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Guide to the

Welsh commonplace book

1778-1793

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Summary

Title: Welsh commonplace book

Date: 1778-1793

Size: 1 volume (18 leaves)

Abstract: No compiler could be identified, but the content strongly suggests someone from Wales, likely connected to the clergy. Semi-stiff paste-paper covered notebook containing mostly poems, the bulk clearly copied from contemporary publications, a few possibly original. Written from both ends, the first half contains: "To Cornelia," from the Gentleman's Magazine of 1780; "The Rev.d John Walters [of Jesus College, Oxford] to his Son on reading his Poem, entitled the Bodleian Library," [24 lines, possibly unpublished]; "In his fair niche each Worthy now surveys," [9 lines, possibly unpublished]; "On Pennalt Fawr [sic]," by Woodford Rice; "Written on Parry's playing upon the Welsh Harp," [by Anne Penny]; "Addressed to Thomas Gray, Esq. Professor of History in the University of Cambridge," [by Anne Penny]. The second half contains: "The Harp of Æolus," [anonymous; printed in multiple contemporary publications]; "On Musick," by William Woty; "A Thought on Death," by "Colin" [printed in multiple contemporary publications]; "A few words in favor of Romances," [extracted from a review of Thomas Leland's Longsword, Earl of Salisbury]; Quotations from Eyles Irwin; "Be to her faults a little blind," by Matthew Prior; Extract from George Horne's commentary on Psalms; "A Poetical Epistle to the Rev Mr. Watson," by George Horne; and a transcription, "In Trefriw Church, near Llanwrst is the following inscription." On the inside cover of the first half are written various notes in English and Welsh and some calculations; on the inside cover of the second half is a list of books lent out ("Lent Mr. David Jones, Curate of Bettws, Abergele (Febr.y 5th 1793) Orton's Letters to a Young Clergyman"; "Mr. Hughes of Elgwys Fach, Burke on the French Revolution, Leavington's 2 vols.," etc.), the last dated 1793.

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Commonplace books

Subjects

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

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Names

Horne, George, 1730-1792

Penny, Anne, active 18th century

Prior, Matthew, 1664-1721

Rice, Woodford, -1784

Walters, John, 1721-1797

Woty, William, 1731?-1791