

Miscellany

Ms. Codex 1772

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Miscellany
Call number	Ms. Codex 1772
Date	circa 1762-1777
Extent	1 volume (+ 4 leaves)
Language	English
Language Note	In English with some items in Latin and some words in Hebrew with Latin translations.
Abstract	Parchment covered volume comprising a collection writings by an unnamed Anglican clergyman who lived in Bristol, England. The volume contains materials on a myriad of subjects spanning the years from 1762 to 1770 handwritten on 147 numbered pages.

Cite as:

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Scope and Contents

Parchment covered volume comprising a collection writings by an unnamed Anglican clergyman who lived in Bristol, England. The volume contains materials on a myriad of subjects spanning the years from 1762 to 1770 handwritten on 147 numbered pages. An alphabetical index at the beginning of the volume has been created with letters paired on thirteen cut out tabs. The compiler of this miscellany, probably a retired clergyman, received a benefaction from the Society of the Clergy and Sons of the Clergy, Bristol, England as indicated on page twenty-nine. The volume contains quotations some from Shakespeare and Horace, on a variety of themes including love, beauty, jealousy, duels, and heaven. There are excerpts of sermons, letters, prayers, and religious instruction. Excerpts from William Dodd's Sermons to young men and an essay in Defense of Dr. Dodd are written in the volume. Pages thirty to thirty-seven comprise several suggested conversations for clergy regarding different categories of people. For instance, when visiting the sick or when visiting the poor. There are many items on agriculture including excerpts from Museum rusticum regarding the best way to farm beans and wheat, methods for plowing, and how to prevent caterpillars and flies from eating crops. Several veterinary recipes chiefly for horses with some regarding cows and sheep are included in the volume. Medicinal recipes and preparations include preventing plague, preventing madness from the bite of a mad dog, and curing deafness. Theophilus Lobb's recipe for contraction spans eight pages. There are recipes for household items such as stains, inks, and blacking. Some culinary recipes for cooking and drinks include a cheap meal for a family, syllabub, rolls attributed to Miss Chudleigh, shrub, and beer. In addition, the volume contains riddles, verse, and a few personal household account records. There are a few items in Latin including "Dormisne Cupido?" At the end volume reading from back to front are twenty-six pages of Biblical study in Hebrew and Latin. Leaves in a section of the volume following page 147 are blank. Four leaves were laid in the volume: one newspaper clipping from April 1777 and three handwritten medicinal recipes.

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Source of Acquisition

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Controlled Access Headings

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Codices (bound manuscripts)
- Excerpts
- Finding tabs
- Manuscripts, English--18th century
- Miscellanies
- Prayers
- Recipes

GEOGRAPHIC NAME(S)

- England--Religion--18th century

SUBJECT(S)

- Agriculture--Early works to 1800
- Cooking, English--Early works to 1800
- Traditional medicine--18th century--Formulae, receipts, prescriptions
- Veterinary medicine--18th century--Formulae, receipts, prescriptions

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