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PART ONE: LETTERS TO AND FROM HESTER THRALE-PIOZZI

(THRALE-PIOZZI Mss 530 - 609)

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The Thrale-Piozzi collection, acquired by the John Rylands University Library, Manchester in 1931, is by far the largest and most important archive dedicated to this versatile, lively and irrepressible writer in the world.

Her reputation has until quite recently has been as a Johnsonian but her friendship and correspondence with Dr. Johnson are only one facet of this collection. The papers here include her original writings and journals alongside a mass of correspondence, over 3,750 letters in total, from which this first part is taken.

Apart from a large number of letters to and from Dr. Johnson, correspondents in this first part include Boswell, the Salusbury and Cotton families, members of her own family- Gabriele Piozzi, Hester Maria Thrale and Cecilia Thrale and celebrities such as the actors Sarah and William Siddons.

Bibliographic Access

This programme is accompanied by a printed guide, which provides a brief Contents of Reels based on the printed Catalogue of the Hand-List of English Manuscripts in the John Rylands Library, but with new detailed entries for each letter giving the writer, addressee and date when known.

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