

Chapter 1 : The Beautiful Lady Craven

The beautiful Lady Craven; the original memoirs of Elizabeth, baroness Craven, afterwards margravine of Anspach and Bayreuth and princess Berkeley of the Holy Roman empire ();:

Two years later he became the 6th Baron Craven on the death of his uncle. They had seven children: The marriage, however, was not a success. Some of her early work was published on the Strawberry Hill Press. The Margrave was part of the Prussian royal family with a sickly wife back at home. At the suggestion of Horace Walpole, Elizabeth published the story of her travels, *A Journey through the Crimea to Constantinople*, her most popular work. Less than a month later, on 13 October, Elizabeth married the Margrave in Lisbon with great style. If Elizabeth had hoped that her wealth and position would see her past indiscretions forgotten, she was to be disappointed. The *Bon Ton* in March said: The Margravine of Anspach is not visited by any of the leading Ladies of Fashion, although she had not been wanting in sending round her cards of invitation, and calling at their houses. At a ball given at her house a few nights since, to which there was a general invitation, only thirty people of both sexes were present. George III disapproved of her marriage, thinking it unequal "the Margrave was a member of the Prussian royal family and Elizabeth was only the daughter of an earl. Despite these setbacks, Elizabeth entertained lavishly at Brandenburg House and frequently put on plays in the little theatre near the house. The Margrave took a keen interest in horseracing and bred horses at Benham. Elizabeth erected a huge memorial to him near Benham, on the Bath Road. The widowed Margravine continued to divide her time between Benham Park and Brandenburg House with occasional trips to Europe. He first visited Brandenburg House in March He wrote of Elizabeth that: On 16 May, he was invited to experience the Brandenburg House Theatricals: Brandenburg House Theatre was opened yesterday for the first time since the death of the Margrave. Elizabeth lent Brandenburg House to Queen Caroline, and it was here that Caroline died on 7 August, having failed in her attempt to be crowned Queen. The following February, Elizabeth commissioned the sale of furniture, china and books at Brandenburg House, and in May, the fabric of the building was sold off, including staircases, chimney pieces, doors, windows, and the scenery and machinery of the theatre. Villa Craven Elizabeth was living in Villa Craven, her house in Naples, when she wrote her colourful memoirs which were published in She died two years later and was buried in the British cemetery at Naples on 13 January Ansbach was sometimes spelt Anspach as in this article. Brandenburg was sometimes spelt Brandenburgh as in this book.

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In England she was a friend of prominent literati of the day, including Dr. Johnson, Boswell, and Walpole. She wrote her memoirs in Naples, where they were published in . The edited version was in two volumes and was published in . They married in and separated in . Thereafter she lived in France and traveled extensively on the Continent. Elizabeth and Alexander were married in . Elizabeth Craven first visited the Kingdom of Naples in and became part of the circle of English aristocrats and aristocracy hangers-on residing in the capital. This included the Hamiltons. She was also befriended by Queen Caroline and King Ferdinand , both of whom she treats well in her memoirs. In , upon the death of her German husband she moved to Naples then ruled by Murat and acquired property on via Chiatamone. After the Napoleonic Wars and the restoration of the Bourbon monarchy to the throne of Naples in , Elizabeth came into a piece of property along the Posillipo coast in . In her memoirs, she writes: The King of Naples made me a present of two acres of land, on a most beautiful spot of ground, commanding a complete view of the bay. Here I built a house, in form similar to my pavilion at Brandenburgh House; a large circular room in the centre, with smaller apartments surrounding it. The Duchess of Devonshire, and many of our English nobility, resided at Naples; and the high esteem in which I was held at court, rendered my life extremely agreeable. The historical introduction to her memoirs carries this bit of speculation: Was it possible that the Margravine [ed. Elizabeth Craven] contemplated the possibility of becoming Queen of the Two Sicilies when she returned to the scene of her social triumphs of ? On the subject of her final return to the beautiful Italian city of which she had written with so much enthusiasm she is absolutely silent, but we know that il vecchio Nasone [ed. King Ferdinand] was not unmindful of his former friendship, and a warm welcome was accorded to the well-dowered widow of the dead Margrave, who had decided to turn her back on an ungrateful and unappreciative country and make Naples her home. Many comments from others on the person of Ferdinand found him, at best, to be a likable simpleton and, at worst, an unbelievable vulgarian. Ferdinand IV was in his person tall and muscular, active in his undertakings, capable of undergoing immense fatigue, and, to all appearance, formed for a long life. His nose was immoderately long, like that of his father His features were coarse and harsh; yet the general expression of his countenance was rather intelligent, and perhaps even agreeable, although, separately taken, every feature was ugly. His conversation, his deportment, his manners, were, from an unpolished simplicity, rude in their nature, though rather pleasing; as they removed from the mind what is always to be expected from a sovereign,â€”that habit of disguise, artifice, and concealment, which accompany the possessor of a throne. If he did not converse much with strangers, yet he always appeared to say what he thought; and, although destitute of art or elegance, he did not betray a want of understanding or of information. He reminded me of a rustic elevated by accident to the crown; but then it was an honest well intentioned countryman, not entirely unworthy of such an honour. Villa Craven, now villa Gallotti The term "villa" is ambiguous. It can mean a single building, usually somewhat of a stately mansion, or it can mean the building plus the surrounding property. In the case of the villa Craven photo, center right , we mean the building in the center of the property plus the wooded area above and to the right. It faces due east to the sunrise, Vesuvius, the Sorrentine Peninsula, and it has a fine view of Capri. The nucleus of the property appears as the palazzo of Gironimo Sizzano on the Baratta map of . The property changed hands a few times in the s before Elizabeth acquired it and built her villa. All sources describe the premises as lush, idyllic and commanding a beautiful view of the bay. Elizabeth Craven died in . She is buried in the English Cemetery in Naples. In , Domenico Gallotti bought most of the property, with his part centered on the original villa Craven. The adjacent section on the far right in the photo, the part with newer buildings contained the original entrance to the Craven premises from the road above via Posillipo but has since had its own separate history; it was sold in and became known as villa Travesri after the new owner. In , that property was acquired by Roberto de Sanna, who called it Villa Maria which name is still at the entrance at via Posillipo . That part of the original premises

remains in the possession of the Rae family. Thus, there are now two separate gated entrances to the original premises: Today, if you travel up the street, via Posillipo, from Mergellina, there is still a string of such properties along the left as the hill slopes down to the sea. They are all walled off from the chaos of the street and the rest of Naples. They almost all have small docks and access to the sea. They all have fortress-like gates at the top that you cannot pass. You can, however, wait for a car to drive out, watch the gates slowly open as celestial music rings forth from above! They are generally subdivided now, such that more than one family will live in what once used to be a single-family residence. Edited with Notes and a Biographical and Historical Introduction containing much unpublished matter by A.

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