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Guide to the

English & Becks related manuscript material

1820-1828

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Summary

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Creator History

English and Becks, upholsterers of Bath. Edmund English, Robert English and Andrew Berkeley Becks furnished Albio House at Great Marlow for Shelley on credit in the winter and early spring of 1817, and were never paid. They were forced to declare bankruptcy in 1828. A detailed historical account and a list of documents in the Pforzheimer Collection relating to English & Becks (including these manuscripts and others) is provided in Shelley and His Circle, vol. VIII, p. 827-845.

Scope and Content Note

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(S'ANA 0515), filed as (PBS 256a) ; (S'ANA 0522), filed under Timothy Shelley, and (S'ANA 0516) and (S'ANA 0519), filed in the SC oversize drawer.

Key Terms

Titles

English & Becks : manuscript material

Names

English & Becks, upholsterers of Bath

Bell, John, banker

Else, Richard

English & Becks, upholsterers of Bath

Gloyn, John

Hare, Charles

Hare, George

Kingsdown, Thomas Pemberton-Leigh, Baron, 1793-1867

Lynch, A. H., solicitor

Parke, Thomas, Secretary, Pelican Life Insurance Company

Roberts, Daniel, Captain

Shelley, Percy Bysshe, 1792-1822

Shelley, Timothy, Sir, 1753-1844

Tugwell, G H

Tugwell, W. E

Wright, William (Solicitor)

Bell, De Young & Co

Pelican (Firm)

Pelican (Firm)

R. G. & H. R. Burfoot (solicitors)

Tugwell, McKenzie & Co