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EMERY FAMILY PAPERS

Includes: 2 diaries by Joshua Symonds, 1774-1775; a commonplace book, 1743-1790; letters; material relating to Abraham Wyke Emery, (1820-1903) and the Wyke family; 20th century items belonging to John Emery. Family Bible.

Inclusive dates: 1743-1978.

Extent: 2 boxes. 64 cm.

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NOTES

18th century

Joshua Symonds married Elizabeth Emery. Their children, to 1775, were Betsy, Polly, Nancy (b. 1772, d. 1774), Sally (b. & d. 1773), Esther (b. 1774).

19th century

John Emery, of Bedford

Abraham Wyke, of
 Eyton Hall, nr.
 Leominster

William, of Halifax,
 Yorks. (d. Jan. 11,
 1859)

m.

Mary (d. Dec. 5,
 1862)

Mary Ann b. Jan. 21, d. Oct. 10, 1813	William Whitehall b. Aug. 10, 1816	Abraham b. & d. Sept. 1 1818	Abraham Wyke b. June 30, 1820	Esther b. Feb. 22, 1823	Ann b. Apr. 8, 1826
			m. Jessie Reid Hardie b. 1831, d. 1913		

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DIARIES

Folder 1 Joshua Symonds. Book 14th. 1774. Bedford.
 Aged almost 35. 57 p.

Mostly about his sermons and the texts
 preached on; some family matters; church
 matters; weather; religious outpourings.
 Includes slip laid in at p. 13.

p. 11: "this morning I was lively, this
 afternoon dull upon 1 J. 2, 12.

p. 6: wife and Polly.

p. 19: Wed. 27 April - the death of Nancy,
 youngest of his 3 children, of the measles, 2
 years and 4 months old.

p. 21: "abundance of children have died in
 this town and neighbourhood of the measles
 and whooping cough."

p. 22: visit to his mother at Kidderminster.
 His sister "vastly distressed about her
 soul". The roads very rough.

p. 24: The paedobaptists - "find most of them
 unaccountably frigid and bigotted and
 severe".

p. 31: "Mr. Emery preached a brave
 substantial sermon from Matth. V, 4."

p. 32: Correspondence. Receives "many
 scurrilous letters; lost the favour of many
 on account of my change of sentiment with
 regard to the ordinance of baptism".

p. 43: "My dear partner was delivered of her
 5th daughter, Esther", Sept. 13.

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DIARIES

Folder 2 Joshua Symonds. Book 15th. 1775. Bedford.
 Aged 36. 62 p.

Continues above topics.

p. 21: preaches without notes.

p. 44: visits London. "The Independent ministers seem more reconciled and treat me with ... friendship."

p. 50: slip laid in: "preached 21 sermons in 32 days, viz. from Sept. 1 to Oct. 4 inclusive, 20 of these in London."

p. 61: "I went to Stoughton in the morning to preach Mrs. Emery's funeral sermon."

COMMONPLACE BOOKS

Folder 3 Copies of sermons, hymns, letters, etc.
 1743-1790. 2 v. together. Signed and dated at end: Miss Anna Emery, August 1st 1816; on front cover: Abram Emery, 1865.

Contents:

I. 1743-1748: Meditation on Math. 26, 75; Sermon by John Cennick on "Naaman cleansed", 2 Kings V, 13; Poem upon Christmas Day 1651 by Matthew Hale; Hymns; A table to find a hymn by the first line; Letter from Mr. Howell Harris to Mr. John Edwards, Trevecka, March 3, 1747\8 (on his travels and discourses in Wales and 5 counties); Letter from Brother James Kelly to Brother Edwards, Bristol, June 1747; Letter from Mr. Howell Harris to a brother in London, Plymouth, Jan. 14, 1747\8. (N.B. the last page is mutilated)

II. 1790: Letter to Miss Marriott, "my very dear friend", Thurs. Jan. 15, 1790, from Ester Symonds. "I can with hold no longer from telling you what the Lord has done for my soul ..."

Hymns compos'd by Elizabeth Symonds, wife of the Rev. Joshua Symonds of Bedford.
 Epitaph. Hymns.

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Box 1**LETTERS, etc.**

Folder 4 1770 June 1. J[ohn] N[ewton] to the Rev. Mr. Symonds, Bedford. A.L.S. 1 leaf.

"We are to walk by faith not by feelings." Mr. Unwin's illness has taken Mrs. Unwin to London "and my dear accompanied her". Wishes him a safe, pleasant and profitable journey. Many deaths "but our people are all spared to me". Was at Nettering Cately (May 22, 1770) when the Baptists had their Association.

Folder 5 1772 April 10. Blackheath. E.K. to Mrs. Symonds, Bedford, from her affectionate mother. A.L.S. 1 leaf (slightly mutilated).

"Concerned to hear of ye dissention in ye church"; affection for her family.

Folder 6 [1774] Sept. 15. Olney. John Newton to Rev. Mr. Symonds, Bedford. A.L.S. 1 leaf (found in Joshua Symonds's diary, Book 14, 1774, p. 32).

Congratulations on Mrs. Symonds's safe delivery; regrets harsh treatment from old friends and London ministers; commiserates on his suffering from the stone.

Folder 7 1792 Oct. 22. Hidder¹. S. Hill to Mrs. Emery, Bedford. A.L.S. 4 p.

Relating to the death of her dear brother Matthew and to that of Mrs. Emery's "affectionate and pious mother".

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- Folder 8 1813 Nov. 7. To Mrs. Mary Emery, Goldington Green, Bedford. A.L. unsigned. 1 leaf (slightly mutilated).
- Refers to the dreadful state of the world and looks to Eternity. "You will tell them I am alive and still go by the same name as when at Leom." Calls her "my very dear sister".
- Folder 9 1818 Dec. 5. Exeter. Louisa Culverwell to Mrs. Emery, Bristol. A.L.S. 1 leaf (slightly mutilated).
- (Filed in
Box 2)
- Announcing the death of Samuel Kilpin.
- Folder 10 1851 Oct.(?) 31. Liverpool. W. Emery. D^r Sir. A.L.S. 1 leaf.
- "I shall not be able to sample the seed purchased of you this day till tomorrow morning ..."
- Folder 11 1855 June 20. Cincinnati. Thomas Emery to Wm. Emery, Liverpool, England. A.L.S. 4 p. crossed (with transcription).
- Concerning slavery, economics, weather, etc.
- Folder 12 1858 July 30. Liverpool Corn Market Report, Friday, 30th July, 1858. D.S. 1 leaf.
- Signed in MS.: W. Emery. "If you write immediately you can have 50 packs [of flour] at 10/6 ..."

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- Folder 13 1859 Jan. 11. Drury Lane, Liverpool. A(?)
 Brown to Messrs. T. Ruston [sic] & Son.
 A.L.S. 1 leaf.
- Announcing the sudden and probably fatal
 illness of William Emery.
- Folder 14 1862 Nov. 1. Braeside House, Queen's Park,
 Glasgow. David Macrae to Mrs. Hardy. A.L.S.
 10 p.
- Relating to his "dear old friend Harry"; asks
 for news of Mrs Emery and others. Promises
 to send her copies of his leaders in the
Glasgow Herald.
- Folder 15 [19]26 June 26. Springcroft, Spital,
 Bromborough, nr. Birkenhead. M. Ethel Caine
 to Cousin John Emery [Canada] A.L.S. 6 p.
- On the illness and death of her father. "We
 have been much interested in Canada of late,
 as my youngest brother Howard, who is a
 farmer, went out about a year ago with his
 family to Gormley, Ont."
- Folder 16 1972 marzo 4. Forni. Beta Pavoni to signor
 Emery. A.L.S. 1 leaf.

MATERIAL RELATING TO ABRAHAM WYKE EMERY

- Folder 17 Sample of Great Grandfather's handwriting
 1770.
- Folder 18 Document case, with signature: Abraham Wyke,
 Eaton Hall, Leominster, England, 1770.

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MATERIAL RELATING TO ABRAHAM WYKE EMERY

- Folder 19 Birth certificate of Abraham Wyke Emery, the son of William Emery of Halifax, Yorks. and Mary his wife, June 30th 1820. Registered May 5, 1837. D.S. 1 leaf.
- Folder 20 Ada. An acrostic, to Master Abraham Emery on his going to school. 1 leaf.
- Folder 21 Certification that Mr. A.W. Emery has passed behind the great falling sheet of water to Termination Rock, Niagara Falls, U.C., July 19, 1843. D.S. 1 leaf.
- Folder 22 The view "near Abergavenny where I was born." 1 ill.
- Folder 23 Two calling cards in envelope: Mrs. A.W. Emery, Church Terrace, Higher Tranmere; Mr. A.W. Emery. On envelope: Miss Emery; printed inside flap: Jessie Reid Hardie (Mrs. Emery's maiden name). 3 pieces.
- Folder 24 One clipping announcing the death of William Emery, Jan. 11 [1859]; two clippings announcing the death of Mary Emery, Dec. 5 [1862] 3 pieces.
- Folder 25 Certificate of discharge: Henry Hardie from the "Clarendon", Jan. 3, 1863. D.S. 1 leaf.
- Folder 26 "Copied from family Bible": William and Mary Emery and their children. 1 p.

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MATERIAL RELATING TO ABRAHAM WYKE EMERY

- Folder 27 Genealogical notes relating to the Wyke family. 1 leaf.
- Folder 28 "An historical sketch of the Wyke family." 2 p.
- Folder 29 'Extracts from "A souvenir of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Baptist Church at Leominster: a brief history of the Church" by the Rev. J. Cole.' T. 1 leaf.
- Folder 30 Bebbington Church, Cheshire, England. 2 photos.
- Folder 31 Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Rodborough, nr. Stroud, England. 1 ill., with clipping pasted on concerning the baptism of 2 daughters of Mr. W.S. Caine, M.P., and note in MS. 1 leaf. With photocopy.
- Folder 32 Bookmark: A.W. Wyke, March 1857.
- Folder 33 Envelopes, etc. 9 pieces.

20th CENTURY ITEMS BELONGING TO MR. JOHN EMERY

- Folder 34 "In memory of Dr. John W. Emery, B.A., science master, Stratford Normal School, a sun-dial will be set in front of the Normal Building, Statford ... August 3rd, 1932." Includes port. and tribute by Dr. Silcox, the principal. printed folder ([3] p.)
- Folder 35 Two coloured photos. of Mr. Emery, one dated 1978.

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Box 1**20th CENTURY ITEMS BELONGING TO MR. JOHN EMERY**

- Folder 36 List of books (in pencil) printed by the
 Aldine Press, 1494-1546. 33 p.
- Folder 37 Volume of poems. At end are poems dated:
 Dec. 1931, July 1934, Sept. 1932. [29]
 leaves.
- Folder 38 Notes for an Italian holiday, 1971, and col.
 map of the Dolomites. 7 pieces.

Box 2**MATERIAL RELATING TO ABRAHAM WYKE EMERY**

- Folder 1 The British Chronicle, or, Pugh's Hereford
journal, Thurs., Jan. 31, 1771, v. 1, no. 26.
 4 p.
- Sent to A.W. Emery by his brother W.W. Emery.
 Cf. MS. note on envelope laid in.
- Folder 2 Marriage certificate of Abraham Wyke Emery
 and Jessie Reid Hardie, June 4, 1856. D.S.
 1 leaf.

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20th CENTURY ITEMS BELONGING TO MR. JOHN EMERY

Folder 3 Genealogical table: the Emerys, the
 Kingsleys, the Rushtons, the Caines. 1 leaf.

Folder 4 Group photograph.

Vol. 1 Family Bible.