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Guide to the

John Wilson Croker manuscript material

1802-1849

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Summary

Creator: Croker, John Wilson, 1780-1857

Title: John Wilson Croker manuscript material

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Size: 1 linear foot

Abstract: To Lady Blessington, writer and literary hostess : 1 autograph letter signed : 2 Apr 1820 : (BLES 2.096) : begins, "I do myself the honor of obeying your Ladyship's wishes to have four lines of my writing ..." Mounted in v. 2 of the Blessington Papers. Shelved with oversized bound manuscript volumes.

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Creator History

John Wilson Croker, British politician and writer. As a literary critic, his harsh review of Keats's *Endymion* was blamed for causing the young poet's death -- as Byron put it in *Don Juan*, Keats was "killed off by one critique" ; "snuffed out by an Article."

Scope and Content Note

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...".|||Collection of papers relating to the life and reminiscences of Croker : (MISC 1957) : with holograph manuscripts, numerous letters written to him, copies of letters by him, with a biography of Croker annotated by him ; also, Croker's corrections to a Memoir of the Late Sir Robert Peel. Some of the material appears to be drafts for Louis J. Jennings's Correspondence and Diaries of John Wilson Croker (1884).

Key Terms

Subjects

Critics -- Great Britain -- 19th century -- Correspondence

Titles

Croker, John Wilson : manuscript material

Names

Croker, John Wilson, 1780-1857

Blessington, Marguerite, Countess of, 1789-1849

Gwatkin, R. L

Jesse, Edward, 1780-1868