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Scope and Content

The compiler of this 382-page manuscript volume was Hugh McConnel of Fisk Kill Landing, New Jersey. (See "author's inscription" on page 34, etc. The compiler docketed several of the entries "Fish Kill," "Landing," or alternatively, "Fish Kill Barricks," "Barricks," "Barr-s," or "B.") The volume was evidently compiled 1777-1788, but includes items originating at earlier dates. Few of the entries are attributed to other authors. While some of the unattributed entries (such as the anecdotes) may simply have been recorded by the compiler, it appears that a majority of the entries may be Hugh McConnel's original composition.

The volume contains approximately four hundred entries: American, English, and Masonic poems, songs, and verse, as well as anecdotes, maxims, essays, and historical notes. Major themes include American patriotism, anti-British sentiment, wit and humor, military history, love, philosophy, ethics, and Freemasonry. A number of the songs and anecdotes are somewhat risqué. A watercolored fraktur appears on page 61, and an engraving, "New York Packet," appears on page 187.

Pages 184-186, 299, 338, and 351 are blank.

Items listed in order of their appearance.

Condition

It appears that at least one page at the beginning of the volume was lost, and significant portions of pages 59-62, 97-98, 101-102, 313-314, and 341-346 were cut or torn out prior to the acquisition of the volume; other textual loss has resulted from damage to the edges of the pages and the acidity of the ink used. Due to its deteriorated condition, the volume was debound, and the pages deacidified and laminated by the Barrow process.

Item listing

Verse: "... all for America"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "A Song"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[The bird that hears her nestlings cry...]

Phyllis Wheatley to "His Excellency Genl. Washington" (encloses following poem)

Unit Date 1775 Oct 26

Extent AL

Poem by Phyllis Wheatley: "Celestial choir enthron'd in realms of light..."

Unit Date [1775 Oct]

Extent AMs

Poem: "A Rebus"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[What's fickle as the wind, the French delight...]

Quotations from Benjamin Franklin: "Begin this year with serious thoughts..."

Unit Date 1778 Jul 8

Extent AMs

Poem: "A Rebus Upon the Name of a City..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[To the Brethren most ancient, [may] I them address...]

Poem: "The Rebus"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Take that cardinal virtue most blended with art...]

Poem: "A Thought"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[How like the fleeting wind, away...]

Poem: "A Song on the Times"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[My muse now thy aid and assistance we claim...]

Verse: "... written upon a pane of glass at Moffat ..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[From Scottish mountains hid in snow...]

Poem: "The Tale of the Monk and Jew (Versified)"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[An unbelieving Jew one day was skating o'er...]

Historical note re: New York

Unit Date 1778 Feb 12

Extent AMs

Poem: "Answer to a Rebus Oblong"

Unit Date 1778 Feb 12

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Is prudence the cardinal virtue you mean...]

Poem: "Original Epigram to Miss [Polly]"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Could I command the riches of a crown...]

Poem: "A Song"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Hark, hark, the joy-inspiring horn...]

Historical note re: General Burgoyne

Unit Date 1777 Oct 17

Extent AMs

Poem: "Corydon and Phyllis, A Song"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Her sheep had in clusters [crept] close to a grove...]

Maxim re: lawyers

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "Fair Hebe, A Song"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Fair Hebe I left with a cautious [design]...]

Anecdote: "The Tale of the Taylor and Apothecary"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Verse [by Alexander Pope]: "Lo, the poor Indian..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "A Song for America"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[The world is like a whirly gig and swiftly spins...]

Maxim re: spinners

Unit Date 1778

Extent AMs

Poem: "A New Song"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Hark, hark, the joyful news is come...]

Verse: "Observe the bee..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Dialogue: "The Politicians"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "A Song of Plato's"

Unit Date 1778 Feb 17

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Says Plato why should man be vain...]

Play: "Mrs. Scrapely Robbed"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Soliloquy: "Epicurus to Idomeneus"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Verse: "The lark's shrill note..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "Horrors of Wars with America"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Now has the Brittens snatch'd a short repast...]

Excerpt from "Two [sic] Merry Wives of Windsor" [by William Shakespeare]

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "An Ode from the 19th Psalm"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[The lofty pillars of the sky...]

Maxim re: laws

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Essay: "Remonstrance, and Contempt of Pride"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "To the [Mighty] T. W."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Peace worthy shade! Peace to thy virtuous soul...]

Verse: "New lawyers in the City Hall..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Maxim re: liberty/ with author's inscription

Unit Date 1779 Feb 4

Extent AMs

Poem: "To Miss J[enny] W."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[When late, oppress'd with heart-felt grief...]

Poem: "A Riddle"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Before that noble creature man, sprang from the dust...]

Notes (possibly answers to previous item?)

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poems (3): "Epitaphs"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

author's inscription

Unit Date 1780 Nov 27

Extent signature

(Belongings of) "The First Commissioner Going Out to America..."

Unit Date 1778 Mar 13

Extent AMs

Poem: "Upon the Largest Jewel's Dropping Out of his Majesty's Crown on his Coronation"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "Upon Marriage"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Man whilst alone in Eden mourn'd his state...]

Poem: "How to Choose a Wife as the Poet Saith"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[In choice of a wife, prefer the modest, chaste...]

Poem: "To the Offended Fair Sex"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[When Sheba's beautiful queen urg'd on fame...]

Essay: "On Winter Blasts"

Unit Date 1777 Dec 1

Extent AMs

Essay: "Contentment and Covetousness, Temperance and Gluttony, Sobriety and Drunkenness Compared"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Verse: "If you desire health to be lasting..." (with author's inscription, partly in code)

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

"The Providential Escape of the Protestants in Ireland from Queen Mary's Persecution in 1558"

Unit Date 1779 Feb 16

Extent AMs

Quotes (29): "Toasts"

Unit Date 1779 Mar 8

Extent AMs

Poem: "The Drum" [The drum's abetting now my boys...]

Unit Date 1779 Mar 12

Extent AMs

Poem: "Hail Americans Hail"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Hail Americans hail, still unrivaled in fame...]

Note re: snowstorm

Unit Date 1779 Mar 15

Extent AMs

"To General Howe" from "A Tar"

Unit Date 1777 May 26

Extent AL

Verse: "Past, present, future in His sight..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Essay: "The Repentance & Confession of a Tory"

Unit Date 1779 Mar 26

Extent AMs

Quote: "Anecdote of General Moultrie"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Anecdote re: a baker

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Anecdote re: a fat gentleman

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Anecdote re: goats

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

author's inscription

Unit Date 1781 Jan 4

Extent signature

Biblical parody: "The Acts of the Americans..."

Unit Date 1779 Oct 17

Extent AMs

Poem: "On the Soldier"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Eager the soldier meets his desperate foe... (with watercolor fraktur)]

Essay: "Amongst all the diversions of the Indians, that of their masks..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Verse [by "S.D."]: "When Phaeton, that simple sot..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "A New Song"

Unit Date 1779 Nov 25

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Come all you Americans that's faithful and brave...]

Verse: "When rugged winter pours her stores..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "A Song"

Unit Date 1779 Dec 9

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[And are you sure the news is true...]

Note re: protecting cabbages

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "Kat Take My Tobacco Box"

Unit Date 1779 Dec 23

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Th'o the fate of battle on to morrow wait...]

Poem: "A New Song on Liberty"

Unit Date 1779 Dec 29

Extent AMs

"Vain Briton [boast] no longer..."

Unit Date 1780 Jan 30

Extent AMs

Maxims (5) re: behavior

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Satire [by Thomas Waring]: "The Last Will and Testament of England"

Unit Date 1779 Apr 19

Extent AMs

Poem: "War"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

["War; how I hate thy horrid name..."]

Verse: "Love is the monarch passion..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "King George the 3rd, Soliloquy"

Unit Date 1779 May 22

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[O [damn] this congress, [damn] each upstart state...]

Verse: "Lord, save us for thy glorious name..."

Unit Date 1780 Feb 20

Extent AMs

Parody: "Sir Henry Clinton's Soliloquy..."

Unit Date 1779

Extent AMs

Verse: "Force never yet a gen'rous breast..." (with author's inscription)

Unit Date 1780 Feb 21

Extent AMs

Poem: "A New Song Called the Young Irishman's Tail"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[As I was a-walking one morning...]

Maxim re: wit

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Satire: "The Celebrated Dutch and German Dialogue Between Mynheer Eupharson..."

Unit Date 1780 Mar 16

Extent AMs

Note re: snowstorm

Unit Date 1780 Mar 17

Extent AMs

Poem: "General Wolfe, A New Song"

Unit Date 1780 May 22

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[In a mouldering cave, where the wretched retreat...]

Note re: mythology

Unit Date n.d

Extent AMs

Poem: "Upon a Widow's Wooden Tomb-Stone"

Unit Date 1780 May 23

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Grieve not for me my dearest dear...]

Verse: "Sweet Nymphis, accept the magic bread..."

Unit Date 1780 May 23

Extent AMs

18 ribald anecdotes

Unit Date 1780 May 24-1780 Jun 3

Extent AMs

Poem: "Liberty Tree - A New Song"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[In a chariot of light from the region of day...]

12 ribald anecdotes

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "Adam's Sleep"

Unit Date 1780 Jul 12

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Sleep, Adam, sleep, and take thy rest...]

Poem: "Cure for G--n Si--s"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[As fair Olinda sat beneath a shady tree...]

Poem [by John Dayden]: "A Song"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Silvia the fair, in the bloom of fifteen...]

Poem: "A Song - Mason's Daughter"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[A mason's daughter, fair and young...]

Poem: "Song, Once I was Blind"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Once I was blind and could not see...]

Verse: "Oh, fly, my queen, from this devouring..." (with author's inscription)

Unit Date 1781 Jan 1

Extent AMs

Poem: "A Song - King Solomon"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[King Solomon, that wise projector...]

Poem: "A Song, A Health"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[A health to our sisters let's drink...]

Poem: "Ye Thrice Happy Few, A Song" (a Masonic song)

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "We Have No Idle Prating - A Song" (a Masonic song)

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "A Mason One Time, A Song"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[A mason one time was cast for a crime...]

Poem: "Come Let Us Prepare, A Song" (a Masonic song)

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "To All Who Masonry Despise, A Song"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[To all who..., this counsel I bestow...]

Poem: "Song - The French Fleet is at Last Come"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Freedom is a real treasure...]

Poem: "Assembl'd and Tyl'd, A Song" (a Masonic song)

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "Come Follow, Follow Me, A Song" (a Masonic song)

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "Ye People Who Laugh" (a Masonic song)

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Soliloquy: "Jacob Halsey's Speech"

Unit Date 1780 Dec 20

Extent AMs

Poem: "Epitaph"

Unit Date 1781 Jan 3

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Here lies DuVall, Reader if male thou art...]

Note re: forces commanded by Count De Barras, Monsieur De Monteil, Monsieur Bougainville, and Monsieur le Compt De Grasse

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "The Irish Gariel, A Song"

Unit Date 1781 Jan 15

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[On day as I was walking down a river side...]

Poem: "A New Song"

Unit Date 1781 Jan 19

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Come on my harts of tempred steel...]

Poem: "A New Song"

Unit Date 1781 Jan 20

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[God save America, free from tyrannic sway...]

Poem: "A Song"

Unit Date 1781

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[A [crab louse] I am, from a [crab louse] I came...]

Anecdotes (3): "Political Fables by the Celebrated D.F."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "To the Y, Y, & H, Y,"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[What thanks, my friend should be given...]

Note re: snowstorm

Unit Date 1781 Jan 23

Extent AMs

Poem: "Life is Short and Miserable"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Ah! Few and full of sorrow are the days...]

author's inscription

Unit Date 1781 Jan 24

Extent signature

Maxims: "One Hundred and Twenty-six Good Rule's Laid Down for Youth"

Unit Date 1781 Jan 26

Extent AMs

Maxims: "More Good Rules for Youth, in Alphabetical Order"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Maxims "Twenty-four Excellent Verses for Young Men or Old, ..."

Unit Date 1781

Extent AMs

Poem: "On the Flight of Benedict Arnold"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Fame did he seek, he surely has it...]

Parable [by Raif Huxley]: "The Boy and the Horse, or an Appendix to the King of England's Speech...July 8, 1780"

Unit Date 1781 Jan 29

Extent AMs

Anecdote: "On the Villain, Arnold's, Arrival..."

Unit Date 1781

Extent AMs

Poem: "From Lucr--s by Mr --"

Unit Date 1781 Feb 2

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Then like a sailor by the tempest hurl'd...]

Poem: "A Few Verses Sent By a Friend to One Who Twice Ventur'd... in Marriage"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[The husband's the pilot, the wife is the ocean...]

Verse: "Cupid, the slyest rogue alive..."

Unit Date 1781 Feb 13

Extent AMs

Poem: "An Elegy"

Unit Date 1781 Feb 27

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[The scene of death is clos'd, the mournful strain...]

Poem: "The Batchelor's Wish"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[If marriage gives happiness to life...]

Note re: Washington's commission

Unit Date 1775 Jun 15

Extent AMs

27 anecdotes

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Note re: rainstorm

Unit Date 1781 Mar 2

Extent AMs

Note re: snowstorm

Unit Date 1781 Mar 7

Extent AMs

author's inscription

Unit Date 1781 Mar 10

Extent signature

author's inscription

Unit Date n.d.

Extent signature

Poem: "A Song"

Unit Date 1781 Mar 21

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Fairwell to you sweet Ireland...]

Poem: "A New, Old Song, That's Good Dutch"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Bumpers about my friendly circle...]

Satire: "A [Recipe] to Make a True, Blue [Patriot] in Three Days"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Anecdote re: King George

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Soliloquy: "The Last Speech of William Fr--n, Esq. Who Was Executed in New York"

Unit Date 1776 Mar 18

Extent AMs

Note re: phase of the moon]

Unit Date 1781 Apr 23

Extent AMs

Anecdotes (10) re: King George

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

author's inscription

Unit Date 1781 Apr 28

Extent signature

Poem: "The Humble Petition of Want and Misery, Addressed to All Christian..."

Unit Date 1781 May 7

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[While thro' the drear of frost and snow...]

Verse: "To public bodies and to all that colonies we late did call..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[parody on Aristophanes]

Poem: "A Song"

Unit Date 1781 Nov 6

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[He comes, he comes, the hero comes...]

Poem: "A Rebus; Fresh from a Votary of Phebus"

Unit Date 1781 Sep 24

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[The place I admire, and whose people I love...]

Poem: "A Rebus"

Unit Date 1781 Oct 22

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[The half of a part of an egg fulle of meat...]

Poem: "An Epistle from Lord Cornwallis to Sir Henry Clinton"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[From clouds of smoke and flames that round me glow...]

author's inscription

Unit Date 1781 Nov 8

Extent signature

Poem: "On the Day That Genl. Burgoyne Fell"

Unit Date 1781 Nov 9

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[While scenes of transport, every breast inspire...]

Poem: "A Epigram, By a Nova Scotia Refugee...."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Bravely to aim at something, to make known...]

Poem: "A Contrast Between Sir William Howe And Sir Henry Clinton, Dedicated to Lord North"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[England, I feel for what I'm sure you must...]

Poem: "Thoughts on Sleep"

Unit Date 1781 Nov 13

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Since sleep, death's image (nightly warnings...)]

Poem: "A New Song"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

"July they say, the fifteenth day..."

Note re: sickness

Unit Date 1783 Jun 19-1783 Sep 2

Extent AMs

"New York Packet" on engraved leaf with inscriptions: "James McConnel, nailer, near Winsor"; "John McConnel, taylor, Albany"; "Hugh McConnel - brothers"; "William McConnel, Ireland"

Unit Date 1783 Oct 2

Extent AMs

"From the New York Gazette..." s/ James Rivington, 1781 Nov 1

Unit Date 1781 Nov 23

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[re: auction of possessions of Sir Henry Clinton]

Poem: "From the [Pennsylvania Gazette]"

Unit Date 1781 Nov 26

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Hark! Hear the trumpet's pleasing sound...]

Poem: "A Fable - Addressed to the Modern Duellists"

Unit Date 1781 Nov 30

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

['Twas on a time (I shan't say when)...]

Poem: "A Song. Hail Masonry Divine!"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Hail Masonry, thou craft divine...]

Poem: "Song, Come, Come, My Brethren Dear" (a Masonic song)

Unit Date 1781Dec 1

Extent AMs

Poem: "Song. When Earth's Foundation First Was Laid" (a Masonic song)

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

author's inscription

Unit Date 1781 Dec 1

Extent signature

Poem: "Song, Genius of Masonry Descend" (a Masonic song)

Unit Date 1781 Dec 3

Extent AMs

Poem: "Song, On, On, My Dear Brethren, etc." (a Masonic song)

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

author's inscription

Unit Date n.d.

Extent signature

Satire: "Wanted. For the Next Campaign in North-America"

Unit Date 1781 Nov 20

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[A Commander in Chief for the British armies...]

Poem [by "M."]: "Epigram Occasioned by the Title of Rivington's Royal Gazette Being Scarcely Legible"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Says Satan to Jammy, I hold you a bet...]

Poem: "From a Late Irish Paper. Paddy's Address to John Bull..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[By your leave, gossip John, by my faith, 'tis so long...]

Anecdote: "A Ball"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "An Epilogue"

Unit Date 1782 Mar 7

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Well heavens be prais'd, the mighty secret's out...]

"General Return of Officers and Privates Surrendered Prisoners..."

Unit Date 1781 Oct 19

Extent AMs

Note re: rainstorm

Unit Date 1782 Mar 8

Extent AMs

5 anecdotes

Unit Date 1782 Mar 9 -11

Extent AMs

Satire: "Political Sales By Auction..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[The British rights in America, consisting...]

Satire: "Also By James Twitcher and Co."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[The remaining stock in trade of the Royal Navy...]

Verse: "Hail, auspicious morning, clear..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "On Valentine's Day"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Now nature's genial instinct fires...]

Anecdote: "An Anecdote" [re: Lord Cornwallis]

Unit Date 1782 Mar 12

Extent AMs

Poem: "A Speech That Should Have Been Spoken by the King...of Britain..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[My Lords, I can hardly from weeping refrain...]

Maxims (3): "Select Sentences"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Essay: "Strictures on Fear, Cowardice, And Valour"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Verse: "The trumpets terribly from afar..."

Unit Date 1782 Mar 14

Extent AMs

author's inscription)

Unit Date 1782 Mar 14

Extent signature

Homily: "To the Reader"

Unit Date 1782 Mar 24

Extent AMs

Maxims (5): "Select Sentences"

Unit Date 1783 Dec 1

Extent AMs

Anecdote: "Anecdote of David Hume"

Unit Date 1782 Mar 26

Extent AMs

Poem: "A New Song. Tune of Jolly Mortals"

Unit Date 1783 Nov 10

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Manly Yorkers, fill your glasses...]

author's inscription

Unit Date 1783 Nov 10

Extent signature

Poem: "A Song - Cato's Advice"

Unit Date 1783 Nov 10

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Says Cato, why should men repine...]

Essay: "Expensiveness in Apparel"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "A Speech on the War"

Unit Date 1783 Nov 11

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Grown sick of war, and war's alarms...]

Poem: "The Wish"

Unit Date 1783 Nov 12

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[I've often wish'd to be the god of love...]

Poem: "An Epitaph on Human Life"

Unit Date 1783 Nov 12

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Be early wise, lest prudence come too late...]

Satire: "Translation of a Political Squib Handed About at Paris - The Fourteen Alls"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "On Friendship"

Unit Date 1783 Nov 12

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Tell me ye knowing and discerning few...]

Poem: "The Choice of a Young Lady"

Unit Date 1783 Nov 13

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[If marriage ever be my lot in life...]

Poem: "The Lady's Choice - An Ode"

Unit Date 1783

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Grant me kind heaven! The man that's brave...]

"A List of the Negroes Committed on Account of the Conspiracy in New York ... in 1741"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

"A List of the White Persons Committed on Account of the Conspiracy in New York ... in 1741"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "Epigram on Old N--k"

Unit Date 1783 Nov 14

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Says Nan, one day, to her husband Dick...]

Poem: "The Lion, the Mastives, and Other Beasts. - A Fable"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[In former days -no matter when -four-footed beasts resembled men...]

Anecdote re: place-names

Unit Date 1783 Nov 29

Extent AMs

3 maxims

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Anecdote re: Secretary Fox

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

"To Benedict Arnold"

Unit Date 1783 Nov 20

Extent AMs

Poem: "Marriage - A Le Mode"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Marriage, that makes two bodies one...]

Poem: "A Song"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Columbia, Columbia, to glory arise...]

Note: "O, Sweet Ireland, I Smell You Now"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Anecdote: "The Old Man and His Ass"

Unit Date 1783 Nov 21

Extent AMs

Anecdote: "The Contented Porter"

Unit Date 1783

Extent AMs

Story: "Example of Veracity"

Unit Date 1783 Nov 22

Extent AMs

Story: "Labour"

Unit Date 1783 Nov 22

Extent AMs

Maxim: "Of Industry and Frugality"

Unit Date 1783 Nov 22

Extent AMs

Maxim: "A Caution in Dealing"

Unit Date 1783 Nov 25

Extent AMs

Map re: fortifications at junction of Mystic River and Charles River

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Play by the Rev. Mr. Ogden: "The Libertine Reclaimed: A Dialogue"

Unit Date 1783 Dec 3

Extent AMs

Poem: "The Present Age"

Unit Date 1783 Dec 5

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[No more my friends, of vain applause...]

Anecdote: "An Anecdote"

Unit Date 1783 Dec 6

Extent AMs

Poem: "The Meaning of Mr. C. Fox's Speech, Versified Hubridrastically"

Unit Date 1783

Extent AMs

"Extract of a Letter from Capt. Courish, of the New England Militia, Dated: Albany, March 7, 1782"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AL

Scope and Content

[encloses letter from James Craufurd detailing booty of scalps and Indian petitions]

Satire: "A Dialogue Between Prince William Henry and Henry Clinton, at their Second Interview in New York"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "A Pasquinade"

Unit Date 1783 Dec 8

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[You know there goes a tale...]

Poem: "A New Song"

Unit Date 1783 Dec 10

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Fame let thy trumpet sound...]

Poem: "A New Song, on the Celebration of the Birth of the Dauphin"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Ye sons of Mars attend...]

Poem: "On Pride"

Unit Date 1783

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Pride, the consumptive child of a weak mind...]

Poem: "Rivington's Reflections"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[The more I reflect, the more plain it appears...]

Poem: "To J. D., Esq."

Unit Date 1783 Dec 11

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[To blast thy fame though pining envy tries...]

Poem: "A New Song"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[In a chariot of light from the regions above...]

Essay: "The Sum of Human Liberty"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "Represent the Mind of Man"

Unit Date 1783

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[A watch may represent the mind of man...]

Essay: "The Character of an Atheist"

Unit Date 1783

Extent AMs

Essay: "Encomium on Patriotism"

Unit Date 1783

Extent AMs

Poem: "Versification of the British King's Late Speech Before...Parliament"

Unit Date 1783 Dec 12

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[The unweary'd progress which you've made...]

Poem: "The N. Y. P."

Unit Date 1783 Dec 14

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Grave autumn clad in hazy-tintur'd hue...]

Poem: "An Address to the Ladies, by their Best Friend, Sincerity"

Unit Date 1783 Dec 16

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[A time there was of manners plain...]

Essay: "Matrimony"

Unit Date 1783 Dec 16

Extent AMs

Poem: "Rivington's Last Will and Testament"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Since life is uncertain, and no one can say...]

Poem: "Epigram"

Unit Date 1783 Dec 17

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Britannia's dead, her glory now is o'er...]

Essay: "On Self-Interest"

Unit Date 1783

Extent AMs

Essay: "An Essay on Avarice"

Unit Date [1783 Dec] 18

Extent AMs

Essay: "On Death"

Unit Date 1783 Dec 18

Extent AMs

Poem: "The Picture of Old Age, Paraphrased from...12th Chapter of Ecclesiastes"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[My son, attentive hear the voice of [truth]...]

Poem: "The Following is a Versification of the King's Speech to...Parliament"

Unit Date 1783 Dec 20

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[This twenty-seventh of November...]

Poem: "To the Memory of General Lee..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Warrior, farewell! Eccentrically brave...]

Satire: "A Curious Anecdote"

Unit Date 1783 Dec 22

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[re: why Nova Scotia exists]

Poem: "O the Tories in New York. A Song..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Of all the dirty Tory race...]

Obituary: "To All Christian Whigs"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[re: Levi Pawling, d. 1782 Apr 30]

author's inscription

Unit Date 1783 Dec 29

Extent signature

Essay: "To the Man of Pleasure"

Unit Date 1783 Dec 30

Extent AMs

Essay: "Why is a Gardener the Most Extraordinary Man in the World?"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Verse: "Seventeen hundred and eighty-three is now forever past..." (with author's inscription)

Unit Date 1783 Dec 31

Extent AMs

Poem: "An Ode for the New Year"

Unit Date 1784 Jan 1

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Let the voice of music breathe...]

Poem: "The Disappointed Lover"

Unit Date 1784 Jan 1

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Fair Celia of yon yellow hill...]

Poem: "An Epigram"

Unit Date 1784

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Great bodies move slow I've heard said...]

Poem: "The Humble Petition of Honest Hugh Gaine"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[To the Senate of York, with all due submission...]

Note re: snowstorm

Unit Date 1784 Jan 6

Extent AMs

Maxim re: common sense

Unit Date 1784 Jan 10

Extent AMs

Anecdote: "A Curious and Jocose Paragraph"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Anecdote: "Anecdote of Louis XII"

Unit Date 1784 Jan 13

Extent AMs

Anecdote: "The Following Anecdote May Be Depended on as a Fact"

Unit Date 1784 Jan 14

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[re: the accidental destruction of the King of Portugal's china by Burgoyne's wife]

Anecdote re: Sir Charles Wager

Unit Date 1784 Jan 16

Extent AMs

Poem: "Avarice"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Can av'rice give content: the miser view...]

Poem: "To the Green Wood Gang Wi Me"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[To speer my love wi glances fair...]

"A Droll Epitaph..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[re: John Webb, d. 1746 May 3]

Maxim re: words

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Essay: "Dissolution of Manners"

Unit Date 1784

Extent AMs

Essay: "Conscious Freedom the Truest Dignity"

Unit Date [1784] Jan 19

Extent AMs

Essay: "An Essay on Hope"

Unit Date 1784 Jan 19

Extent AMs

Essay: "On Flattery"

Unit Date 1784 Jan 20

Extent AMs

Poem: "The Tory's Soliloquy"

Unit Date 1784

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[It must be so -farewell my native land...]

Anecdote re: peace

Unit Date 1784 Jan 23

Extent AMs

"Copy of a Letter from Kouinsburgh, Poland"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[re: birth of quintuplets]

Satire: "An Extempore Sermon Preached by a Lover of Me"

Unit Date 1784 Jan 24

Extent AMs

Essay: "The language of the heart..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Story: "A Turkish Tale"

Unit Date 1784 Feb 5

Extent AMs

Essay: "In Praise of Virtue"

Unit Date 1784

Extent AMs

Essay: "Character of a True Friend"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Anecdote: "A Humorous Tale"

Unit Date 1784

Extent AMs

Poem: "A Poem"

Unit Date 1784 Mar 19

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Ye sacred tomes by my inerring guide...]

Poem: "An Epigram"

Unit Date 1784 Mar 19

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Full fifty thousand Prussia's kings has ta'en...]

Poem: "A Rebus"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Three fifths of the world which a wit I know says...]

Poem: "An Enigma for the Ladies"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Ye blooming fair of race divine...]

Poem: "Epigram"

Unit Date 1783 Mar 29

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Says vaunting bute, `in times to come...']

Poem: "The Power of Women, Exemplified"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Undone by women, faithful records tell...]

Poem: "To a Friend on the Death of a Child"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[O why dost thou fond parent grieve...]

Poem: "A Sonnet"

Unit Date 1783 Mar 30

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Forbear, in pity, ah! Forbear to sooth...]

Poem: "On the Two Patriotic Writers, Junius and Junius Americanus"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[See, with a like refulgent light two Juniuses appear...]

Anecdote: "A Remarkable Instance of Sensible Repartee in a Lunatic"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Note re: how a woman broke her arm]

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "On the Approach of Spring"

Unit Date 1784 Apr 24

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Spring! Gladsome season of the year...]

Poem: "The Miser's Dream"

Unit Date 1784

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Lull'd in a pleasing sleep, old Gripus lies...]

"Chronological Table of Remarkable Battles... March 5th 1770 to Feby 3d 1783 to Nov 21st 1783"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Anecdote re: Dr. Franklin on hogs

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "On the Change of Human Life"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Good unexpected, evil unforeseen...]

Poem: "Ode to the Memory of Genl. Montgomery by Miss A."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[O spirit of the truly brave...]

"Names of the Principal Kingdoms and States of Europe"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[includes capitals and populations]

Poem: "The Choice"

Unit Date 1785 Apr 11

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Would you, my friend, in little room express...]

Poem: "Epitaph-Making"

Unit Date 1785 Apr 12

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Sir John and Sir John's spouse the tombs survey'd...]

8 anecdotes

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Anecdote: "A Pleasant Instance of the Sagacity of a Dog"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Anecdote re: habeas corpus

Unit Date [1785 Apr 14]

Extent AMs

Poem: "Kitchen Philosophy"

Unit Date 1785 Apr 15

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[In Britain's land, our author tells...]

"Table of Interest at Six Per Cent."

Unit Date 1786

Extent AMs

Verse: "Think bright florella, when you see..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

"Table of Interest [at] Seven Per Cent."

Unit Date 1786

Extent AMs

Anecdote: "Anecdote of Doctor Watts"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

"Value of One Thousand Continental Dollars...(1777-1778)"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

"Scale of Depreciation...New York March 30th 1781 (1777-1778)"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "An Irish Song. Langollee"

Unit Date 1788

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[My nam's Shady Carty, I don't care who knows it...]

Poem: "Song. Heavy Hours"

Unit Date 1788

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[The heavy hours are almost past...]

Note re: town meeting

Unit Date 1788 Mar 19

Extent AMs

Poem: "Song. Guardian Angels"

Unit Date 1788

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

"Guardian angels now protect me..."

Verse: "The man in the moon drinks claret..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "A Sonnet"

Unit Date 1788 Mar 19

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Free from confinement and strife...]

Poem: "Song. Conquering Hero"

Unit Date 1788

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[See the conquering hero comes...]

Poem: "Song"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Oh! how shall I, in language weak...]

Poem: "Song. Rouze Brother Sportsmen"

Unit Date 1788

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Come, rouze brother sportsmen, the hunters all cry...]

Poem: "Song. The Vicar and Moses"

Unit Date 1788

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[At the sign of the horse, old spintext, of course...]

Poem: "A Riddle"

Unit Date 1788

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[I'm a hole that's too narrow when first I am try'd...]

Poem: "Song. The Storm, or Dangers of the Sea"

Unit Date 1788

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Cease rude boreas blustering railer...]

Note re: snowstorm

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Poem: "Song. Phillis as Her Wine..."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Phillis, as her wine she sipp'd in...]

Poem: "Song"

Unit Date 1788 Mar 22

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Sylvia on her arm reclining...]

Poem: "Song. Hark! Hark! The Joy, etc."

Unit Date 1788

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Hark! Hark! The joy-inspiring horn...]

Poem: "Song. The Pilgrim"

Unit Date 1788

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[In penance for past folly, a pilgrim blithe...]

Poem: "Song. A Soldier's Song"

Unit Date 1788

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[How stands the glass around, for shame you take...]

Poem: "Song. A Pastoral Ballad"

Unit Date 1788

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[When the trees are all bare, not a leaf...]

Poem: "Song. The Chamber-Maid"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Not far from town a country squire...]

Poem: "Song. John Anderson, My Jo"

Unit Date 1788

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[John Anderson, my Jo, John...]

Poem: "Song. Sure Sally is the, etc."

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Sure Sally is the loveliest lass...]

Poem: "Song. The Debtors Welcome Their Brother"

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Welcome, welcome, brother debtor...]

Poem: "Song. Contented I Am"

Unit Date 1788

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

[Contented I am, and contented I'll be...]

Verses (15): "Song. 1st" [etc.]

Unit Date n.d.

Extent AMs

Scope and Content

["By my sighs you may discover..." ; "Ye gods, ye give to me a wife..." ; "Lyle's a garden, rich in treasure..." ; "In infancy our hopes and fears..." ; "If o'er the cruel tyrant, love..." ; "Arise, arise, great dead, for arms renown'd..." ; "Through all the employments of life..." ; "Fly swiftly, ye minutes, till comus receive..." ; "Hark! 'Tis I, your own true lover..." ; "Behold, from many a hostile shore..." ; "Nanny blushes when I woo her..." ; " 'Tis woman that seduces all mankind..." ; "Phillis, the fairest of love's foes..." ; "If the heart of man is depress'd with cares..." ; "The modes of the Court so common are grown..."