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Guide to the

Eliza O'Neill manuscript material

ca. 1814-1871

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Summary

Creator: O'Neill, Eliza, 1791-1872

Title: Eliza O'Neill manuscript material

Date: ca. 1814-1871

Size: 4 items

Abstract: Elizabeth "Eliza" O'Neill, Irish actress. She was much admired by Shelley, who reportedly wanted her to play the part of Beatrice Cenci. Married in 1819, she became Elizabeth Wrixon-Becher, Lady Wrixon-Becher, and never again appeared on stage. · To Mary Cowden Clarke, literary scholar and writer : 1 autograph letter third person (as "Lady Becher"): 8 Oct 1845 : (S'ANA 0004) : 1 page (single sheet) : from BallyBiblin, Mallow : accepting an offer for a copy of Clarke's Shakespeare concordance.

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Creator History

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Scope and Content Note

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· To Abraham Hayward, essayist and translator : 2 letters : -- 1 autograph letter signed "E. W. Becher" : 28 Nov 1860 : (HWD 06.028) : 4 pages (double sheet) : from BallyGiblin : on printed stationery with

decorative initials; begins, "I have just rec.d your letter, & sh.d be most happy to assist you in the way you wish ..."; responding to a question about Hester Lynch Piozzi. -- 1 autograph letter signed "E. W. Becher " : 23 Sep 1871 : (HWD 04.052) : from May Fair : 1 1/_ pages (double sheet) : begins, "My son, & his wife are here ..." -- Both letters to Hayward in the Abraham Hayward Correspondence Files.

· To Jane Porter, novelist : 1 autograph letter signed : "Wednesday" [between 1814 and 1819] : (MISC 2523) : 1 2/_ pages (double sheet) : from Clarges St. : begins, "I don't exactly know when Pizarro will be acted a second time ...".

Key Terms

Subjects

Actors -- Great Britain -- 19th century -- Correspondence

Titles

O'Neill, Eliza : manuscript material

Names

Clarke, Mary Cowden, 1809-1898

Hayward, A. (Abraham), 1801-1884

O'Neill, Eliza, 1791-1872

Porter, Jane, 1776-1850