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Guide to the

Commonplace book containing poetry by Elizabeth Le Noir and others

circa 1810

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Summary

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Commonplace books

Poetry

Subjects

English poetry -- 19th century -- Manuscripts -- Specimens

Names

Carey, Henry, 1687?-1743

Dent, John, 1760-1826

Hanway, Jonas, 1712-1786

Le Noir, Elizabeth Anne, 1754-1841

Lloyd, Robert, 1733-1764

Pope, Alexander, 1688-1744

Smart, Christopher, 1722-1771

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