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Guide to the

**Ladies of Llangollen manuscript material**

ca. 1790-1831

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## Summary

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**Size:** 10 items

**Abstract:** Lady Eleanor Butler and Sarah Ponsonby, the British couple known as the Ladies of Llangollen. They set up home in 1780 in Plas Newydd, Wales, and over their fifty years together hosted some of the most celebrated literary figures of the day, including Robert Southey, Wordsworth, Shelley, Lord Byron and Sir Walter Scott. &#xB7; To Mr. Bearbon[?] : 1 autograph letter third person on behalf of Butler and Ponsonby : 23 May 1823 : (MISC 2014) : begins, "Lady Eleanor Butler Miss Ponsonby shall be very particularly obliged by any attention that Mr. Bearbon[?] will have the goodness to pay -- ". Tipped in to the William Upcott album of collected letters of eminent women, shelved under "Upcott" with bound manuscript volumes.

**Access:** Restricted access.

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## Creator History

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## Scope and Content Note

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- To Mrs. A. Hayman of Wrexham : 1 autograph letter signed "Sarah Ponsonby" : 28 Sep 1831 : (MISC 4110) : from Llangollen; including transcripts from her diary from 21-28 Aug 1831, for her correspondent's "recreation."
- To a Mrs. Hibbert : 1 autograph letter signed by Ponsonby on behalf of herself and Butler : "Sunday Morning" : (MISC 4048).
- To Hannah More, writer and philanthropist : 1 autograph letter signed by Butler on behalf of herself and Ponsonby : 28 Sep [no year] (MISC 3788), thanking More for books she had sent.
- To Mr. & Mrs. Suttick [?] : 1 autograph note : no date : (MISC 4023) 38a : third person plural, a thank you letter for a present. Mounted in the Mary Ann Humble autograph album.
- To Messrs. Teutil & Worst : 1 autograph letter third person by Butler on behalf of herself and Ponsonby : 25 Aug 1820 : (MISC 4119) : from Plas-Newydd, Llangollen; requesting a copy of Chateaubriand's "Memoirs & Lettres de Monseigneur Le Duc de Barry"; "Miss Ponsonby is crossed out, perhaps by Butler.
- To Lord Wellesley, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland : 1 autograph letter signed by Ponsonby on behalf of herself and Butler : 16 Nov 1825 (MISC 3648), congratulating him on his marriage.
- To a Mr. Walsh : 1 autograph letter signed by Ponsonby : 17 Apr 1808 : (MISC 4049).
- To Mrs. Williams of Gwersyllt Park, Wrexham : 1 autograph letter signed by Ponsonby on behalf of herself and Butler : 2 Nov 1816 (MISC 3954), mostly concerning a lottery in which the Ladies had taken part. Mounted in the Agatha Hogsbottom autograph album. Shelved with oversized bound manuscript volumes.
- To an unidentified bookseller : 1 autograph letter signed by Butler : 25 Jun 1790 (MISC 3592), asking "whether you have got a New Edition Des Lettres de Madame la Marquise de Sevigné."

## **Key Terms**

### **Titles**

Llangollen, Ladies of : manuscript material

### **Names**

Butler, Eleanor, Lady, 1738 or 1739-1829

More, Hannah, 1745-1833

Ponsonby, Sarah, 1754 or 1755-1831

Wellesley, Richard Wellesley, Marquess, 1760-1842