

Commonplace book

Ms. Codex 1729

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Summary Information

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| Repository | University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts |
| Title | Commonplace book |
| Call number | Ms. Codex 1729 |
| Date | approximately 1813 to 1840 |
| Extent | 1 volume |
| Language | English |
| Abstract | Commonplace book containing copies and excerpts of eighteenth and nineteenth century poems and songs written between 1813 to 1840. |

Cite as:

Commonplace Book, approximately 1813-1840, Ms. Codex 1729, Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts, University of Pennsylvania

Scope and Contents

Bound volume with numbered pages from 4-167 containing copies and excerpts of eighteenth and nineteenth century poems and songs. Possibly written by E. W. Carpenter (Philadelphia Rare Books & Manuscripts Company) between 1813 to 1840. Many of the poems copied into the volume are by English poets, such as, Edward Young, William Cowper, Thomas Campbell, and James Montgomery. Some items

are American works. Several poems and songs concern war, heroes, and death with some about love. In addition are some longer essays. One item titled "An oration in favor of ignorance," has the notation "delivered at the commencement in the University of Pennsylvania, July 4, 1781." The many songs, some military, have lyrics and musical notations. There is a poem entitled "The hero" praising George Washington and verses sympathetic to Ireland "The exile of Erin" and France "On the sufferings of the Queen of France." Some curious items appear in the volume, including "Matzel: in memory of a bat" and "Kill no toads!" Pages 34-60 are blank.

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Source of Acquisition

Sold by Philadelphia Rare Books & Manuscripts Company (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), 2015.

Controlled Access Headings

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Codices (bound manuscripts)
- Commonplace books

- Excerpts
- Manuscripts, American--19th century
- Poems
- Songs (documents)

SUBJECT(S)

- American poetry--18th century
- American poetry--19th century
- English poetry--18th century
- English poetry--19th century

Collection Inventory

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