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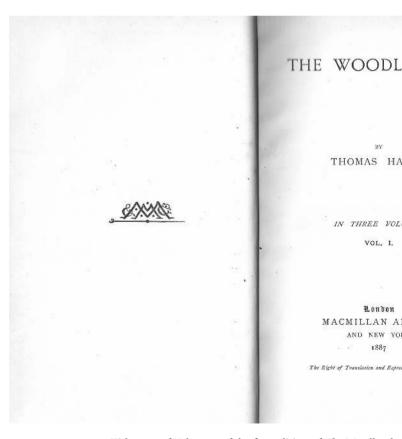


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"Map of the Wessex of the Novels and Poems (revised 1914 – prepared by Emery Waoriginally provided by Thomas Hardy)".



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Thomas Hardy's career as an author bridged the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and during that time he could count among his accomplishments fourteen novels, more than nine hundred poems, a little over four dozen pieces of short fiction, and a verse drama in three volumes that took as its topic the Peninsular War and the fall of Napoleon. Yet on the brink of his first great success, the publication of *Far from the Madding Crowd* in the prestigious *Cornhill Magazine*, he wrote to its editor Leslie Stephen that, although he might 'have higher aims some day', at that moment he wished 'merely to be considered a good hand at a serial'. It is safe to say that those higher aims were achieved, for after Hardy's Westminster Abbey funeral, and after large crowds had silently filed past his open grave in Poet's Corner, *The Times* in its obituary for him mourned the loss of English literature's 'most eminent figure'. Hardy's stature as a writer was, and remains, unassailable, and the continuing popularity of his fiction, in both print and other media, attests to his powerful and enduring representation of human experience.

Yet the professionalism that Hardy declared to be his goal in his publishing relationship with Stephen was as characteristic of his authorship as the exploration of large cultural issues, since Hardy fully understood that the production of a novel, or short story, took place both in the realm of artistic creation and in the literary marketplace. He became proficient at using (one is tempted to say manipulating) the requirements of Victorian publishing's modes of production for his own purposes. In particular the most common pattern, in which a novel was first serialized in a magazine, then published as a multiple-volume edition for the circulating libraries, and then published again as less expensive, single-volume versions, generated the opportunity for changes at each stage—and Hardy usually took advantage of those opportunities. Indeed, an author as successful as Hardy was given additional chances to modify his texts through the collected editions that demand for his work made attractive to him and his

¹ CL.1, p. 28. ² BR, p. 535.



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publishers. Hardy's willingness to revise texts decades after they first appeared in print would crucially shape his later audience's responses to his fiction.

As well, Hardy's tendency to stretch, not to say break, Victorian proprieties in his selection of subject matter, and in his unconventional sympathies with 'improper' characters, meant that he more than once found himself in conflict with his editors and their commitment to nineteenth-century status-quo attitudes. This situation came to a climax with the publication of *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* (1891) and *Jude the Obscure* (1895), two works which generated such extremities of negative reviewer responses that Hardy declared they destroyed in him any desire to continue producing novels. The fact that many reviewers were equally vociferous in defending Hardy rather undercuts his persona of besieged artist, and it is even possible to argue that he courted such conflict, since by that advanced point in his experience as a writer he could hardly be unaware of the contentious nature of his plots. Nonetheless, the bowdlerization often insisted upon for magazine publication meant that Hardy viewed the alterations made for subsequent, first edition volume publication as necessary to the truer realization of his art.

But even as Hardy was preparing to end his focus on the novel in the 1890s, and to instead concentrate on getting into print the poetry he had been writing since the 1860s, the next major stage of his fiction was being prepared. In 1894 Osgood, McIlvaine and Company, which had become Hardy's publisher in 1891, finalized the arrangements necessary to print those works whose rights previously had been held by other publishing houses, and immediately began preparing the first uniform edition of Hardy's novels and stories. The 'Wessex Novels' edition was published in sixteen volumes from 1895 to 1896, and consisted of thirteen novels plus three volumes of stories. It represents an important point in Hardy's oeuvre, not least because he wrote a set of short but revealing prefaces to accompany each text. He also proofread the volumes, made thorough and careful corrections and revisions, and, most significantly, brought more into congruence the topography of those narratives written before his full achievement of the setting of Wessex from which the collection took its name.

Osgood, McIlvaine had good reason to put the word 'Wessex' in its edition's title, since the description of this landscape, and its buildings, customs, and characters, was increasingly seen as Hardy's distinctive contribution to literature. His retroactive efforts to bring all of his fiction into line with this perception elided the fact that the development of Wessex was piecemeal at best, at



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least until the publication of *The Mayor of Casterbridge* (1886), *The Woodlanders* (1887), and *Wessex Tales* (1888) which, with their powerful evocation of a 'partly real, partly dream-country', signalled Hardy's commitment to developing a setting uniquely his own. Unsurprisingly, then, when Hardy changed publishers yet again and decided to transfer his rights to the London firm of Macmillan and Company, the name chosen for its proposed collection of his works (this time including the poetry), was simple and direct: the Wessex Edition.

The first two volumes of Macmillan's collected edition appeared in April of 1912, with the originally proposed total of twenty volumes being completed in 1914, and with four volumes 'published at irregular intervals thereafter (the last, posthumously), to complete the series. Later impressions incorporate the slight revisions made for the Mellstock Edition in 1919 and some 4 pages of trifling corrections submitted in April 1920.'4 Thus the Wessex Edition could claim to provide something very close to a comprehensive representation of Hardy's literary accomplishment, and Macmillan had no hesitation in describing it as 'definitive', a claim that Hardy endorsed in the 'General Preface to the Novels and Poems' that he prepared for the edition. Once again he revised and proofread the volumes, and he also updated the Osgood, McIlvaine prefaces. For much of the twentieth century, therefore, the Wessex Edition was viewed as the final word on Hardy's fiction, and it was, and in many cases remains into the twenty-first century, the de facto choice for those reprints of his work that appeared after Macmillan's copyright lapsed in 1978. Yet scholars such as Michael Millgate have noted that this putative authority is at least somewhat problematic, since '[f]or all Hardy's devotion to the task of revision and correction there remains the irreducible fact that he was not starting from first principles but working with a text that had itself long lost the bloom and innocence of youth,' and that 'by 1912 each of Hardy's texts had gone through long, undramatic processes of erosion and accretion?⁶ The crucial decision facing a scholarly edition of Hardy's novels and stories, therefore, is whether to use the Wessex Edition to provide its copy-texts, and thus assent to the author's

³ PW, p. 9. ⁴ Purdy, p. 286. ⁵ PW, p. 44.

⁶ M. Millgate, 'The Making and Unmaking of Hardy's Wessex Edition', *Editing Nineteenth-Century Fiction*, ed. J. Millgate (New York: Garland, 1978), pp. 66, 68.



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apparent wish that it be accepted as definitive, or to employ early text versions that both more nearly reflect Hardy's original artistic intention, and represent the works as they were initially received by Hardy's Victorian readers.

The Cambridge Edition of Hardy, in line with contemporary editorial theory, follows an early text model that allows its readers to trace, through each volume, the work's textual evolution. In most cases this entails the selection of the British first edition in volume form as copy-text, and the emendation policy is to edit the copy-text's 'moment' in order to achieve the best balance between authorial desire and authorial acquiescence to the realities of publication. Obvious mechanical errors are corrected and, in cases where sufficient evidence exists to suggest that the production process has changed legitimate authorial (textual) intention, additional emendations may be made. Emendations to the copy-text are recorded, but certain kinds of typographical elements (e.g. chapter heads, running titles) have been standardized. The record of substantive variants appears as footnotes on the page in which the changes occur, and they are keyed to the line numbers on that page. The quotation from the text is followed by the variant and the siglum or sigla of the text(s) in which it appears, and the variants are presented in chronological order. Variants in accidentals are listed in the apparatus section, and are likewise keyed to page and line number.

A chronology of Hardy's life appears in each volume. The Introduction describes the genesis of the work, its publishing history and cultural context, the process and significance of authorial revision, and the work's reception during Hardy's lifetime, in order to enable the reader to comprehend as fully as possible the text's composition and history. Each volume also provides a rationale for the choice of copy-text, along with a facsimile of the copy-text's title page and a bibliographical description of the principal textual witnesses. A full set of explanatory endnotes, keyed to superscript numbers, is included to offer clear and relevant information to the reader by identifying literary and cultural allusions, geographic locations, and references to religion, philosophy, art, and music. Appearances of dialect in Hardy's work are also translated in those instances where uncertainty of meaning may occur. If a work was illustrated for periodical publication those illustrations are reproduced in the volume, usually as an appendix, unless the illustrations were present in the copy-text. The frontispiece illustrations for the Osgood, McIlvaine 'Wessex



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Novels' edition and the Macmillan Wessex Edition are likewise reproduced in an appendix.

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1839

22 December Marriage of Thomas Hardy and Jemima Hand; household

established in a cottage at Higher Bockhampton, Dorset.

1840

June 2 Thomas Hardy born.

Birth of Hardy's sister, Mary.

1848 Hardy attends the newly opened Stinsford National

School.

1850 Hardy sent to Dorchester British School kept by Isaac

Glandfield Last.

1851 Birth of Hardy's brother, Henry.

1853–1856 Isaac Last establishes an independent 'commercial acad-

emy' and Hardy enrolls; begins to study Latin.

Birth of Hardy's sister, Katherine (Kate).

Hardy is articled to Dorchester architect John Hicks.

1857 Hardy establishes a close friendship with Horatio (Horace)

Moule. Moule becomes Hardy's intellectual mentor and

encourages his study of Latin and Greek.

1860 Hardy completes his articles as an architect and is

employed by Hicks as an assistant.

1862 Hardy moves to London. Through a letter of introduc-

tion provided by Hicks he finds employment with the

architect Arthur Blomfield.

Hardy is elected to the Architectural Association.

Submits two prize-winning entries for architectural

competitions.

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1865	Hardy's first publication, 'How I Built Myself a House', appears in <i>Chambers's Journal</i> .
1866	Hardy begins to submit poetry to magazines.
1867	Returns to Dorset. Works for Hicks on church restoration.
	Begins writing his first, unpublished novel <i>The Poor Man</i> and the Lady.
1868	Submits completed MS of <i>The Poor Man and the Lady</i> to Alexander Macmillan. Novel is rejected by Macmillan, who suggests that Hardy submit it to Chapman and Hall.
1869	Chapman agrees to publish the novel if Hardy will provide £20 as a guarantee against losses. Hardy agrees.
	Hardy meets with Chapman's reader, George Meredith, who had recommended against acceptance. Meredith convinces Hardy to withdraw the MS and advises him to write a story with 'more plot'.
	Hardy submits MS to Smith, Elder; novel is rejected.
	Hardy employed by Weymouth architect G. R. Crickmay to complete church restoration work left unfinished with the death of Hicks.
	Hardy submits MS of <i>The Poor Man and the Lady</i> to Tinsley Brothers. Tinsley offers to publish in return for a guarantee against losses; Hardy refuses the offer.
	Begins writing his first novel to be published, <i>Desperate Remedies</i> .
1870	
7 March	Meets his future wife, Emma Lavinia Gifford, at St Juliot, Cornwall, when he travels there to work on the restoration of a local church.
	Macmillan rejects Desperate Remedies.
	Tinsley agrees to publish <i>Desperate Remedies</i> if Hardy is willing to provide £75 in advance of printing. Hardy accepts the offer.

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1871 Desperate Remedies published anonymously in three

volumes.

1872 Under the Greenwood Tree published anonymously in two

volumes by Tinsley Brothers. Hardy sells Tinsley the cop-

yright of the novel for £30.

Hardy moves from Weymouth to London to work in the architectural office of T. Roger Smith. After positive reviews of *Under the Greenwood Tree*, Tinsley offers Hardy £200 for a serial to appear in the September issue

of Tinsleys' Magazine.

Leslie Stephen requests a serial for the Cornhill Magazine.

Hardy's first proposal to marry Emma Gifford is rejected

by her father.

1872–1873 A Pair of Blue Eyes serialized anonymously in Tinsleys'

Magazine. Published in three volumes by Tinsley Brothers (1873). The volume edition is the first of Hardy's novels to

bear his name as author.

1873

21 September Horace Moule commits suicide in his rooms at Cambridge.

1874 Far from the Madding Crowd serialized anonymously in

the Cornhill Magazine. Published in two volumes, over

Hardy's name, by Smith, Elder that same year.

17 September Hardy marries Emma Gifford.

The Hardys move to Swanage, Dorset.

1875–1876 The Hand of Ethelberta serialized in Cornhill Magazine.

Published in two volumes by Smith, Elder (1876).

The Hardys move to Yeovil, Somerset, and then to Sturminster Newton, Dorset. Hardy begins writing *The*

Return of the Native.

The Hardys move to the London suburb of Tooting.

The Return of the Native serialized in Belgravia. Published

in three volumes by Smith, Elder.

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	An Indiscretion in the Life of an Heiress, a revised and abbreviated version of The Poor Man and the Lady, published in the New Quarterly Magazine.
	Hardy begins historical research in the British Museum for <i>The Trumpet-Major</i> .
1880	The Trumpet-Major serialized in Good Words. Published in three volumes by Smith, Elder, with cloth binding designed by Hardy.
	Hardy becomes seriously ill and is forced into several months of total inactivity. He dictates the major portion of the serial version of <i>A Laodicean</i> to Emma Hardy from his bed.
1880–1881	A Laodicean serialized in the European Edition of Harper's New Monthly
	Magazine. Published in three volumes by Sampson Low (1881).
1881	The Hardys return to Dorset and set up their household at Wimborne Minster.
1882	Two on a Tower serialized in the Atlantic Monthly. Published in three volumes by Sampson Low.
1883	'The Dorsetshire Labourer' published in <i>Longman's Magazine</i> .
	The Hardys move from Wimborne to Dorchester. They take up temporary accommodation while their new house is being built on the outskirts of the town. Hardy begins writing <i>The Mayor of Casterbridge</i> .
1884	Hardy is made a Justice of the Peace.
1885	The Hardys move into Max Gate, the house designed by Hardy and built by his brother Henry. Hardy will live there for the rest of his life.
1886	The Mayor of Casterbridge serialized in The Graphic. Published in three volumes by Smith, Elder.



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1886–1887	The Woodlanders serialized in Macmillan's Magazine. Published in three volumes by Macmillan and Company (1887).
1888	Wessex Tales, Hardy's first collection of stories, is published by Macmillan.
	'The Profitable Reading of Fiction' published in <i>The Forum</i> (New York).
1890	Hardy's set of six stories under the title <i>A Group of Noble Dames</i> published in The <i>Graphic</i> .
	'Candour in English Fiction' published in The New Review.
1891	Tess of the d'Urbervilles serialized in The Graphic. Published in three volumes by Osgood, McIlvaine.
	A Group of Noble Dames published in a single volume by Osgood, McIlvaine. The volume includes some earlier stories as well as those originally published in The Graphic.
	'The Science of Fiction' published in The New Review.
1892	
20 July	Hardy's father dies.
	The Pursuit of the Well-Beloved serialized in The Illustrated London News.
1892–1893	Our Exploits at West Poley, Hardy's only children's story, serialized in the Boston periodical <i>The Household</i> .
1894	Hardy's third collection of stories, <i>Life's Little Ironies</i> , published by Osgood, McIlvaine.
1894–1895	Jude the Obscure serialized in Harper's New Monthly Magazine. Published in a single volume by Osgood, McIlvaine (1895).
1895	Osgood, McIlvaine begins publishing the first collected edition of Hardy's works, the 'Wessex Novels' edition, which includes the first edition of <i>Jude the Obscure</i> .
1897	The Well-Beloved published by Osgood, McIlvaine as a single volume in the 'Wessex Novels' edition.

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1898	Hardy's first collection of verse, <i>Wessex Poems</i> , containing his own illustrations, published by Harper and Brothers.
1901	<i>Poems of the Past and the Present</i> published by Harper and Brothers.
1902	Hardy comes to an agreement with Macmillan, who will act as his publishers for the rest of his life.
1904	Part First of <i>The Dynasts</i> published.
3 April	Hardy's mother dies.
1905	Hardy meets Florence Emily Dugdale, his future second wife.
	Hardy receives an honorary degree from the University of Aberdeen.
1906	Part Second of <i>The Dynasts</i> published.
1908	Part Third of <i>The Dynasts</i> published.
1909	Time's Laughingstocks and Other Verses published.
1910	Hardy is awarded the Order of Merit, having refused a knighthood.
	Hardy receives the Freedom of the Borough of Dorchester.
1912	Macmillan begins publishing the second collection of Hardy's works, both novels and poetry, the Wessex Edition.
	Hardy receives the Gold Medal of the Royal Society of Literature.
27 November	Emma Hardy dies.
1913	A Changed Man and Other Tales, Hardy's last collection of stories, published.
	Hardy receives an honorary degree from Cambridge University and is made an Honorary Fellow of Magdalene College.

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1914	
10 February	Hardy marries Florence Dugdale.
	Satires of Circumstances: Lyrics and Reveries with Miscellaneous Pieces published.
1915	Hardy's chosen heir, Frank William George, is killed at Gallipoli.
	Hardy's sister Mary dies.
1916	Selected Poems of Thomas Hardy published.
1917	Moments of Vision and Miscellaneous Verses published.
	Hardy begins sorting his papers, destroying many of them in bonfires in the backyard of Max Gate.
1919	Macmillan begins publication of a <i>de luxe</i> edition of Hardy's works, the Mellstock Edition.
1920	On his eightieth birthday Hardy receives messages of congratulations from George V and the prime minister, David Lloyd George. He is visited at Max Gate by a deputation from the Incorporated Society of Authors.
1922	Late Lyrics and Earlier with Many Other Verses published.
	Hardy receives honorary degrees from the University of St Andrews and Oxford University.
1923	The Famous Tragedy of the Queen of Cornwall published.
	The Prince of Wales visits Max Gate.
1924	Hardy's adaptation of <i>Tess of the d'Urbervilles</i> performed in Dorchester.
1925	Human Shows, Far Phantasies, Songs, and Trifles published.
	Dramatized version of <i>Tess of the d'Urbervilles</i> performed in London.
1928	
January 11	Thomas Hardy dies. His heart is removed and buried in Stinsford churchyard. His body is cremated and the ashes buried in Poet's Corner, Westminster Abbey.

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Winter Words in Various Moods and Metres published posthumously.

The first volume of Hardy's autobiography, The Early Life of Thomas Hardy, 1840–1891, is published (on his instruction) by Macmillan over Florence Hardy's name.

Hardy's brother Henry dies.

The second volume of the autobiography, The Later Years of Thomas Hardy, 1892–1928, published over Florence Hardy's name.

Florence Hardy dies.

Kate Hardy, Hardy's last surviving sibling, dies.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Sigla for Principal Texts of The Woodlanders

MS	Holograph manuscript in the Dorset County Museum
MS1, MS2, MS3 etc.	The sequence of revision at any given location within
	the manuscript
HB	Harper's Bazar, serialization in America, May 1886 to
	April 1887
A1	American first edition, Harper & Brothers, 1887
MM	Macmillan's Magazine, serialization, May 1886 to April
	1887
E1	English 3-volume first edition, Macmillan and
	Company, March 1887
Col	Colonial Edition, Macmillan's Colonial Library, 1887
E2	English second edition (partial resetting of Colonial
	Edition), Macmillan, September 1887
OM	First collected edition, Osgood, McIlvaine, 1896
U	Uniform Edition (reprint of OM), Macmillan, 1903
PC	printer's copy for Wessex Edition (when different
	from W)
PCi	printer's copy for Wessex Edition (black ink revisions)
PCp	printer's copy for Wessex Edition (pencil revisions)
W	Second collected edition, Wessex Edition, Macmillan,
	1912
W20	Wessex Edition reprint, Macmillan, 1920 (when dif-
	ferent from W)
SC	Hardy's study copy of 1912 Wessex Edition (in DCM)
ME	Mellstock Edition



LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Symbols Used in Recording Variants

¶ paragraphline division

+ hyphenation across a line-end

< > angled brackets enclose deleted material
^ ^ carets enclose interlined material

pu writing in the manuscript in pencil visible under the

ink

Locations

BL British Library

DCM Dorset County Museum

Secondary Works

CL The Collected Letters of Thomas Hardy, eds. Richard

L. Purdy, Michael Millgate, and Keith Wilson. 8 vols.

Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1978-2012.

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