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Guide to the

Mount Cashell-Tighe-Cini family papers

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Summary

Creator: Moore, Margaret King, 1772-1835

Title: Mount Cashell-Tighe-Cini family papers

Size: 160 items

Abstract: Margaret King was born in Dublin in 1772 to Robert King, Viscount Kingsborough, later third Earl of Kingston, and his wife Caroline, née Fitzgerald. As a child, she had Mary Wollstonecraft as a governess. She became Lady Mount Cashell in 1791 upon marrying Stephen Moore, second Earl of Mount Cashell, with whom she had eight children. She left her unhappy marriage in 1805 for a life in Italy where she adopted the name "Mrs. Mason," after the heroine of Wollstonecraft's children's book, *Original Stories*. Mrs. Mason wrote her own children's books for William Godwin's Juvenile Library publishing firm, and was an important friend to Percy Bysshe Shelley and Mary Shelley when they chose exile in Italy. Eventually settling in Pisa, Mrs. Mason lived in union with George Tighe (1776-1837), an Irish gentleman and agricultural theorist, with whom she had two daughters, Laura (1809-1880) and Nerina (1815-1874). Laura (married names Galloni and Tardy) published fiction in Italian under the pseudonym "Sara." Nerina married Bartolomeo Cini (1809-1877), of the Cini paper-making family. In 1827 Mrs. Mason and George Tighe separated; that same year, she founded the literary society *Accademia dei Lunatici*. A few years before her 1835 death she returned to calling herself Lady Mount Cashell. Collection consists primarily of correspondence, in English and Italian; also includes writings by Lady Mount Cashell (her unpublished manuscript novel, *Selene*; a five-page autobiographical summary; various translations for the Italian edition of her *Advice to Young Mothers*; essay drafts on moral and religious subjects; some verses, etc.), George Tighe (a memoir of Italian travels, a history of Pisa), and Laura Tighe (a portion of her journal, a volume of verses, a story in Italian under the name "Sara"), as well as some portraits and family documents.

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Key Terms

Subjects

Authors, Irish -- 19th century -- Correspondence

Geographic Names

Pisa (Italy) -- Description and travel

Names

Baroni, Gaetano, 1791-1868
 Boothby, Brooke, 1743-1824
 Cini, Bartolomeo, 1809-1877
 Cini, Bartolomeo, 1809-1877
 Cini, Nerina, 1815-1874
 Cini, Nerina, 1815-1874
 Ellice, James, 1787-1856
 Graham, William, 1839-1911
 Guigou, Paul, active 1789-1816
 Hamilton, Charles, 1772-1857
 Hamilton, Marianne-Caroline, 1777-1861
 King, Jane Diana, Lady, -1838
 Malenotti, Ignazio, 1777-1841
 Moore, Margaret King, 1772-1835
 Moore, Margaret King, 1772-1835 -- Correspondence.
 Neat, Charles, 1791 or 1792-1838
 Parkman, George, 1790-1849
 Sara, 1809-1880
 Sterling, James Widman
 Tighe, George William, 1776-1837
 Tighe, George William, 1776-1837

Tighe, Mary, 1772-1810