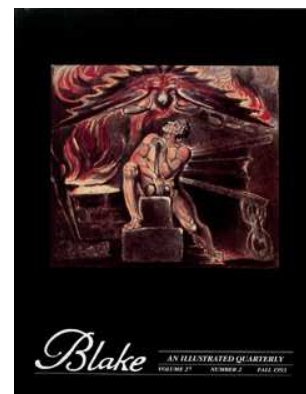


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this "mid-century burgeoning of sympathetic male interest in women authors," and adds two more: Thomas Armory's *Memoirs of Several Ladies of Great Britain* (1755) and an anonymous *Biographium Femeinum* (1766) (Ferguson 359).

²⁴ For variations on this title in specific cases, please see the list of Works Cited.

²⁵ Also, Dodsley's *Collection of Poems* (1748) contained poems by women, and a poetic manifesto, written by Anna Seward's father Thomas, called "The Female Right to Literature" (2.296-302; see Lonsdale xxix).

²⁶ Landry 78. On Samuel Richardson's introduction of Leapor's poetry to Christopher Smart, and on Richardson's letters

about Leapor whose poetry he printed, see Rizzo (24-25).

²⁷ Lonsdale xxvii-xxix; Landry 18-22, 255-56, 262-67.

²⁸ Shiach 6, qtd. in Landry 4.

²⁹ See Greer, ed., 6. This particular poem of Hester Wyatt's may have been published for the first time in Greer's anthology *Kissing the Rod*, but by the time Colman and Thornton published their anthology in 1755, the idea that women poets were natural, unaffected, and uncultivated was common coin (Colman and Thornton, iii-iv; Lonsdale, xxix).

³⁰ Lonsdale was only able to provide an excerpt from the poem; Landry discusses it in great detail, 260-67, especially the figure of the nurse, 266.

³¹ William Blake, *Visions of the Daughters of Albion* 3: 16 (E 47).

³² Landry 74; see also Abelove 119, qtd. 21-22 above. Landry quotes Thompson's discussion of Joanna Southcott who prophesied during the late 1790s and early 1800s. Thompson sees the evangelism of the earlier eighteenth-century as containing "dormant seeds of political Radicalism"; but for Thompson those seeds remain dormant in Methodism because of John Wesley, without whom "19th-century Non-conformity might have assumed a more intellectual and democratic form" (*The Making of the English Working Class* 36-37).

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Abstracts of papers (around 500 words) should be submitted by 1 October 1994. Confirmation of the program will be issued on 1 March 1995.

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