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1710-1891

A small collection of letters and papers to and from the Wyatt family. The records include fragments of John Wyatt's diary, 1734-1740; deeds and marriage bonds, releases and agreements, accounts and receipts, notes, verses, 1710-1849; and correspondence between various members of the Wyatt family, 1710-1891.

Administrative history: John Wyatt (1700-1766), inventor was the son of John Wyatt and Jane (nee Jackson) of Thickbroom, Weeford near Lichfield and one of eight children. He worked as a carpenter at Thickbroom and came to Birmingham, c 1830. His inventions included a spinning machine which was exploited with some success at Birmingham, c 1738; and a compound-lever weighing machine, for weighing loaded wagons, c 1744. He worked for Messrs Boulton and Watt at their Soho Foundry. He married twice and had two sons and four daughters by his second wife, Marabella (nee Craven): Charles (who married Jane, daughter of Benjamin Wyatt of Blackbrook); John (who married Sarah Reeves and also worked for Messrs Boulton & Watt as a foreman at the Soho Foundry); Cordelia Ann, (1749-1809 who married Thomas Dobbs in 1770; their eldest daughter, also Cordelia, 1771-1846 married John Southern in 1793. John Southern, d 1815, was manager of the Soho Foundry); Clarissa (who married Thomas Carter); Sophia; Emily (who married Edward Jee of Liverpool).

Reference: Pedigrees and notes in the collection; Concise Dictionary of National Biography (Oxford University Press).

Arrangement: The collection is arranged chronologically. WP/95 is a large boxed item.

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Extent: 1 box and 1 large item

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Language: English

Acquisition: This collection was purchased in 1980.

WP/1-3	Fragments of John Wyatt's diary for the years 1734, 1736, and 1740 and other notes	1734-1740
	Diary of 1740 includes conversion tables and various calculations, as well as an accounts list. Diary extracts and note are accompanied by an obituary for John Wyatt.	
	5 items	
	Access: Open	
WP/4	Bond whereby Robert Gilbert waives any claim on his wife's property	1710
	1 item	
	Access: Open	
WP/5	Release from Thomas Rock to Mary Rock	5 Oct 1724
	1 item	
	Access: Open	

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| WP/6 | Release from George Ward to Mary Rock
1 item
Access: Open | 16 Dec
1742 |
| WP/7 | Agreement by John Wyatt to keep a machine for weighing carriages in good repair.

Signed by the overseers, William Radclyffe, John Haywood, Joseph Waterhouse, Isaac Newton and Francis Goodall; witnessed by Henry Austin
1 item
Access: Open | 24 June
1751 |
| WP/8 | Receipted account signed by Joseph Rann

Receipt for money owed to Joseph Rann by John Wyat [sic] and paid on his behalf by John Ward
1 item
Access: Open | 15 April
1752 |
| WP/9 | Receipt signed by William Adcock for £2.2.0. from Charles Wyatt
1 item
Access: Open | 1 April
1775 |
| WP/10 | Bass relief satire of English gentry found at the Opera House

Printed mezzotint. (M.D.George: Catalogue of political and personal satires preserved in ... the British Museum. No.5903)
1 item
Access: Open | 7 April
1781 |

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| WP/11 | Notes on the marriage and birth of the first child of William Butt and Ann Reeves | 1790 |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/12 | Plan of a Scottish battlefield | 18th century |
| | Ink sketch of a battlefield in Scotland near the Firth of Forth. Notes indicate a battle involving the Murray's regiment [the Atholl Highlanders] and ?Lafsel's Regiment. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/13 | Fragment of verses, beginning 'Ah! cries Sallenda. At length is it come!' | [18th century] |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/14 | Fragment of verses, beginning 'Even Echo sleeps within her dreary cell' | [18th century] |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/15 | Verses entitled 'Petition to His Royal Highness Fredrick Prince of Wales' by B.Victor | [18th century] |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/16 | Notes, with diagram, on the operation of lowering a bucket hydraulically | [18th century] |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |

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- WP/17 Extract from the register of St Stephen 4 Aug
Walbrook, made by T.Jones 1831
- Recording the baptism on 7 April 1783 of
Eliza Catherine, daughter of John and
Sarah Wyatt
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/18 Extract from the register of births and 5 Aug
baptisms of St. Martin in the Fields, 1831
Middlesex,
- Recording the baptism of Mary Matilda,
daughter of John and Sarah Wyatt, in July
1779
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/18a Grant of exclusive right of burial at Kensal 1 Oct 1849
Green to Elizabeth Wyatt
- [Thought to be the widow of William
Henry Wyatt]. Includes a plan of the
cemetery.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/19 Letter from Bristol, John Rock to his 4 May
mother, Mrs. Marrabelle Gilbert. 1710
- Write he has been to Wales, where Mr.
Smith was not prepared to part with his
daughter.
- 1 item
- Access: Open

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| WP/20 | <p>Letter from John Wyatt to a friend.</p> <p>He has introduced Mr. Steel to Mr. Boulton. Describes one of his inventions, for reducing friction, which has been shown to Mr. Steel.</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | [c 1761-1762] |
| WP/21 | <p>Letter from Birmingham, Belinda [Wyatt] to her husband John Wyatt.</p> <p>Write she is missing both him and their little daughter, Delia. [Incomplete]</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | 27 July 1753 |
| WP/22 | <p>Letter from Lichfield, Peter Garrick to John Wyatt, at Birmingham.</p> <p>He would appreciate his help in putting right a blunder he has made with a pipe</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | 20 July 1756 |
| WP/23 | <p>Copy of a letter from John Wyatt to his daughter Cordelia</p> <p>Giving advice on her twelfth birthday</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | 24 May [1761] |
| WP/24 | <p>Copy of a letter from John Wyatt to Cordelia Wyatt, at Slany Park</p> <p>Birmingham. Advises her to be very careful in what she says in front of other people</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | 3 Aug 1765 |

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| WP/25 | Letter from Soho, John Wyatt II to his brother.

Lists some of his father's inventions.
Describes the death of Sally Wyatt.
[Incomplete]

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Access: Open | 20 May
1773 |
| WP/26 | Letter from Benjamin Wyatt to Charles Wyatt.

Enclosing an account for household goods, 1774-1776

1 item

Access: Open | March
1776 |
| WP/27 | Letter from Soho, Matthew Boulton to John Wyatt II in London

Declining to take on a new partner

1 item

Access: Open | 7 April
1776 |
| WP/28 | Letter from James Wyatt [to his cousin John?]

He agrees to lend him his sword but hopes he will not be deprived of it too long

1 item

Access: Open | 20 Nov
1776 |
| WP/29 | Letter from London, John Wyatt II to his wife Sarah Wyatt in Birmingham.

Urges her to come home as soon as possible after her visit to Mrs.Dobbs

1 item

Access: Open | 6 Oct 1779 |

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| WP/30 | Letter from Paris, John Wyatt II to Sarah Wyatt | 21 Nov
1784 |
| | He has been ill in bed and if he does not improve he would like her to come to him, despite the inconvenience | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/31 | Letter from London, John Wyatt II to his daughter, Mary Wyatt, at Rotten Park. | 2 April
1791 |
| | Reproaches her for not writing to them and proposes she shall return home for good at her next holidays. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/31a | Letter from Sophy Dobbs to her niece, Mary Wyatt | [c 1791] |
| | Giving advice on her behaviour | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/32 | Letter from London, Sarah Wyatt to her daughter Mary Wyatt. | 1796 |
| | Tells her how to attend to Emily's sore finger | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/33 | Letter from Hamburgh, John Wyatt II to his wife and children | 25 Oct
1799 |
| | Writes how their letter has made him very happy. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |

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| WP/34 | Letter from Berlin, John Wyatt II to his wife and children | 30 Oct 1799 |
| | <p>Describes Berlin, where his lack of German makes life rather difficult. He urges his sons, Frank and Henry, to learn German and French, as it will be very useful to them in business. He has seen a princess riding astride a horse like a man.</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | |
| WP/35 | Letter from Riga, John Wyatt II to his wife and children | 17 Nov 1799 |
| | <p>The roads and weather are extremely bad and the carriages and beds uncomfortable.</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | |
| WP/36 | Letter from St. Petersburg, John Wyatt II to Messrs Ranking and Ranking. | 26 Nov 1799 |
| | <p>Describes his difficult journey from Hamburg to St. Petersburg and his chilly reception from Mr Hoy, who is not anxious to do business with him.</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | |
| WP/37 | Letter from St. Petersburg, John Wyatt II to his family | 28 Nov 1799 |
| | <p>Describes his journey to St. Petersburg and an uncomfortable night spent in a small room with fifteen or twenty other people of both sexes.</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | |

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| WP/38 | Letter from Hamburg, John Wyatt II to his family | 28 Feb
1800 |
| | He is living very uncomfortably for a guinea a day and waiting for the packet to take him home. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/39 | Letter from Thomas and C. Dobbs to their son Jack, in London. | 8 Jan
1801 |
| | Refers to his approaching marriage to Cordelia Anne Wyatt. His mother requests a lock of his hair. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/40 | Letter from London, John Wyatt II to Jack and Cordelia Anne Dobbs [John Wyatt's daughter] in Bristol. | 15 Jan
1801 |
| | Advises them on how to make a successful marriage. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/41 | Letter from Chevening House, Sevenoaks, Earl Stanhope to John Wyatt II in London | 27 Aug
1801 |
| | Describes a new method of printing by cast plates | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/42 | Letter from Brompton Row, Professor Picket to Mrs Sarah Wyatt | 1801 |
| | Regrets he cannot accept her invitation since he is going to Woburn to visit the Duke of Bedford. | |

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Access: Open
- WP/43 Letter from Norwood, Cordelia Anne and Jack Dobbs to Mrs Sarah Wyatt in London [c 1801]
Writes they cannot send the girls home yet just as they have learnt to ride
- 1 item
Access: Open
- WP/44 Letter from Lifford, Thomas and C. Dobbs to Jack and Cordelia Anne in London 21 Nov 1802
Writes they miss them badly and beg them to come to them if 'these sad French folk come'.
- 1 item
Access: Open
- WP/45 Letter from Piper's Hill, Elizabeth Jee to her cousin Eliza Kate Wyatt, at Lifford 17 May 1806
She is delighted that she has come on a visit to the country and hopes she will stay at least a month with them after leaving her aunt and uncle Dobbs at Lifford.
- 1 item
Access: Open
- WP/46 Letter from London, Sarah Wyatt to Eliza Kate (at Lifford) 27 Aug 1806
She would like her to return home when Jack and Cordelia Anne come; but she may go to Piper's Hill for a few days.
- 1 item
Access: Open

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| WP/47 | Letter from J. Southern to John Wyatt II | [1806] |
| | A verse letter beginning 'My dear Uncle Jack I know you've the knack'. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/48 | Letter from Oakhill, from J. Southern to John Wyatt II, in London | 15 Dec 1806 |
| | Refers to his verse letter and says what he would like to do to Bonaparte, given the chance. Lifford is to be sold. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/49 | Letter from Lifford, John Wyatt II to his daughter Mary in London. | 5-9 March 1807 |
| | She wants to have a portrait of her parents but he is anxious about the expense she will incur. He would, however, have sacrificed a great deal to have obtained a resemblance of his own parents. Praises his father as 'the nearest perfection of a man that I can conceive'. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/50 | Letter from Lifford, John Wyatt II to his daughter Eliza Kate, in London. | 10 March 1807 |
| | Apologises for not writing to her more frequently. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/51 | Letter from Lifford, Sophia Dobbs to her cousin, Eliza Kate Wyatt, in London | 30 May 1808 |
| | She hopes to be allowed soon to go to Liverpool. She is afraid of becoming 'an old maid'. | |

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- WP/52 Letter from Everton, Sophia Dobbs to her brother John Wyatt Dobbs (Jack) in London. 17 Oct 1808
Writes she has played a difficult fugue on the organ
- 1 item
Access: Open
- WP/53 Letter from Worthing, Thomas Young to Mr Wyatt junior 17 Oct 1808
Asks him to insert an advertisement in the daily papers
- 1 item
Access: Open
- WP/54 Letter from E.M. Dobbs to Jack and Cordelia Anne Dobbs. 1 Nov 1808
Expresses concern about the accident in their gig. With a note at the end from Jack's mother urging them to stop using it.
- 1 item
Access: Open
- WP/55 Letter from Samuel Wyatt to John Wyatt II [c 1808]
A verse letter
- 1 item
Access: Open
- WP/56 Letter from Worthing, Thomas Young to Henry Wyatt, in London. 28 July 1809
Asks him to send Withering's 'Botany' and any other books which are ready for him
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- WP/57 Letter from William Congreve to Henry Wyatt, in London. 27 Sep 1809
- Requests the volume of the 'Repertory' which contains the specification of his time-pieces and promises to send him other drawings in a week or two.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/58 Letter from London, M. Stewart M.P. to John Wyatt II, in London. 8 Dec 1809
- Requests a fair copy of a petition for the Duke of Cumberland.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/59 Letter from Ramsdell, John Wyatt II to Jack Dobbs, in London. [1810]
- Describes the serious illness of his daughter Emily.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/60 Letter from Manchester, William Henry to the Editor of the Repertory of Arts (Henry Wyatt). 31 May 1810
- He sends a corrected copy of his paper on salt.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/61 Letter from R.B. Sheridan to John Wyatt II, in London. [1810]
- Proposes a meeting and is eager to see his son's plans.
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- WP/62 Letter from R.B. Sheridan to John Wyatt II 18 Aug
[1810]
Requests a meeting
1 item
Access: Open
- WP/63 Letter from Ramsdell, Cordelia Anne 5 Sept
Dobbs to her mother, Sarah Wyatt, in 1810
London.
Gives news of the twin babies of her
sister-in-law, Eliza.
1 item
Access: Open
- WP/64 Letter from Cordelia Anne Dobbs to Eliza [c 1810]
Kate Wyatt.
Laments the fact that she is not coming to
see them, as there are two chickens to
eat and her room is now furnished.
1 item
Access: Open
- WP/65 Letter from London, Sir Sidney Smith [to 1 March
John Wyatt II ?]. 1812
Hopes his enclosure will have the desired
effect.
1 item
Access: Open
- WP/66 Letter from [London], Mary Wyatt to Eliza 1 Oct 1812
Kate Wyatt, at Ramsdell.
Recalls her own visit to Ramsdell. She
has been ill since and her father is also ill.
1 item
Access: Open
- WP/67 Letter from Ostend, Frank Wyatt to Emily 5 July

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- Wyatt, in London. 1814
- Describes Ostend and his difficulty with the language
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/68 Letter from Lord Cochrane to John Wyatt II. 14 July 1814
- A delay has occurred in returning the preparation of the patent.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/69 Letter from London, Dr. and Mrs. Hutton to William Henry Wyatt and his sisters. 13 Nov 1818
- A letter of condolence on the death of John Wyatt II.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/70 Letter from London, Jack Dobbs to his father, Thomas Dobbs, at Lifford. 2 Jan 1819
- Thanks him for a round of beef.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/71 Letter from Brussels, William Henry Wyatt to his sisters, in London. 10 Sept 1819
- Describes his visit to Belgium
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/72 Letter from Paris, William Henry Wyatt to his sisters, in London 20 Sep 1819
- He is ill so has not yet explored Paris, but he has eaten some frogs. Describes the

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- dress of Belgian women
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/73 Letter from Lifford, Thomas Dobbs to Jack Dobbs. 10 Feb 1820
- He proposes to visit him soon and is very unhappy about trade. [Incomplete]
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/74 Letter from Norwood, Jack Dobbs to Thomas Dobbs at Lifford. 11 March 1820
- Refers to the illness of Tom Southern and his mother.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/75 Letter from Norwood, Jack Dobbs to Thomas Dobbs. 2 Aug 1820
- He is not well and has been advised to relax from business.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/76 Letter from Norwood, Jack Dobbs to Thomas Dobbs. 28 June 1820
- Describes his own and his wife's health. They have given up their house in Hatton Garden
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/77 Letter from London, H. Hutton to Mary Wyatt. 27 Jan 1823
- Announces the death of his father, Dr. Hutton.

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- Access: Open
- WP/78 Letter from Emily Gee to her nieces Mary and Emily Wyatt, in London. 24 Nov 1824
- She is sending them some pork pies.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/79 Letter from Eliza Kate Wyatt to Cordelia Anne Dobbs, at Brighton. 22 Aug 1827
- Chiefly on religious matters. Emily is unwell and Mary is depressed.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/80 Letter from Stroud, Henry Harris to Miss E.A. Wyatt, in Bath. 16 May 1859
- Sends her a copy of his letter to Henry Southern, requesting payment of the interest on a loan to their late aunt.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/81 Letter from Stroud, Henry Harris to Miss E.A. Wyatt. 18 May 1859
- They would do well to have the debt repaid.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/82 Letter from Stroud, Henry Harris to Miss E. A. Wyatt 1 June 1859
- Encloses a copy of a letter from Henry Southern. He and his sisters need time to pay the debt.
- 1 item

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- WP/83 Letter from Stroud, Henry Harris to Miss E.A. Wyatt 11 June 1859
- Encloses a copy of a letter from Henry Southern, making arrangements to pay the debt.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/84 Letter from Henry Southern to Miss E.A. Wyatt. 11 June 1859
- He has now paid the debt.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/85 Letter from Henry Southern to Miss E.A. Wyatt. 14 June 1859
- About the debt.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/86 Letter from London, Henry Harris to Miss E.A. Wyatt. 17 June 1859
- About her aunt's will
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- WP/87 Letter from Stroud, Henry Harris to Miss E.A. Wyatt. 22 June 1859
- The money from Henry Southern has now been re-invested
- 1 item
- Access: Open

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| WP/88 | Letter from Stroud, Henry Harris to Miss E.A. Wyatt. | 7 Oct 1859 |
| | Winds up the financial matters relating to her aunt's estate. | |
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| | Access: Open | |
| WP/89 | Letter from London, Richard B. Prosser to Mrs Silvester. | 10 May 1890 |
| | Asks her for information about John Southern and for access to his papers. Also refers to John Wyatt. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/90 | Letter from London, Richard B. Prosser to Mrs Silvester. | 21 May 1890 |
| | About John Wyatt | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/91 | Letter from London, Richard B. Prosser to Mrs Silvester. | 15 July 1890 |
| | Thanks her for some drawings and for offering to lend him John Southern's tract on balloons. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |
| WP/92 | Letter from London, Richard B. Prosser to Mrs Silvester. | 28 May 1891 |
| | Returns the Southern drawings she lent him. | |
| | 1 item | |
| | Access: Open | |

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| WP/93 | Unsigned letter to Emily ? about the Wyatt family

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Access: Open | 26
December
[19th
century] |
| WP/94 | Family papers and papers relating to the Wyatt family

Papers compiled by individual[s] interested in the Wyatt family [E. H. T]. Mostly typescript copies of Wyatt's letters. Includes information about the custodial history of the collection, a photocopy of an article about John Wyatt, and a family tree.

1 file

Access: Open | [20th
century] |
| WP/95 | Memoir of John Wyatt

Draft copy of a memoir [possibly compiled by Elizabeth Lee, John Wyatt's granddaughter]. With a sketch of Weeford Church by Elizabeth Lee.

1 item (large)

Access: Open | [19th
century] |