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Guide to the

**"On the death of Mary Rhoads wrote on the 25 of December 88" :  
holograph poem signed**

1788

Pforz MS

### Summary

**Creator:** Montgomery, H

**Title:** "On the death of Mary Rhoads wrote on the 25 of December 88" : holograph poem signed

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**Abstract:** H. Montgomery, Mary Rhoads and S. Rhoads remain unidentified. Nine quatrains in ink, on laid paper : (MISC 0988) : begins, "Ah! busy Memory how sharp thy stings / When Joys departed are the painful theme ..."; inscription following poem reads in full, "To S. Rhoads this simple effort of an Humble Muse is / sent by her very sincerely sympathising / H. Montgomery."

**Access:** Restricted access.

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### Key Terms

### Subjects

English poetry -- 18th century -- Manuscripts -- Specimens

**Names**

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