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## Carl H. Pforzheimer Collection of Shelley and His Circle

Guide to the

### **Peak District sketchbook**

1821-1822

Pforz BND-MSS (Peak District sketchbook)

### **Summary**

**Title:** Peak District sketchbook

**Date:** 1821-1822

**Size:** 1 volume (40 leaves, some blank)

**Abstract:** Sketchbook of drawings by an unidentified artist, recording scenes of the Peak District in Derbyshire as well as country houses and churches in Essex and Hertfordshire. Most drawings are undated; of those with dates, the earliest is September 1821 and the latest is May 1822. Many scenes include the figure of a gentleman with walking stick and hat, sometimes seen with a small geologist's hammer. In one scene ("Cromford Rocks"), he is using the hammer to carve the initials "B C" into a rock. Bound in half red roan over blue-gray boards, paper with the watermark of "[RUSE T]URNERS [18]15." On the front pastedown is a contemporary book label (engraved armorial crest of falcon clutching a sheaf of wheat, above engraved initials "T. [D?]"); on the rear pastedown is another [later?] book label (woodcut of a tree, man in hat reclining underneath, cottage in the background).

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### **Key Terms**

**Subjects**

Church buildings -- England -- Essex -- Pictorial works

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Mansions -- England -- Essex -- Pictorial works

**Geographic Names**

Peak District (England) -- Pictorial works

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Pen and ink drawings

Pen and wash drawings

Pencil drawings

Sketchbooks