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Summary

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Letters (correspondence)

Notes

Subjects

Music -- England -- 17th century -- History and criticism

Occupations

Musicologists

Names

Cummings, William Hayman, 1831-1915

Chappell, W. (William), 1809-1888

Crawford, G. A

Purcell, Henry, 1659-1695

Purcell family