

# Guide to the Hester Lynch Piozzi Collection

GEN MSS 125



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 125

**CREATOR:** Piozzi, Hester Lynch, 1741-1821

**TITLE:** Hester Lynch Piozzi collection

**DATES:** 1776-1930

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.2 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Contains letters from Piozzi to various people, including Thomas Cadell, William Augustus Conway, and Penelope Pennington; one letter from William Seward that is addressed to Henry Thrale but written to Piozzi; and a manuscript version of Piozzi's poem, "The Three Warnings."

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

- b. box
- f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Ongoing collection of documents acquired by gift and purchase from various sources. Type of accession (gift or purchase) and date of acquisition is noted in the box and folder list. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Preferred Citation

Hester Lynch Piozzi Collection. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Processing Information

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## Biographical / Historical

Hester Lynch Piozzi (1741-1821), née Salusbury, was a Welsh-born diarist, author, and patron of the arts, known for her writings on Samuel Johnson. She married London-based brewer and politician Henry Thrale in 1763, and music teacher Gabriel Mario Piozzi in 1784.

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## Scope and Contents

This finding aid encompasses accessions of single manuscripts and small groups of manuscripts and other papers, by or pertaining to Hester Lynch Piozzi, which the library has chosen to group and list as an artificial collection.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence

#### LETTERS FROM HESTER LYNCH PIOZZI

b. 1, f. 1	ALS to Mrs. George Anson Byron, Streatham, [England] Removed from: <i>Bibliography of Byron</i> from T. J. Wise.	1790 Nov 10
b. 1, f. 2	AL in the third person to [Thomas] Cadell, [London?] Gift, 1948.	1788 Dec 19
b. 1, f. 3	ALS to William Augustus Conway Removed from: <i>Retrospection</i> by Hester Lynch Piozzi (London, 1801). Purchase, 1943.	1820 Jan 5
b. 1, f. 4	ANS to Sir James Fellowes Containing an impromptu autograph poem on the year 1815. Gift, 1948.	1815 Dec 6
b. 1, f. 5	ALS to William Dorset Fellowes, Penzance Purchase, 1943.	1820 Aug 31
b. 1, f. 6	ANS to Mrs. William Fellowes Removed from: <i>Letters to and from the Late Samuel Johnson</i> by Hester Lynch Piozzi (London, 1788). Purchase, 1943.	1816 Feb 10
b. 1, f. 7	ALS to Samuel Johnson, Bath Gift, 1992.	[1776?] May 16
b. 1, f. 8	Transcript (typescript) by A. Edward Newton of Piozzi's ALS to Samuel Johnson, [1776?] May 16 Bound volume with bookplate of A. Edward Newton and holograph note regarding Piozzi's letter. Gift, 1992.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 9	ALS to Samuel Lysons, Edinburgh Gift, 1937.	[1789] Jul 21
b. 1, f. 10	ALS to Penelope Pennington With added note by her husband, Gabriel Piozzi. Gift.	1789 Apr 3
b. 1, f. 11	ALS to Penelope Pennington, London Purchase, 1961.	1802 Jul 16
b. 1, f. 12	ALS to Anna Pole, Denbigh, Wales Gift, 1937.	[1799?]
b. 1, f. 13	ANS to Robert Ray, Leicester Fields Invitation to call. Purchase, 1935.	1807 Apr 20
b. 1, f. 14	ALS to Miss Willoughby, No. 10 Lion Row Clifton Removed from: <i>Retrospection</i> by Hester Lynch Piozzi (London, 1801). Purchase, 1943.	1821 Mar 16

## LETTERS FROM HESTER LYNCH PIOZZI (continued)

b. 1, f. 15	ALS to an unidentified recipient Removed from: <i>Retrospection</i> by Hester Lynch Piozzi (London, 1801). Purchase, 1943.	n.d.
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b. 1, f. 16	ALS (fragment) to an unidentified recipient Gift, 1977.	n.d.
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## LETTERS TO HESTER LYNCH PIOZZI

b. 1, f. 17	Seward, William, 1747-1799. ALS, London Addressed to Mr. Henry Thrale but written to Mrs. Thrale. Removed from: <i>Retrospection</i> by Hester Lynch Piozzi (London, 1801). Purchase, 1943.	1780 May 14
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## THIRD PARTY LETTERS

b. 1, f. 18	Fellowes, Orlando Butler. ALS to Percival Merritt, Worthing, Sussex With envelope. Accompanied by a copy, in Orlando Butler Fellowes' hand, of portions of four letters: 2 from Hester Lynch Piozzi to her executors, Merton- Super Mare, 1819 Oct 18 and Penzance, 1820 Oct 10; 1 from William Augustus Conway to Sir James Fellowes, Bath, 1821 May 7; 1 from Sir James Fellowes to William Augustus Conway, York Hotel, 1821 May 8. Removed from: <i>Love Letters of Mrs. Piozzi</i> (London, 1843). Purchase, 1943.	1930 Feb 3
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**Series II: Other, undated**

b. 1, f. 19	Piozzi, Hester Lynch. "The Three Warnings" Manuscript copy of poem in an unidentified hand, with a manuscript note by Sir William Fellows concerning the original. Purchase, 1943.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 20	Engraving entitled "Mrs. Piozzi" "Sir J. Reynolds Pinx." "H. R. Cook fc." Gift, 1937.	n.d.

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## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### Subjects

Authors, Welsh  
English poetry -- Welsh authors  
Women authors

### Geographic Names

Great Britain -- Intellectual life -- 18th century  
Great Britain -- Intellectual life -- 19th century

### Preferred Titles

*Three warnings*

### Names

Cadell, T. (Thomas), 1742-1802  
Conway, William Augustus, 1789-1828  
Pennington, Penelope  
Piozzi, Hester Lynch, 1741-1821  
Seward, William, 1747-1799  
Thrale, Henry, 1728-1781