems would certainly become classical, so burning are his words, and so tender is sometimes their harmony," as exemplified by "The Tyger" which is quoted, with some curious adjustments.


"William Blake and C. G. Jung are linked ... by Contraries."

In the *Marriage, Urizen, Vaua, Milton,* and *Jerusalem,* “Such a finely tuned complex system hovers in a state of criticality” (187).


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3 Martin Butlin, *Burlington Magazine,* CXXXVII (Feb 1995), 123 (“Viscomi’s radical new ideas ... supported by the most thorough scholarship” “completely revolutionise ... the way in which one must look at Blake’s illuminated books”).


5 Alexander S. Gourlay, *Blake,* XXIX, 1 (Summer 1995), 31-35 (“indispensable for everyone who writes about Blake” [31]).

6 George Mackie, *Book Collector,* XLIII (1994), 590-92 (“Few scholarly books can have had such an immediate endorsement of their authority” [590]).


On the use of John Locke’s ideas.


“Blake’s early biographers,” and presumably all biographers of all individuals, wrote on the basis of distorting “biographical formulæ”; “we must see Blake’s biography as a castle built on sand” (12, 14).


A review of the Huntington exhibition <BB #691>: If one lunched with Blake at the Huntington, “he would probably expound a doctrine of free love, pause to wave at an angel who had appeared to him in a bush, then inform us darkly that the President was the anti-Christ.”


The “complementarity between them becomes most telling” in the “dialectic between the social and the psychological” [106]. See also “Tom Paine and William Blake—Lives and Background” and “Burke, Paine, Blake and the Revolution—Some Dates” in Coates & Woodcock’s “Introduction” (Part III, 18-
32, and Part IV, 38–42): Blake, who “was probably a member” of the Society for Constitutional Information, “remains the foremost visionary radical poet in the English tradition” (26, 30).


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For its offer of a letter from Flaxman to Hayley of 19 March 1802 mentioning Blake, see Robert N. Essick, “Blake in the Marketplace, 1995.”

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Painter

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Miniaturist, Acquaintance of Blake


John Flaxman (1756-1826)

Sculptor, Friend of Blake

For a letter from Flaxman to Hayley of 19 March 1802 in which Flaxman says that “to Mr Blake I have been indebted for hints & criticisms which I found it my interest to adopt,” see Robert N. Essick, “Blake in the Marketplace, 1995.”

William Hayley (1745-1820)

Poet, Biographer, Patron of Blake

For a letter from Flaxman to Hayley of 19 March 1802 in which Blake is mentioned, see Robert N. Essick, “Blake in the Marketplace, 1995.”

Samuel Palmer (1805-81)

Painter and Friend of Blake

Griselda Barton, with Michael Tong. *Underriver: Samuel Palmer’s Golden Valley*: Samuel Palmer was one of England’s greatest 19th Century landscape painters who came from London to live and work in the Kentish village of Shoreham, below the verdant chalk hills of the North Downs. Through his artistic perception Shoreham was to have immortality bestowed upon it as “The Valley of Vision.” Palmer often walked at night...
to the distant hills where he could see the sun rise over "the flower of Kentish scenery." Below the hills was his "Golden Valley"—the hamlet of Underriver. Foreword by Raymond Lister. (Brasted Chart, Westerham, Kent: Froglet Publications Ltd, August 1995) Oblong 8°, 32 pp., ISBN: 1-872337-45-7, £9.95.

A survey of Palmer's association with Underriver, with reproductions of scenes he painted there, some of them wonderful.

John Varley (1778-1842)
Painter, Astrologer, Friend of Blake


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A collection of over 700 books and other material on William Blake has recently been moved to the new purpose-built City of Westminster Archives Centre. The collection is known as the Preston Blake Library and is on view to the public. It was given to the City of Westminster in 1967 by the collector Kerrison Preston, and was originally housed at Westminster Reference Library. An official relaunch of the collection by the Lord Mayor of Westminster, with a lecture from Blake biographer Peter Ackroyd, is planned for June 1996. For further information on the collection, contact John Sargeant, City of Westminster Archives Centre at 0171 798 2180.

BLAKEAN ART NEWS: MILTON

Two performances of the opera Milton will be staged in Boulder, CO, in November 1996. The libretto corresponds to the portion of Blake's story called, "The Bards Song." It will be performed by acoustic and synthesized orchestral instruments to accompany a cast of vocalists. They will be visually surrounded by a virtual universe based on Blake's artwork. Blake's language of gestures will be incorporated into the choreography. The work has been in progress for two years and has a core staff of 13 members.

Funding is needed to further stage this production and the rest of Milton in the following years. This will include developing "Virtual Sets" based on Blake's artwork and to finish scoring and staging the libretto. If you have any suggestions, and/or want more information, please contact Dana Harden, Golgonooza Productions, P.O. Box 19614, Boulder CO, 80308-2614, (tel) 303-530-7617. email: Golgonooz@aol.com.