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

1788 Pforz MS

# **Summary**

Creator: Montgomery, H

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**Date: 1788** 

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## **Key Terms**

#### **Subjects**

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

# Names

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