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Guide to the Lady Anne Hamilton commonplace book of poetry circa 1795-1833 Pforz BND-MSS (Hamilton, A.)

Summary

Creator: Hamilton, Anne, Lady, 1766-1846

Title: Lady Anne Hamilton commonplace book of poetry

Date: circa 1795-1833

Size: 1 volume (182 leaves, some blank) + inserts

Abstract: Lady Anne Hamilton, Scots-born courtier and friend of Queen Caroline of Brunswick. Manuscript volume in ink, in divers hands, compiled by and for Lady Anne Hamilton, and possibly her sister, Lady Susan, Countess of Dunmore. Includes pieces copied from figures in Lady Anne's circle, such as M. G. Lewis and William Robert Spencer; also pieces by Thomas Moore, Richard Payne Knight, Samuel Rogers, Lord Byron, William Cowper, Charles Wolfe, R. B. Sheridan, William Sotheby, and Samuel Johnson. With a few original illustrations, some in vibrant watercolor. Bound in full contemporary leather, spine lettered in gilt with "POETRY" at the head and "A. H." at the foot.

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Commonplace books Drawings (visual works) Poetry Watercolors (paintings)

Names

Caroline, Queen, consort of George IV, King of Great Britain, 1768-1821 Lewis, M. G. (Matthew Gregory), 1775-1818 Spencer, William Robert, 1769-1834