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Guide to the

Lydia Rickards manuscript material

1803-1809

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Summary

Creator: Rickards, Lydia, 1749 or 1750-1810

Title: Lydia Rickards manuscript material

Date: 1803-1809

Size: 7 items

Abstract: Lydia Rickards, née Hunt; her daughter Lydia was a pupil and friend of the English poet and essayist Anna Letitia Barbauld. To Lydia Withering, née Rickards (her daughter) : 7 items : -- 1 autograph letter signed : 20 Apr 1803 : (MISC 4382) : 5 pages (1 double sheet, 1 single sheet) : [no place] : begins, "Most sincerely should I rejoice could I know your cold was better this morning." -- 1 autograph letter signed : 8 May 1806 : (MISC 4383) : 4 pages (double sheet) : [no place] : begins, "I cannot my dearest Love express to you the pleasure I received on perusing your truly welcome letter" -- 1 autograph letter signed : [after 8 Mar 1808] : (MISC 4384) : 4 pages (double sheet) : [no place] : begins, "I did not my dearest Lydia receive your very kind truly acceptable letter of the [6th?] instant till this morning" -- 1 autograph letter signed : 16 Aug 1808 : (MISC 4386) : 4 pages (double sheet) : from Crescent : begins, "I cannot express to you the disappointment I have experienced in not receiving the indulgence of your expected letter" -- 1 autograph letter signed : 9 May 1809 : (MISC 4388) : 3 pages (double sheet) : [no place] : begins, "I confess my dearest Love I should not have so immediately acknowledged the receipt of your truly kind very acceptable letter" -- 1 autograph letter signed : 29 May 1809 : (MISC 4387) : 3 pages (double sheet) : from Crescent : begins, "Truly grateful do I feel to you my dearest Lydia for your so speedily indulging me with a continuation of your journal" -- 1 autograph letter signed : 8 Aug 1809 : (MISC 4385) : 3 pages (double sheet) : [no place] : begins, "The first sensations of my mind this morning my beloved Lydia were fervent wishes that this important day and every succeeding one might be fraught with every possible good to yourself the Dear Partner of your life" The letters are bundled together between two pieces of cardstock and tied up with pink laces, along with 6 letters to Lydia Withering from other people. On the front piece of cardstock is a penciled note in the hand of Lydia Withering, each line of it copied in ink below in another, later hand.

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Scope and Content Note

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Key Terms

Names

Barbauld, Mrs. (Anna Letitia), 1743-1825

Rickards, Lydia, 1749 or 1750-1810

Withering, Lydia, 1784-1867

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