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Guide to the

Joseph Rodman Drake papers

1817, 1903

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Summary

Creator: Drake, Joseph Rodman, 1795-1820

Title: Joseph Rodman Drake papers

Date: 1817, 1903

Size: .1 linear feet (1 folder)

Abstract: Joseph Rodman Drake (1795-1820) was an American poet. Drake's poems were frequently published in the Knickerbocker, or New-York Monthly Magazine, and he was considered a member of the "Knickerbocker Group." In 1819, Drake and fellow poet Fitz-Greene Halleck wrote a series of satirical verses for the New York Evening Post, which were published under the penname "The Croakers." He died of tuberculosis soon after. The papers consist of one letter to Fitz-Greene Halleck, probably from 1817, informing Halleck of the suicide of Walter Franklin; one undated manuscript verse, signed Croakers, "to _____ Esquire;" and an image of Drake published by the Society of Iconophiles in 1903

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Alternative Form Available: "To _____ Esquire" was published in The Croakers by Joseph Rodman Drake and Fitz-Greene Halleck, New York: The Bradford Club, 1860

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Custodial History

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Poems

Occupations

Poets, American

Subjects

Poets, American -- 19th century -- Correspondence

Names

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