

Accession number: 1992-24/38

Description: Slip of paper wrapped around a ticket for entry to Garrick's house and grounds, with an embossed head at centre. N.d.

Transcript:

Wrapper: Addressed to 'Mrs Rackett, 36 King's Street, Covent Garden'. On reverse note in Garrick's hand 'Ticket with the villa at Hampton not to be pressed'

Ticket: ADMIT the Bearer and Party

To view the Houses, Grounds

Temple of Shakespeare

Pictures and Furniture

[signature?]

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Verso: To the respective Housekeepers of Garrick's Villa Hampton and No 5 Adelphi Terrace

Note: In 1755 Garrick purchased Fuller House, on the Middlesex bank of the Thames, which he had been renting since the previous year. It's six acres stretched down to the river. Over the next twenty years much work was done to the house and grounds, including the construction of the 'temple of Shakespeare, designed by Robert Adam. I. M^cIntyre, *Garrick*, 1999, 212, 221, 233-4

The grade II* house was badly damaged by fire in October 2008. The Temple received a £70,000 HLF grant for restoration in 1998-9.

www.richmond.gov.uk/local_history_garricks_villa.pdf