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Guide to the

Robert Balmanno correspondence

1852-1868

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Summary

Creator: Balmanno, Robert, 1780-1861

Title: Robert Balmanno correspondence

Date: 1852-1868

Size: .08 linear feet (1 folder)

Source: Purchase, Ford, 1963

Abstract: Robert Balmanno was an author and collector of engravings and autographs. He moved from London where he was editor of the London Literary Gazette to New York where he founded the New York Shakespeare Society. Collection consists of letters from Balmanno to John Sartain, engraver of Philadelphia, Pa., relating to Balmanno's collection of books and engravings, attempts to publish his wife Mary Balmanno's book *Pen and Pencil*, and various literary and artistic matters. Also, letters, 1861-1868, from Mary Balmanno to John Sartain, regarding disposal of her husband's collection of books, engravings and autographs.

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Key Terms

Subjects

Autographs -- Collectors and collecting

Book collecting

Collectors and collecting -- New York (State) -- New York

Engraving -- Collectors and collecting

Occupations

Book collectors

Names

Balmano, Robert, 1780-1861

Balmano, Mary

Sartain, John, 1808-1897