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**Title:** Richard Carlile Papers,

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**Creator:** Carlile, Richard, 1790-1843

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### Provenance

Carlile's papers were purchased in 1936 from Mrs. Norman F. Stevens of Pasadena. Mrs. Stevens was a great-granddaughter of Carlile and a granddaughter of Theophila (Carlile) Campbell.

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### Subject matter

A. Blasphemy and libel trials of:

1. Richard Carlile, for publishing Paine's Age of Reason and Elihu Palmer's Principles of Nature in 1819 and for writing an article inciting agricultural workers to riot in 1830
2. Jane Carlile (first wife of Richard Carlile), for printing a blasphemous article written by Carlile in The Republican
3. Mary Ann Carlile (sister of Richard Carlile), for selling an Appendix to Paine's Theological Works

B. Liberty of the press in Great Britain

C. Bible and science. Carlile considered the Bible unintelligible unless regarded as a scientific tract

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D. Prison conditions in Great Britain

Theophila (Carlile) Campbell

7 pieces

Eliza (Sharples) Carlile (second wife of Richard Carlile)

43 pieces

Richard Carlile

265 pieces

Squire Farrar

6 pieces

George Jacob Holyoake

7 letteres

Logan Mitchell

9 pieces

Alexander Morison

6 pieces

Francis Place (radical reformer)

7 pieces

Robert Taylor (deistical writer)

40 pieces

Carlile, Richard. Papers relating to a suit for libel brought against the owners of the Nottingham and Newark Mercury for printing an alleged libel on Carlile's character contained in a letter written to the newspaper by Joseph Gilbert, Congregational divine, on Sep. 6, 1828. 1828-1834

Cobbett, William. Letter to Carlile warning him not to publish a certain letter until he has seen it again. Kensington, July 14, 1831

Detrosier, Rowland. Letter to Carlile. ...I have been much pained by the circumstances of this afternoon, and I cannot but think you have not done me justice. I intended good, you appear to me to have viewed it as wholly evil. I do not deserve this... [c.1830]

Hone, William. Manuscript of Carlile's defense. 1819

Place, Francis. Letter to Richard Carlile. ...I cannot see how it can ever be possible for you or any one else ever to cause or even to compel the priests of any sect to teach science generally... July 23, 1841

**Bibliography**

*Battle of the Press*, a life of Richard Carlile by Theophila Carlile Campbell, his daughter, London, 1899 [Z 325 C28 C3]

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