

# **Thomas Langton index**

**Ms. Coll. 1023**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Thomas Langton, 1771-
<b>Title</b>	Thomas Langton index
<b>Call number</b>	Ms. Coll. 1023
<b>Date</b>	circa 1833-1845
<b>Extent</b>	1 volume (+ 8 leaves)
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Personal general topic index created by Thomas Langton between 1833-1845.

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## Biography/History

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Thomas Langton was born in 1771. He was one of nine children of Thomas and Susannah Langton. The

Langton family lived in a country home called Teeton Hall in Ravensthorpe, Northamptonshire, England, where they employed many people to operate their agricultural estate.

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## Scope and Contents

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This volume has a parchment binding, marbled edges, and ruled leaves containing a handwritten index. The general topic index is divided alphabetically and each letter is subdivided by the vowel of the first syllable. The subdivisions for each letter have been allotted two to three pages. In many cases one or two pages following the first page of entries are blank. Each subject entry is capitalized and written in a distinctive print followed by an abbreviated citation in a smaller script. Multiple entries for some topics are indicated by a number notation preceding the entry. Subjects in the index include animals, plants, cities, countries, medicine, geological events, and mythology. There are a few index entries for historic and literary figures. Laid in the volume is a list of abbreviations with the corresponding titles of the reference sources, books, and periodicals for the citations. Many of the entries have citations for *The Penny Magazine* published by the Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge, a Saturday weekly printed from 1832 to 1845. A section at the end of the volume is a "General index for topics connected with the fine arts." This section is organized in the same format as the main index with entries of artists, works of art, and terminology. The work was most likely owned and written by Thomas Langton of Teeton Hall, Ravensthorpe, Northamptonshire, England. On the verso of one list laid in the volume is written "Thomas Langton, Esq. Teeton Hall." In addition, there is a receipt from a druggist for Mrs. Langton, with the date 1833.

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## Administrative Information

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **CORPORATE NAME(S)**

- Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge (Great Britain).

### **FORM/GENRE(S)**

- Indexes (reference sources)
- Manuscripts, English--19th century

### **SUBJECT(S)**

- Indexes--19th century

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