

**HUNTINGDON, SELINA HASTINGS,
COUNTESS OF, 1707-1791.
Selina Hastings letters, 1774-1791, undated**

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Huntingdon, Selina Hastings, Countess of, 1707-1791.
Title: Selina Hastings letters, 1774-1791, undated
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 468
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Abstract: Collection of letters written by Selina Hastings, Countess of Huntingdon, dating from 1774 to 1791.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note

Selina Hastings, Countess of Huntingdon, was born on August 24, 1707, in Northamptonshire. Her father was Washington Shirley, 2nd Earl Ferrers, and her mother was Mary Levinge. At the age of 17, she married Theophilus Hastings, 9th Earl of Huntingdon. Her husband died in 1746. Throughout her life, Hastings was involved in philanthropic endeavors. She became an early supporter of John Wesley and George Whitefield, proponents of the burgeoning Methodist Movement. She made George Whitefield her personal chaplain and financed religious buildings and missions. She died at the age of 83 on June 17, 1791, just a few short months after John Wesley's death (March 2, 1791).

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains nine letters written by Selina Hastings, written between 1774 and 1791. Five of the letters do not have dates. The letters are mostly religious in nature and she corresponds with notable methodists, including the Wesleys, as well as Philip Doddridge an popular Nonconformist minister and theologian. One letter was written to inquire about a report of John Wesley's death, written the day that he died (March 2, 1791).

Arrangement Note

Arranged by date of composition.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Letter (ALS), 2 pages; to "My dearest madam" Hill, College, South Wales, 1774 May 19. On second leaf, ALS, 2 pages from Lady Ann Erskine.
1	2	Letter (ALS), 2 pages; to Wilks Hordent [?]; no place, 1775 Jan 5.
1	3	Letter (ALS), 3 pages; to Carpenter, College, 1785 Oct 14.
1	4	Letter (ALS), 1 page; to Sarah (Gwynne) Wesley, Spa-Fields, 1791 Mar 2.
1	5	Letter (ALS), 1 page; to Miss Hill, no place, no year Dec 10.
1	6	Letter (ALS), 2 pages and postscript; to [Philip] Doddridge [?], no place, undated.
1	7	Letter (ALS), 1 page; to Hill, no date, Bath, undated (Thursday a.m.).
1	8	Letter (ALS), 1 page; to Hill, no date, no place, undated (Thursday a.m.)
1	9	Letter (ALS), 1 page; to Thomas Powyes, no place, undated.
