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Melville's Reading

A Supplementary List of Books Owned and Borrowed

SINCE the concluding instalment of 'Melville's Reading: A Check-List of Books Owned and Borrowed,' with its incorporated additions and corrections to the preceding instalments, appeared in the Winter 1950 issue of the HARVARD LIBRARY BULLETIN,¹ the need has developed for a compilation of further additions and changes. For example, new evidence of the reading habits of the Melville family during the early 1830's has recently been presented through publication of a portion of Gansevoort Melville's journal for the first three months of 1834.² Though his father's library had been sold before the family left New York for Albany, Gansevoort Melville 'had at least five other libraries at his (and the family's) service — the Gansevoorts' private library, the libraries at the Albany Academy and the newly-formed Young Men's Association, the Athenaeum Library, and the reading-room of John Cook.'³ Because entries in the journal make it plain that books borrowed by Gansevoort Melville were likely to be read and discussed by other members of the family as well, their titles need to be included as additional listings.

As for Herman Melville himself, William H. Gilman's detailed study of the early years supplies additional information concerning methods of instruction and in some cases textbooks used at the schools Melville attended: the New York Male High School, 1826-30, and later the Albany Academy (probably in the mercantile course) and the Albany Classical School.⁴ While in Albany, as Gilman points out,

¹ Instalments of the Check-List appeared in consecutive issues from Spring 1948 through Winter 1950 (Vol. II, No. 2 — Vol. IV, No. 1). For additions and corrections see IV (1950), 104-106.

² Jay Leyda, 'An Albany Journal by Gansevoort Melville,' *Boston Public Library Quarterly*, II (1950), 327-347. The manuscript journal is in the possession of the Misses Agnes, Helen, and Margaret Morewood, grandnieces of Gansevoort and Herman Melville.

³ *Ibid.*, pp. 328-329.

⁴ William H. Gilman, *Melville's Early Life and 'Redburn'* (New York, 1951), pp. 28-31, 51-58, 71-72, and notes.

he may have drawn books 'from the Athenaeum, like Gansevoort, or the Albany Library, of which Uncle Peter was a member,'⁶ as well as from Uncle Peter's own collection. Jay Leyda has found some information concerning the family library of another uncle, Major Thomas Melvill, Jr, with whom Melville spent nearly a year at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, probably in 1834: twenty-one titles, many of them school texts, which Major Melvill purchased at intervals between 1814 and 1832 are listed on booksellers' bills in the Harvard College Library⁶ and in the Shaw Collection of the Massachusetts Historical Society.⁷ These listings give some indication of the character of the Melvill

⁶*Ibid.*, p. 72. 'Peter Gansevoort's borrowings for 1831 to 1836,' Gilman points out (p. 315, n. 134), are 'listed by shelf number in the "Loan Book of the Albany Library, Vol. II" (New York State Library, Albany). . . . In some months the number of books withdrawn (54 in one instance) suggests that he shared his privilege as a borrower, and it is very likely that Gansevoort and Herman took advantage of it.'

⁷The following titles are listed on a statement of Major Melvill's account with Phinchas Allen of Pittsfield as of 24 May 1824 (Harvard College Library), the relevance of which was pointed out by Leyda in a letter of 3 June 1951. 11 Nov 1814: '1 English Reader, dld your Son .75' [Lindley Murray, *The English Reader* ? Cf. Check-List, No. 380]. 27 Jun 1815: '1 Brown's Bible 17.00'. 19 Jul 1815: '1 Memoirs of Jefferson 2 vols. \$5.00' [returned 15 Feb 1816]; '1 Faber on the Prophecies, 3.00' [George Stanley Faber, *A Dissertation on the Prophecies* . . . Fifth ed., revised and corrected (London, Rivington, 1814)]; '1 Scott's Lord of the Isles, 1.00' [Sir Walter Scott, *The Lord of the Isles, a Poem* (Boston, Wells & Lilly, 1815)]; '1 Morse's Universal Geography, 7.50' [Jedediah Morse, *The American Universal Geography* . . . Sixth ed. (Boston, Thomas and Andrews, 1812)]. 15 Feb 1816: returned a Bible @ \$8.00 and 'Memoirs of Jefferson' @ \$4.65. 6 Apr 1816: '1 Pike's Arithmetick \$2.50' [Nicholas Pike, *A New and Complete System of Arithmetick* . . . (New York, Duyckinck, 1816 ?)]. 17 Apr 1816: '1 Dickinson's Compilation 1.50' [Rodolphus Dickinson, *A Compilation of the Laws of Massachusetts* . . . (Boston, Mallory, 1811 ?)]. 3 Mar 1817: '1 Bible, dld your Son, 1.00'. 3 Jan 1818: '1 Johnson's Captivity .75'; '1 Indian Wars, .87½'; '1 Ashe's Travels, 1.37½' [Thomas Ashe, *Travels in America, Performed in the Year 1806* . . . (London, Philips, 1809 ?)]. 24 Jun 1818: '1 Murray's Exercises .63' [Lindley Murray, *English Exercises* ?]. 13 Jun 1822: '1 Common Prayer 1.25'. 28 Dec 1822: '1 Woodbridge's Geog. & Atlas 1.38' [William Channing Woodbridge, *Rudiments of Geography* . . . Accompanied with an Atlas . . . (Hartford, Goodrich, 1821)]. 10 Apr 1823: '3 Spelling Books .60'.

⁸Leyda's notes on later book bills of Major Melvill found in the Shaw papers, generously furnished in his letter of 11 April 1951, mention the following: 11 Jul 1831: '2 Times of our Saviour 1.25'; '3 Ware on Christian Character 1.12' [Henry Ware, *On the Formation of the Christian Character* (Cambridge, Mass., Hilliard and Brown, 1831)]. 13 Jul 1831: '1 Stewart's Visit 2 Vols. \$2.00' [Charles Samuel Stewart, *A Visit to the South Seas, in the U. S. Ship Vincennes, during the Years 1829 and 1830* . . . (New York, Haven, 1831). 2 v.]. 3 Sep 1831: '1 Mothers Book .75'; '2 Ware on Ch[ristian] Character .68'; '2 Gannett's Sermon .12' [Rev. Ezra Stiles Gannett ?]; '1 Teachers Gift .50' [*The Teacher's Gift. For 183-* (Boston, 183-) ?].

library, which may also have included books acquired during Major Melville's earlier residence in France. Since this information is but fragmentary and since Herman Melville's acquaintance with these books has yet to be demonstrated, the known titles are given here for reference but are not incorporated into the alphabetical Check-List.

On 29 January 1835 Herman Melville joined the Albany Young Men's Association, and for two years he enjoyed the use of its reading room and library of a thousand volumes. The catalogue of this library, which included works upon which he is known to have drawn in his first published writings in 1839, 'forms the basis for Melville's first known reading list.'⁸ In 1838, after an interval of schoolteaching in Pittsfield, Melville moved with his family to Lansingburgh, New York, where he studied surveying and engineering in the local academy. In its scientific library and laboratory, as Gilman conjectures, he 'may have extended the scientific knowledge that was the main object of his studies and laid the foundation for his mature interest in natural science.'⁹

Leyda has also found information concerning the personal library of Melville's father-in-law, Chief Justice Lemuel Shaw, to which Melville had access during his occasional visits to Boston, particularly after the beginning of his career as an author in 1846 and his marriage in 1847. A series of receipted bills in the Shaw Collection of the Massachusetts Historical Society shows that in the 1820's and after Shaw regularly renewed his subscriptions to the *Christian Register*, the *Edinburgh Review*, the *North American Review* (to which he contributed), and the *Quarterly Review*. And in addition to many law books, he purchased a number of other works such as travel narratives which might have attracted the notice of his son-in-law.¹⁰

¹² Apr 1832: '1 Helen & Maria .15'; '1 History of New England .50' [Francis Lister Hawks, *The History of New England . . . By Lambert Lilly, Schoolmaster . . .* (Boston, Hyde, 1831)].

⁸ Gilman, *op. cit.*, p. 74. 'A manuscript catalogue of the library exists in the collection of the association's records,' Gilman adds (p. 316, n. 145), 'from which was printed a *Catalogue of Books in the Library of the Young Men's Association of the City of Albany* (Albany, 1837). Although this was not published until after Melville's membership had ceased, all the books listed were in the library by February 15, 1837, while Melville was still a member. Unhappily, the withdrawal books which the association kept have disappeared.'

⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 103.

¹⁰ The following titles noted by Leyda were mentioned in his letter of 11 April 1951: 22 May 1826: '1 Flint's Travels 2.25 at dis 1.75' [Timothy Flint, *Recollections of*

Along with such peripheral information, a few pieces of evidence relating more directly to Melville's personal reading have also come to light since the publication of the Check-List. Meanwhile the ownership and location of a number of surviving books already included have been discovered (Nos. 57, 282) or have recently been changed. Twenty-three of the titles formerly in the collections of two of Melville's granddaughters, Mrs Walter B. Binnian and Mrs Henry K. Metcalf, have now been added to the group of Melville association volumes which they had earlier given to the Harvard College Library; the books inherited by Mrs A. D. Osborne have been presented to the New York Public Library, where they now constitute the Osborne Collection;¹¹ and there have been other minor changes and additions. Material of this nature has now accumulated in sufficient quantity to justify this first supplement to the original Check-List.¹²

the Last Ten Years, Passed in Occasional Residences and Journeyings in the Valley of the Mississippi . . . (Boston, Cummings, Hilliard, 1826)]. 25 Apr 1829: [binding of] '1 vol Goldsmiths A[nimated] Nature 1.75'. 14 Dec 1831: '1 Paulding's Cruise .62' [Hiram Paulding, *Journal of a Cruise of the United States Cruiser Dolphin among the Islands of the Pacific Ocean; and a Visit to the Mulgrave Islands, in Pursuit of the Mutineers of the Whaleship Globe . . .* (New York, Carvill, 1831) — cf. Check-List, No. 323]. 11 Jun 1832: '1 Atwaters Tour .75' [Caleb Atwater, *Remarks Made on a Tour to Prairie du Chien; Thence to Washington City, in 1829 . . .* (Columbus, O., Whiting, 1831)]. 26 Dec 1835: 'Godwin on Atheism' [Benjamin Godwin, *Lectures on the Atheistic Controversy . . .* (Boston, Hilliard, Gray, 1836)]; 'The Foreign Quarterly Review [1835]'; 'Parley's Magazine for 1836'. 15 Dec 1835: 'Studies in Poetry 1.25'. 11 Sep 1850: 'Bayley's Poet[ical] Works 2.50' [Joanna Baillic, *Complete Poetical Works* (Philadelphia, Carey & Lea, 1832) ?]. 23 Sep 1850 and 23 Oct 1850: 'Cruikshank Copperfield .12' [Charles Dickens, *The Personal History . . . of David Copperfield . . .* — cf. Check-List, No. 181]. 11 Nov 1850: 'Ajax .25'. 19 Nov 1850: 'Footprints 1.25' [*Footprints: or, Fugitive Poems . . .* (Philadelphia, Pennington, 1843) ?]. 26 Dec 1850: 'Stars and Earth .25' [Felix Eberty, *The Stars and the Earth; or, Thoughts upon Space, Time, and Eternity . . .* (Boston, Crosby and Nichols, 1849)]. 2 Jan 1851: 'Night Side of Nature 1.25'.

¹¹ Mr Walter Osborne retains title to the Melville family Bible (Check-List, No. 62), which is on deposit in the New York Public Library.

¹² For their kind assistance in the compilation of this supplement, grateful acknowledgment is made to Miss Helen Morewood, Mrs Roy Newman, and Messrs Bernard R. Bowron, Herbert Cahoon, Robert W. Hill, Howard C. Horsford, Wilmarth S. Lewis, Jay Leyda, J. C. Levenson, T. O. Mabbott, Luther S. Mansfield, Robert F. Metzdorf, Leslie M. Oliver, Charles J. Olson, David A. Randall, and Vincent Starrett.

PART I

P. 142: change 'are currently deposited in the New York Public Library for use by scholars' to 'have been presented to the New York Public Library'; change 'Of those known to survive, numbering 232 [originally 210] titles, 209 [originally 191] have now been located' to 'Of those known to survive, numbering 237 titles, 212 have now been located'.

P. 143, n. 11: change 'Wright' to 'Wight'.

PART II

P. 146, n. 22: add to the list of surviving books known to have been the property of Melville's parents: Nos. 21c, 57, 490a.

Pp. 146-147: with regard to Melville's schooling and his access to various libraries before the time of his first voyage in 1839, see additional information in the opening paragraphs of 'Melville's Reading: A Supplementary List.'

P. 154: concerning the library of Lemuel Shaw, see additional information in the fourth paragraph of 'Melville's Reading: A Supplementary List.'

PART III

Pp. 381-383: from the list of abbreviations and symbols delete the entries for 'Matthiessen' and 'Osborne' and add the following to the list:

GMJ	Gansevoort Melville's Journal (see 'Melville's Reading: A Supplementary List,' n. 2)
Levenson	The collection of Mr J. C. Levenson, Storrs, Connecticut
Morewood, Helen	The collection of Miss Helen Morewood, Pittsfield, Massachusetts
Newman	The collection of Mrs Roy Newman, Georgetown, Maine
NYPL-O	New York Public Library: the Osborne Collection
†	Entries included in the Analytical Index (as revised)

which are to be found among the additions and corrections printed on pp. 104-106 of the final instalment of the original Check-List

† Entries included in the Analytical Index (as revised) which are to be found in 'Melville's Reading: A Supplementary List'

P. 385 and passim: change from '(Osborne)' to '(NYPL-O)' the location given in Nos. 22-37, 56, 72, 93, 94, 96, 114, 130, 184-187, 187a††, 215, 219, 268, 275a†, 279, 291, 298, 300, 321, 333, 341, 399, 416, 423, 431, 436, 439, 459, 461, 471, 488, 502, 505, 506, 508, 533, 543.

P. 387 and passim: change from '(Metcalf)' to '(HCL.)' the location given in Nos. 55, 87, 150, 152, 153, 169, 192, 233, 273, 275, 283, 292a, 314a, 360-365, 392, 412, 421, 433, 489, 493, 565.

21c. Austin, James Trecothick. An Oration, Pronounced at Lexington, Mass. In Commemoration of the Independence of the United States of America, and the Restoration of Peace. 4th July, 1815 . . . Boston, Rowe and Hooper, 1815. *

'A. Melville'. (HCL)

54. [Beckford, *Vathek*.] Change 'probably on 24 Dec: Melville called . . . on that day (HCL-J)' to 'probably on 19 Dec; cf. No. 282'.

57. [Bellegarde, *Politeness of Manners*.] Add: 'Third Edition'. Change 'Described . . . Lot 331)' to "'Allan Melvill"; "Herman Melville". Annotated. (NYPL)'.

68a. Blake, John Lauris. *First Book in Astronomy Applied to the Use of Common Schools* . . . Boston, Lincoln and Edmands [etc.], 1831. *

'To Master Thos. Melville for his attention to me, in preserving and restoring my Hymnbook, to show that acts of kindness may not always go unrewarded. H. B. Tuttle'; 'To Thomas Melville July 29, 1839 "An undevout astronomer is mad." T. C. July'. (Morewood, Helen)

87. [Brock-Arnold, *Gainsborough*.] Change '1882' to '1881'.
- 107a. — [Byron]. *The Bride of Abydos*.
4 Jan 1834: read by Gansevoort Melville (GMJ).
116. [Camões, *Poems*.] Change location from '(Matthiessen)' to '(Levenson)'.
- 116a. Campan, Jeanne Louise Henriette Genest. *Memoirs of the Private Life of Marie Antoinette, Queen of France and Navarre . . .* [Philadelphia, Small, 1823?].
21 Nov 1823: Maria Gansevoort Melville wrote to Peter Gansevoort (NYPL-GL): 'Pray for your amusement and improvement procure a new work lately published entitled *Memoirs of Marie Antoinette*—written by Madame Campan—Sister of Our Old Friend, Monsieur Genet.'
- 158a. Cooper, James Fenimore. *The Prairie; a Tale*.
9-17 Jan 1834: Gansevoort Melville read 'the *Prairie*, [and] was very well pleased with it . . .' (GMJ).
181. [Dickens, *David Copperfield*.] Add: 'See "Melville's Reading: A Supplementary List," n. 10.'
- 187a. [Dobell, *Poems*.] Delete: 'It is now at Edgartown, Massachusetts.'
- Drake, Francis A.: change 'A.' to 'S.'
- Duyckinck, Evert Augustus: see Nos. 189, 326, 558a.
225. [Godwin, *Caleb Williams*.] Change '24 Dec' to '19 Dec'.
- 233b. Grattan, Thomas Colley. *Jacqueline of Holland; a Historical Tale . . .* [New York, Harper, 1831?].
18 Jan 1834: borrowed by Gansevoort Melville 'from Athenaeum Library' at Albany (GMJ).
- 234a. Griffin, Richard, ed. *Specimens of the Novelists and Romancers, with Critical and Biographical Notices of the Authors . . .* New York, Langdon, 1831. 2 v.
5 Jan 1834: Gansevoort Melville read in Griffin 'an extract from a novel by Thomas Skinner Surr entitled *Winter in London . . . a tale called The Founder of a Family*' (GMJ).
- Guidebooks: add: '434a.'
281. [Hope, *Anastasius*.] Add: '[Leipzig, Tauchnitz, 18-?].'
Add: 'T. O. Mabbott has suggested, in a letter of 15 July 1950, that since the Tauchnitz editions were excluded from Great Britain under contemporary publishing arrangements, it may well have been Melville's possession of such an edition that accounts for the confiscation on his reentry into England.'
282. Cancel the original listing; a revised entry follows.
282. —. *Anastasius; or, Memoirs of a Greek . . .* London, Murray [etc.], 1836. 2 v.
V. 1: 'Herman Melville London, Dec 19th 1849'. V. 2: '[signature cut out] London Dec 19. 1849.' Gift from Richard Bentley (HCL-L). Marked. (Newman)
- 292a. Cancel the original listing; a revised entry follows.
- 292a. — [Irving]. *Works . . .* Philadelphia, Lea and Blanchard, 1840. 2[?] v.
V. 1: 'Herman Melville Esq from his friend Richard Lathers Winyah June 7th 1853'. V. 2: 'To Herman Melville Esq from his friend Richard Lathers Winyah June 7th 1853'. Marked. (HCL)
323. [Lay, *Narrative*.] Add: 'See "Melville's Reading: A Supplementary List," n. 10.'
- 327a. Lockhart, John Gibson. *Reginald Dalton. By the Author of Valerius, and Adam Blair . . .* [New York, Duyckinck, 1823?].
18 Jan 1834: borrowed by Gansevoort Melville 'from Athenaeum Library' at Albany; read on 21 Jan and begun again on 24 Jan, when 'Helen Maria [Melville] lent it to Aunt Mary Gansevoort' (GMJ).
- 357a. Mercier, Henry James. *Life in a Man-of-War, or Scenes in 'Old Ironsides' during Her Cruise in the Pacific. By a Fore-Top-Man . . .* Philadelphia, Bailey, 1841.

'The writer has to thank the light-hearted author of a book called "Scenes in Old Ironsides" for supplying corroborative hints for some few scenes' (Melville's manuscript preface to *White-Jacket*, as revised, HCL).

- 387a. Oken, Lorenz. *Elements of Physiophilosophy* . . . London, Printed for the Ray Society, 1847.

Apparently owned or borrowed by Melville: a quotation from p. 186 is inscribed in his hand on the flyleaf of a copy of *The Whale* (now in NYPL-B) which he presented to John C. Hoadley, 6 Jan 185[4]. See Herbert Cahoon, *Herman Melville: A Check List of Books and Manuscripts in the Collections of the New York Public Library* (New York, 1951), p. 12.

413. [*Putnam's Magazine*.] Add: 'V. 5 (Jan-Jul 1855) is now in HCL.'

- 434a. *Sailing Directions for the Eastern Portion of the Mediterranean Sea. Embracing the Adriatic or Gulf of Venice, the Albanian and Grecian Coasts, the Grecian Archipelago, and the Coasts of Syria and Egypt, the Black Sea, and the Seas of Marmora and Azov* . . . London, Imray, 1852 [or later edition].

27 Dec 1856: 'Saw in "Sailing Directions" brief account of Jaffa . . .' (HCL-J). Howard C. Horsford, who has identified Melville's allusion, suggests also his use of other volumes of *Sailing Directions* as well as of guidebooks for tourists. Their descriptions of local topographic features observable from the sea may thus account for 'just the brief kind of familiarity' with coastal features that is found in certain of his writings (letters of 16 Feb, 4 Apr 1951).

- 436a. [*Sandys, Relation*.] Add: 'Howard C. Horsford, though regarding Forsyth's emendation as plausible, observes that in HCL-J "Melville nevertheless clearly wrote *Saunders*," not *Sandys* (letter of 15 Feb 1951).'

- 438a. [*Schiller, Ghost-Seer*.] Add: 'Jay Leyda points out that the story also appeared in the same series of the *Romancist*, and *Novelist Library*

(1840, ed. by William Hazlitt), that also included Jeremiah N. Reynolds's *Mocha Dick; or, The White Whale of the Pacific* (letter of 9 Apr 1951).'

- 462a. — [Shakespeare]. [Plays.]

Vincent Starrett reports that about 1910, in the Chicago bookshop of Tom Knight, he examined 'an odd volume of an Early American set, a 16mo, containing perhaps three plays' of Shakespeare, with Melville's 'signature (and an address)' on the flyleaf (letters of 1 Feb, 14 Feb 1951).

467. [*Shelley, Mary, Frankenstein*.] Change '24 Dec' to '19 Dec'.

Smith, Joseph Edward Adams: it might be noted also that in HCL, though not strictly within the scope of this listing, is a copy of Smith's *The Poet among the Hills. Oliver Wendell Holmes in Berkshire* (Pittsfield, Mass., 1895), presented to Mrs Melville by the author.

486. [*Staël-Holstein, Corinne*.] Change '24 Dec' to '19 Dec'.

- 490a. Stevens, John Hathaway. *The Duty of Union in a Just War: A Discourse, Delivered in Stoneham, (Massachusetts,) April 8, 1813, Being the Day of the State Fast* . . . Albany, Buel, 1814.

'For Allen [*sic*] Melville Esq^{re}'. (HCL)

- 490b. Stoddard, Charles Warren. *Poems*. San Francisco, Roman, 1867.

[?] 1867: letter from Melville to Stoddard: 'I have read with much pleasure the printed verses you sent me, and among others, was quite struck with the little effusion entitled "Cherries and Grapes" . . .' (Goodspeed's Book Shop, Catalogue 387, June, 1945, Lot 127A).

Surr, Thomas Skinner: see Griffin, Richard, ed.

493. [*The Tatler*.] Change '3 v.' to '4 v. Melville's holding: v. 1-3 only.'

- 495a. Taylor, Jeremy. *The Rule and Exercise of Holy Dying* . . . Boston, Little, Brown, [1864?]. *

'H. Melville Jan. 16. 1869. N. Y.' Marked. An editorial note is dated Boston, 10 Nov 1864. Once examined by Charles J.

- Olson (letter of 2 Jun 1950); present location unknown.
498. [*Tea Leaves*.] Change location from '(Binnian)' to '(HCL)'.
 507a. [Tennyson, *Poems*.] Add: 'William H. Gilman, *Melville's Early Life and Redburn* (New York, 1951), p. 104 and p. 326, n. 69, proposes 1838-39 as the date of Melville's friendship with Mary Parmelee. That the book "contained only a few poems," as Mrs Wickes advised Gilman, "suggests the 1830 or 1833 edition. . . ."
- 549a. Watts, Isaac. *The Improvement of the Mind; or, A Supplement to the Art of Logic* . . .
 2 Mar 1834: begun by Gansevoort Melville (GMJ).
- 556a. Whitney, Adeline Dutton Train. *Faith Gartney's Girlhood* . . . [Boston, Loring, 1863 ?].
 21 Dec 1865: letter from Maria Gansevoort Melville to Catherine Gansevoort (NYPL-GL): "We have been reading aloud, "Faith Gartneys Girlhood," "The Gayworthys," by the same author—Helen brought us "The clever woman of the Family"—which we are now reading in the even aloud—"
- 556b. —. *The Gayworthys: A Story of Threads and Thrums* . . . [Boston, Loring, 1865 ?].
 See No. 556a.
567. Yonge, Charlotte Mary. *The Clever Woman of the Family* . . . New York, Appleton, 1865.
 See No. 556a.
- ANALYTICAL INDEX TO THE CHECK-LIST
Books Owned Which Have Survived
 Change 'Osborne' to 'NYPL-O' in the entries for Allan Melville, Jr, Elizabeth Melville, Elizabeth Shaw Melville, Frances Melville Thomas, Herman Melville, Thomas Melville
 Allan and Maria Gansevoort Melville, parents (38?): change '(38?)' to '(41?)' and alter the following entries as indicated:
- HCL (6?): change '(6?)' to '(10?)' and add the following to the original entry: 21c†, 490a†, 493[?], 565[?]
 Metcalf (2?): delete entire entry (books transferred to HCL)
 [Add:] NYPL (1): 57†
- Herman Melville (232?): change '(232?)' to '(237?)' and alter the following entries as indicated:
 Binnian (1): delete entire entry (book transferred to HCL)
 HCL (82): change '(82)' to '(106)' and substitute the following for the original listing thereafter: 11, 14a, 14b, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20†, 53, 55, 64, 65, 66, 71, 87, 101, 103, 125, 129, 143, 144, 145, 150, 151, 152†, 153, 169, 183a, 192, 194, 196, 202, 203, 204, 205, 218, 233, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 259, 260, 271, 273, 276, 277, 278, 283, 290, 292a, 299, 305, 314a, 332, 342, 344, 347, 351, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 370, 384, 387, 391, 392, 405, 407, 410, 412, 413†, 428, 433, 435, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 460, 465, 466, 468, 479, 481, 487, 489, 498, 501, 511, 517, 518, 556, 563, 564
 Matthiessen (1): change 'Matthiessen' to 'Levenson'
 Metcalf (28): change '(28)' to '(6)' and substitute the following for the original listing thereafter: 97, 244, 390, 432, 440, 441
 [Add:] Newman (1): 282†
 [Add:] NYPL (1): 57†
 Unlocated (23): change '(23)' to '(25)' and add the following to the original entry: 462a†, 495a†
- Thomas Melville, brother (6): change '(6)' to '(7)' and add the following entry as indicated:
 [Add:] Morewood, Helen (1): 68a†
- Other books kept in the family (4): change '(4)' to '(2)' and add the following entry as indicated:
 [Add:] HCL (2): 275, 421
 Metcalf (4): change '(4)' to '(2)' and delete the following from the original entry: 275, 421 (books transferred to HCL)
- Books Owned Which Have Apparently Not Survived*
 Herman Melville (78+): alter the following entries as indicated:

Acquired in Europe, 1849 . . . (28): change '(28)' to '(27)' and delete the following from the original entry: 282† .

Mentioned in Melville's letters as owned (17+): change '(17+)' to '(18+)' and add the following to the original entry: 490b†

Books Either Owned or Borrowed

[Add:] Gansevoort Melville (4)

Mentioned in GMJ (4): 107a†, 158a†, 234a†, 549a†

Herman Melville (15): change '(15)' to '(18)' and alter the following entries as indicated:

Cited in annotation (1): change '(1)' to

'(2)' and add the following to the original entry: 387a†

[Add:] Cited in manuscript as read by Melville (1): 357a†

Mentioned in HCL-J as read by Melville (9): change '(9)' to '(10)' and add the following to the original entry: 434a†

[Add:] Maria Gansevoort Melville (4): 116a†, 556a†, 556b†, 567†

Books Borrowed

[Add:] By Gansevoort Melville (2)

From Athenaeum Library, Albany (2): 233b†, 327a†

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