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Guide to the

**Lock of hair of Allegra Byron [realia]**

ca. 1821-1822?

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## Summary

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**Date:** ca. 1821-1822?

**Size:** ca. 40 strands

**Abstract:** In a letter dated 3 August 1818, Lord Byron described his eighteen-month-old daughter Allegra to his half-sister, Augusta Leigh: "...she is very pretty -- remarkably intelligent -- and a great favorite with everybody ... she has very blue eyes -- and that singular forehead -- fair curly hair -- and a devil of a Spirit -- but that is Papa's ..." (cf. Marchand's Byron's letters and journals, v. 6, p. 62).

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:** human hair; 3.25 x 8.5 cm (frame)

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## Creator History

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