

Mrs Bronte's Book

This book is one of the rare surviving possessions of Mrs Maria Bronte, whose box, containing all her property, was shipwrecked off the Devonshire coast shortly before her marriage to Patrick Bronte in 1812. It contains Latin inscriptions in Patrick's hand stating that this was '...the book of my dearest wife and it was saved from the waves. So then it will always be preserved.' The pages of the book contain annotations, markings and sketches by various members of the Bronte family. It also contains unpublished manuscripts by Charlotte Bronte, including a poem and a fragment of prose. It has spent most of the last century in the United States but will return to Haworth and be displaying in the Bronte Parsonage Museum.

Nation/region

Yorkshire and the Humber

Grant awarded

£170,000

Award date

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