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Descriptive Summary

Title: Christina Georgina Jane Reeve Papers,

Date (inclusive): 1851-1888

Collection number: 2068

Creator: Reeve, Henry, Mrs.

Extent: 3 boxes (1.5 linear ft.)

Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Dept. of Special Collections.
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Abstract: Christina Georgina Jane Reeve was the second wife of Henry Reeve (1813-95). Henry Reeve's position as editor of the *Edinburgh review* allowed the Reeves to move in leading social, literary, and political circles of London and Paris of their time. The collection consists of bound typescript copies of Christina Reeve's correspondence and journals documenting the Reeves' literary, social, and political circles, often mentioning literary figures such as Charles Dickens, William M. Thackeray, Harriet Martineau, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mrs. Gaskell, George Eliot, Matthew Arnold, and Alfred Lord Tennyson.

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Biography

Christina Georgina Jane Reeve, eldest daughter of George Tilly Gollop of Strode House, Dorset, was the second wife of Henry Reeve (1813-95). Henry Reeve's position as editor of the *Edinburgh review* allowed the Reeves to move in leading

social, literary, and political circles of London and Paris of their time.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of bound typescript copies of correspondence and journals of Christine Georgina Jane Reeve, wife of Henry Reeve. The letters (1851-88) are in three volumes, and her journals (1851-78) are bound in four. The journals document the Reeves' literary, social, and political circles, often mentioning literary figures such as Charles Dickens, William M. Thackeray, Harriet Marineau, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mrs. Gaskell, George Eliot, Matthew Arnold, and Alfred Lord Tennyson. The also include social gossip and lengthy eye-witness accounts of events such as the funeral of the Duke of Wellington.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Reeve, Henry, Mrs.--Archives.

Reeve, Henry, 1813-1895.

Periodical editors--England--Archival resources.

Journalists' spouses--England--Archival resources.

Socialites--England--Archival resources.

Journals (accounts).

Letters.

Letters and Journals, 1851-1888. n.p. (English) ca. 1895

Creator/Collector: Reeve, Christine Georgina Jane (Gollop) 1820-

Physical Description: (7 volumes in 3 boxes, Typescript copies)

Scope and Content Note

Christine Reeve was the wife of Henry Reeve, 1813-1895, well-known in literary, social, and political circles. She was the author of a popular book on cookery and housekeeping.

These manuscripts are all typescript copies of the originals with some holography corrections by the author. It is probable that they were prepared for J.K. Laughton, her husband's biographer.

Letters to my parents:

vol.1, 1851-62

vol.2, 1863-74

vol.3, 1875-88

Extracts from journals kept by Christine G.J. Reeve:

vol.1, 1851-60

vol.2, 1861-67

vol.3, 1868-72

vol.4, 1873-78