

**John Wesley’s Reading:  
Evidence in the Book Collection at Wesley’s House, London**  
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In a previous issue I surveyed books in the archives of Kingswood School, assessing what evidence they provided for determining other authors that John Wesley may have owned and read. There is one more sizeable collection of extant books with clear connections to Wesley that merits this type of analysis. It is the collection designated “John Wesley’s Library” now displayed in a cabinet at Wesley’s House, next to City Road Chapel, in London.<sup>1</sup>

It must be stressed that what remains in this collection is hardly the whole of Wesley’s personal library. Over the years he gave much of his library away. The survey of books at Kingswood showed that many came from Wesley’s library. And in the current collection at Wesley’s House are a couple of Greek New Testaments that Wesley gave to trusted aides, which made their way back into this collection after his death. Thus, what we have in this collection are 1) books that Wesley retained for personal use, 2) books which came into his possession near the end of his life, 3) a few books—like the set of Nicole’s works—that he likely had no desire to commend by passing them to others, and 4) some that had no direct connection to Wesley.

The last concession is necessary because of the fluctuating level of care for the books Wesley left in his London house at his death. This house continued as the manse for City Road Chapel, occupied by a string of Methodist preachers. At least one, John Pawson, took it upon himself to destroy some of Wesley’s books that Pawson considered of little use (like Wesley’s annotated edition of Shakespeare’s plays!).<sup>2</sup> And there is little indication of concern to keep books original to Wesley separate from later additions—the current collection has books as late as 1812 marked with similar shelf marks and bearing a red oval stamp: Methodist Chapel House Library, City Road, London.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>I am indebted to Noorah Al-Gailani, Curator of Wesley’s House & Chapel, for allowing me to peruse the collection in order to verify and update information on the holdings.

<sup>2</sup>See George Stevenson, *City Road Chapel London and its Associations* (London: George Stevenson, 1872), 135.

<sup>3</sup>C. Ryder Smith (next note) observes that this stamp was already present in 1937, so it was not inserted in 1971 when the books were returned to the City Road Chapel House.

This uneven care helps explain why the books now in the collection were transferred to Richmond College sometime in the nineteenth century. The details of this transfer are a little unclear. The books are described in 1937 as part of a collection at Richmond traced back to Thomas Jackson, who served as tutor there from 1842–61.<sup>4</sup> Jackson notes in his memoirs that his personal library of some 7500 volumes was purchased by James Heald, a wealthy Methodist businessman, and donated to Richmond and Didsbury colleges in 1859.<sup>5</sup> It is possible that Jackson had purchased these books from City Road Chapel, like he purchased many Charles Wesley materials from Charles' descendants. It is more likely that Jackson served only as a mediator for the transfer from City Road to Richmond, sometime around 1860.

The Jackson collection was as a focal piece at Richmond through the various Wesley anniversaries of the first part of the twentieth century. There are oral reports that it suffered some neglect during the exigencies of the Second World War, but no evidence of books being lost. Richmond did not fair so well itself. The college was closed in 1972, and the books from the Methodist Chapel House Library were returned to Wesley's House, to go on display, at this time.

In the list which follows I exclude books that postdate Wesley, as well as any published by Wesley, since the focus is on what other authors he may have owned or read. I begin with titles with direct evidence of Wesley's ownership, usually in an inscription. In this section, **bold** material within quotation marks is in Wesley's own hand. This material was judged authentic by the person (likely John Bowmer) who prepared the manuscript inventory of the collection at the time it was transferred from Richmond College, and is confirmed by Frank Baker in his notes on these books.<sup>6</sup> I verified the presence and wording of each inscription. The second section lists volumes in the collection which lack direct evidence (such as a signature), but which we know by other means were familiar to Wesley. At least one reference is given to evidence Wesley's knowledge of each book, using standard abbreviations of sources. The final section contains volumes for which the only evidence I have found so far that they might have been known to Wesley is their presence in this collection. I have included the shelf marks for each book in parentheses at the end of the listing. It is unclear how far back these marks go, but they were on the books in Richmond College. As such, any

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<sup>4</sup>Cf. C. Ryder Smith, "The Richmond Wesleyana," *Proceedings of the Wesley Historical Society* 31 (1937–38): 57–60. As Smith notes, the collection included more than the 170 volumes that showed some evidence of belonging to John Wesley. It held nearly twice as many books that were related to Charles or one of his relatives, and a sizeable group related to John Fletcher.

<sup>5</sup>See Thomas Jackson, *Recollections of My Own Life and Times* (London: Wesleyan Conference Office, 1874), 481, 507. On Jackson's purchase of Charles Wesley materials (and transfer of ownership to the Conference), see pp. 230–31.

<sup>6</sup>The inventory is in the Methodist Archives at the John Rylands Library, Manchester. My thanks to Gareth Lloyd for providing me a copy. Baker's notes are in the possession of Richard Heitzenrater, who kindly gave me access to them.

book without shelf marks was not part of the original “Jackson” collection (though it still may go back to Wesley).

There are many interesting volumes in this collection, including Wesley’s copies of Augustine’s *Confessions*, Luther’s German translation of the Bible, and Zinzendorf’s *Gesang-buch*. I would highlight particularly the manuscript from his student days where Wesley “collected” or summarized an assigned text on physics (Bartholin).

### **I. Works of other writers with Wesley’s signature or marks in the text**

Aldrich, Henry (1647–1710). *Artis Logicae Compendium*. Oxford: Sheldonian Theatre, 1771. (L24)

**“J.W. 1776”**

Allix, Pierre (1641–1717). *Remarks upon the Ecclesiastical History of the Ancient Churches of the Alibigenses*. London: Richard Chiswell, 1692. (L14)

**“J.W. 1760”**

Atterbury, Francis (1662–1732). *An Axe Laid to the Root of Christianity*. London: John Morphew, 1706. (L7)  
first pamphlet in collection on Dissenters’ education signed (see Samuel Wesley)

Augustine, Saint, Bishop of Hippo. *D. Aurelii Augustini Hippon episcopi, Libri XIII Confessionum*. Cologne: Cornelius Egmond, 1647. (C28)

**“J.W. 1750 – a sinner born to die”**

[Bartholin, Caspar Thomeson (1655–1738). *Specimen philosophiae naturalis, praecipua physices capita exponens; Accedit De fontium fluviorumque origine ex pluviis dissertatio physica*. Oxford: Leon. Lichfield, 1697 (Wesley likely used 1713 edition)].

Wesley’s manuscript “collection” of this text (in his handwriting)

Benezet, Anthony (1713–84), compiler. *The Potent Enemies of America laid open; being some account of the baneful effects attending the use of distilled spirituous liquors, and the slavery of the negroes*.

Philadelphia: Joseph Crukshank, 1774. (D39)

a set of five religious tracts:

Benezet. “A Mighty Destroyer Displayed; in some account of the dreadful havoc made by the mistake use as well as abuse of distilled spiritous liquors.”

Wesley. “Thoughts on Slavery.”

Daniel Defoe. “The Dreadful Visitation ... an account of the Plague in London.”

D. Brainerd, et al. “Testimonies.”

Stephen Crisp. Excerpts from “Sermons and Declarations.”

marginal notes in Wesley’s hand

Bengel, Johann Albrecht (1687–1752). *Gnomon Novi Testamenti: in quo ex nativa verborum vi simplicitas, profunditas, concinnitas, salubritas sensuum coelestium indicatur*. Tübingen: H. Philip Schram, 1742. (N17)

**“J.W. 1752”**

Bengel, Johann Albrecht (1687–1752). *He Kaine Diatheke ... Novum Testamentum Graecum*. Tübingen: I.G. Cott, 1734. (N23)

**“J.Wesley 1747, Nec fallar in iis, nec fablam ex iis”**

- Bengel, Johann Albrecht (1687–1752). *He Kaine Diatheke ... Novum Testamentum Graecum*. Tübingen: C.H. Berger, 1753. (L28)  
**“Dona dedit, amicusimus D. Pillins, anno 1759”**
- Blackstone, William (1723–80). *Commentaries on the Laws of England*. 4<sup>th</sup> edition. 4 volumes. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1770. (N18–21)  
margin notes in Wesley’s hand, and 4 pages loose notes dated 20 Dec. 1774
- Bonnet, Charles (1720–1793). *La Palingénésie philosophique; or Idées sur l’état passé et sur l’état futur des etres vivans*. 2 vols. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Munster: Philip Henry Perrenon, 1770 (vol. 1 missing). (D29)  
**“J.W. 1772”**
- Bossuet, Jacque Bénigne (1627–1704). *The History of France from Pharamond to Charles IX*. 4 vols. Edinburgh: A. Donaldson, 1762 (only vol. 1). (L26)  
**“J.W. 1763”**
- Bourignon, Antoinette (1616–80). *La Vie de Madlle Antoinette Bourignon*. Edited by Pierre Poirer. Amsterdam: Jean Riewerts & Pierre Arents, 1683. (F27)  
**“J.W. 1773”**
- Brainerd, John (1720–81). *A Genuine Letter from Mr. John Brainard, employed by the Scotch Society for Propagating the Gospel, a missionary to the Indians in America*. London: J. Ward, 1753. (L19)  
bound with Fry, which is signed
- Brydone, P[atrick] (1743–1818). *A Tour Through Sicily and Malta in a series of Letters to William Beckford*. 2 vols. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Dublin: Potts, Williams, et al., 1774. (K29)  
**“J.W. 1775. The gift of John Busted”**
- Butler, Joseph (1692–1752). *The Analogy of Religion, Natural and Revealed, to the Constitution and Course of Nature*. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. London, Knapton, 1740. (F11)  
**“J.W. 1749”**
- Capel, Arthur, Baron of Hadam (1610?–49). *Excellent Contemplations, Moral & Divine*. London: Nathanael Crouch, 1683. (no shelf mark)  
**“J. W. 1753, for Kingswood”**
- Church of England. *The Book of Common Prayer*. Cambridge: Joseph Benthon, 1766. (K37)  
**“J. Wesley”**
- Church of England. *The Book of Common Prayer*. Oxford: Wright & Gill, 1772. (L20)  
**“Rev. Mr. John Wesley 1776”** and says **“S. Wesley, left by her aunt, Mrs. Hall, July 1791”**
- Claude, Jean (1619–1687). *An Essay on the Composition of a Sermon*. 2 vols. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. London: W. Lepard, 1782. (E19–20)  
**“John Wesley, Dec. 29 1785”**
- Collinges, John (1623–90). *Several Discourses concerning the Actual Providence of God*. London: Thomas Parkhurst, 1678. (L22)  
**“For Kingswood School. A Strong Calvinist”**
- Coxe, William (1747–1848). *Travels in Poland, Russia, Sweden, and Denmark*. 3 vols. Dublin: Price, Moncrieffe, et al., 1784. (M20–22)

**“The gift of Will. Whitestone July 9, 1785”**

- Dobbs, Francis (1750–1811). *Universal History: Commencing with the year 536, and ending with the year 331, before Christ, when Alexander the Great overturned the Persian Empire*. 4 vols. Dublin: J. Chambers, 1787–88. (D6–9)  
marginal notes in vol. 1 in Wesley’s hand
- Du Contant de la Molette, Philippe (1737–93). *Nouvelle Méthode pour entrer dans le roi sens de l’Ecriture Sainte*. 2 vols. Paris: s.n., 1777 (2 sets). (K31–34)  
“Rev. John Wesley” on title page, but not in his hand
- Duguet, Jacques Joseph (1649–1733). *Lettres sur divers sujets de morale et de piéte*. 6th edition. Paris: J. Estienne, 1719. (C30)  
**“J.W. Given by Miss Freeman, 1770”**
- Erskine, John (1721–1803). *Theological Dissertations*. London: Edward & Charles Dilly, 1765. (D26)  
**“J. Wesley. Thoroughly Antinomian, Alas”**
- Fitzgerald, George Robert (1748?–1786) & Patrick Randall MacDonnell (d. 1786). *Memoirs of the Late George R. Fitzgerald and P.R. MacDonnell*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Dublin: James Moore, 1786. (L1)  
**“J.W.”**
- Fletcher, John William (1729–85). *Appeal to Matter of Fact and Common Sense; or, a rational demonstration of man’s corrupt and lost estate*. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Bristol: W. Pine, 1772. (K16)  
**“J.W. 1780”**
- Fletcher, John William (1729–85). *First Check to Antinomianism; or a vindication of the Rev. Mr. Wesley’s minutes of a public conference, held in London, August 7, 1770*. 4<sup>th</sup> edition. London: R. Hawes, 1775. (K17)  
**“J.W. 1783 peni octogenarius”**
- Fletcher, John William (1729–85). *Logica Genevensis; or a fourth check to antinomianism: in which St. James’s pure religion is defended against the charges, and established upon the concessions of Mr. Richard and Mr. Rowland Hill, in a series of letters to those gentlemen*. Bristol: W. Pine, 1772. (K18)  
part of set with K17
- Fletcher, John William (1729–85). *An Equal Check to Pharisaism and Antinomianism—Part the first*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. London: Pine, 1774. (K19)  
part of set with K17
- Fletcher, John William (1729–85). *Zelotes and Honestus Reconciled, or Equal Check, Part I of Scripture Scales*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. London: R. Hawes, 1775. (K20)  
part of set with K17
- Fletcher, John William (1729–85). *Last Check: A Polemical Essay*. London: R. Hawes, 1775. (K21)  
part of set with K17
- Fletcher, John William (1729–85). *A Reply to the Principle Arguments by which the Calvinists and the Fatalists support the Doctrine of Absolute Necessity; being remarks on the Rev. Mr. Toplady’s scheme of Christian and Philosophical Necessity*. London: R. Hawes, 1777. (K22)  
part of set with K17

- Fletcher, John William (1729–85). *A Vindication of the Rev. Mr. Wesley's "Calm Address to our American Colonies," in some letters to Mr. Caleb Evans.* 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. London: R. Hawes, 1776. (K23)  
part of set with K17
- Fry, John (1701–75). *The Case of Marriages between near Kindred particularly considered, with respect to the doctrine of Scripture, the law of nature, and the laws of England.* London: Whiston & White, 1756. (L19)  
**"J.W. 1770. An excellent treatise"**
- Fry, John (1701–75). *A Serious and Affectionate Address to the People called Quakers.* London: Luke Hinde, 1758. (L19)  
bound with previous item
- [Furley, J. Dennis]. *Choheleth; or, the Royal Preacher. A poem most humbly inscribed to the King.* London: Johnston, 1765. (N28)  
**"J. Wesley 1767. The gift of the author, who wrote what he felt."**  
also detailed margin notes
- [Greek New Testament]. *The Kaine Diatheke Apanta.* 2 vols. London: Robert Stephan, 1566. (no shelf mark)  
marked, "a copy given to Adam Clarke at Wesley's death" (only vol. 1 survives)
- [Greek New Testament]. *The Kaine Diatheke.* London: John Redmayne, 1674. (A21)  
**"J. Wesley to C. Delamotte"**
- Guthrie, William (1708–70). *A General History of Scotland from the Earliest Accounts to the Present Time.* 10 volumes. London: Robinson & Roberts, 1767–68 (vols. 2–4 missing). (M11–17)  
marginal notes in vols 7–9 in Wesley's hand
- Halyburton, Thomas (1674–1712). *Natural Religion Insufficient, and Revealed Necessary to Man's Happiness in his Present State; or, a rational enquiry into the principles of the modern Deists ... and particularly the writings of the learned Lord Herbert, to which treatise are annexed several other essays on other subjects.* Edinburgh: Andrew Anderson, 1714. (L21)  
**"J.W. 1758. The gift of Mr. Edw. Perronet"**
- Hervey, James (1714–58). *Theron and Aspasio.* 2 vols. Dublin: Robert Main, 1755. (D24–25)  
**"J.W. 1767"**
- The Holy Bible, containing the Old Testament and the New.* Newly translated. 2 vols. Cambridge: John Archdeacon, 1769 (volume 2 only). (C31)  
**"J. W. 1774"**
- Hooke, Nathaniel (1690?–1763). *The Roman History; from the building of Rome to the ruin of the commonwealth.* 11 vols. London: Hawkins, 1766–71 (vol 1 missing). (M1–10)  
notes and corrections in Wesley's hand
- Hutchinson, John (1674–1737). *An Abstract from the Works of John Hutchinson. Esq.; being a summary of his discourses in philosophy and divinity.* Edited by George Horne and/or Robert Spearman. Dublin: William Williamson, 1757. (K24)  
**"J.W. 1758"**

- Keill, James (1673–1719). *Essays on Several Parts of the Animal Economy*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, enlarged. London: George Strahan, 1717. (L18)  
**“J.W. 1751”**
- Labadie, Jean de (1610–1674). *Veritas sui vindex, seu Solennis fidei declaratio Joh. de Labadie, Petri Yvon, Petri DuLignon ... Et suo, & integrae ecclesiae ... jam ante edita; nunc vero aucta, asserta, confirmata atq; ab objectionibus ... vindicata*. Herford: Laurence Auten, 1672. (C26)  
**“Donum Dr. Koker 1749”**
- Law, William (1686–1761). *The Bishop of Bangor’s Late Sermon, and his Letter to Dr. Snape*. 7<sup>th</sup> edition. London: William & John Innys, 1718.  
bound with *Reply* (F16)
- Law, William (1686–1761). *A Reply to the Bishop of Bangor’s Answer to the representation of the committee of convocation*. London: William & John Innys, 1719. (F16)  
**“J.W. EAPJ. June 20, 1732”**
- Law, William (1686–1761). *A Second Letter to the Bishop of Bangor*. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. London: William Innys, 1719.  
bound with *Reply* (F16)
- Le Cène, Charles (1647?–1703). *An Essay for a New Translation of the Bible: Wherein is shown from reason, and the authority of the best commentators, interpreters and critics, that there is a necessity for a new translation*. 2 vols. Translated by Hugh Ross. London: John Nutt, 1702. (D3)  
**“Mr. Sparrow, Westm”**
- Luther, Martin (1483–1546). *Biblia; das ist, Die gantze Heil. Schrift Altes und Neues Testaments*. 37<sup>th</sup> edition. Halle: Wäysenhaus, 1733. (D41)  
**“John Wesley, April 1736”**
- Maclaurin, John (1693–1754). *Sermons and Essays*. Glasgow: John Knox, 1755. (D28)  
**“J.W. 1760”**
- [Marsollier, Jacques (1647–1724).] *The Life of the Baroness de Chantal*. Translated by Theodosia Blachford. London: Fry & Crouchman, 1787. (no shelf mark)  
**“J.W.”** and editorial marks
- Mosheim, Johann Lorenz (1694?–1755). *Institutionum Historiae Ecclesiasticae Antiquae at Recentioris*. Helmstad: Christian Frideric Weygand, 1755 (vol. 4 only). (M8)  
**“J. Wesley. Donum amicissimi viri D. Wachsek Halendis Decembris 1764”**
- Neal, Daniel (1678–1743). *History of New England*. 2 vols. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. London: A. Ward, et al., 1747. (F19–20)  
**“J. Wesley 1759. Pro Christo et Patria”**
- Neau, Elias (b. ca. 1661). *Histoire abrégée des souffrances du Sieur Elie Neau, sur les galres, et dans les cachots de Marseilles*. Rotterdam: Abraham Archer, 1701. (L31)  
**“Jeanne Bisson: An account of the sufferings of Mr. Eli Neau”**
- Nicole, Pierre (1625–95). *Essais Morale, continus en divers traitez sur plusieurs devoirs importants*. 10<sup>th</sup> edition. 5 vols. (vols. 1–5 of collected works). Luxemburg: Andre Chevalier, 1736. (C16–20)  
Part of set, Wesley writes in some

- Nicole, Pierre (1625–95). *Essais de morale, ou lettres écrites par feu Monsieur Nicole*. 2 vols. (vols. 6–7 of collected works). Luxemburg: Andre Chevalier, 1727. (C21–22)  
Part of set, Wesley writes in some
- Nicole, Pierre (1625–95). *Continuation des Essais de Morale, contenant des reflexions morales sur ses epistres et evangiles*. 10<sup>th</sup> edition. 5 vols. (vols. 9–13 of collected works). Luxemburg: Andre Chevalier, 1736–37. (C1–5)  
Part of set, Wesley writes in some
- Nicole, Pierre (1625–95). *Instructions théologiques et morales sur l'Oraison Dominicale*. (vol. 14 of collected works). Luxemburg: Andre Chevalier, 1716. (C23)  
Part of set, Wesley writes in some
- Nicole, Pierre (1625–95). *Instructions théologiques et morales sur les sacremens*. 2 vols. (vols. 15–16 of collected works). Luxemburg: Andre Chevalier, 1717. (C12–13)  
Part of set, Wesley writes in some
- Nicole, Pierre (1625–95). *Instructions théologiques et morales sur le premier commandement du Décalogue*. 2 vols. (vols. 17–18 of collected works). Luxemburg: Andre Chevalier, 1735. (C10–11)  
Part of set, Wesley writes in some
- Nicole, Pierre (1625–95). *Instructions théologiques et morales sur le Symbole*. New edition. 2 vols. (vol. 19–20 of collected works). Luxemburg: Andre Chevalier, 1737. (C6–7)  
Part of set, Wesley writes in some
- Nicole, Pierre (1625–95). *Prejugez legitimes contre les Calvinistes*. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Brussels: Henry Frix, 1683. (C25)  
Wesley writes above title **“Good for Nothing”**
- Nicole, Pierre (1625–95). *Les prétendus réformez convaincus des Schisme*. 2 vols. Luxemburg: Andre Chevalier, 1731. (C14–15)  
Part of set, Wesley writes in some
- Nicole, Pierre (1625–95). *Traité de la prière; divisé en sept livre*. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. 2 vols. Luxemburg: Andre Chevalier, 1731. (C8–9)  
Part of set, Wesley writes in some
- Nicole, Pierre (1625–95). *De l'unité de l'Eglise, ou refutations de nouveau System de M. Jurieu*. Luxemburg: Andre Chevalier, 1727. (C24)  
Wesley writes above title **“Waste Paper”**
- Nouveau Recueil de Cantiques vous entretenant des psaumes*. London: R. Hindmarsh, 1786. (D19)  
**“J. Wesley 1786, The gift of Mr. Brackenbury”**
- Oswald, James (d. 1793). *An Appeal to Common Sense in Behalf of Religion*. Edinburgh: Kincaid & Bell, 1766. (F10)  
**“J.W. The gift of the author – May 1, 1770”**
- Palmer, Samuel (d. 1724). *A Defence of the Dissenters Education in their Private Academies; in answer to Mr. [Samuel] Wesley's disingenuous and unchristian reflections upon them*. London: A. Baldwin, 1703. (L7)  
first pamphlet in collection on Dissenters education signed (see Samuel Wesley)



- Palmer, Samuel (d. 1724). *A Vindication of the Learning, Loyalty, Morals, and most Christian Behaviour of the Dissenters toward the Church of England. In answer to Mr. [Samuel] Wesley's defence of his letter concerning the Dissenters education in their private academies*. London: J. Lawrence, 1705. (L7)  
first pamphlet in collection on Dissenters education signed (see Samuel Wesley)
- Pascal, Blaise (1623–62). *Pensees de M. Pascal sur la Religion*. Enlarged edition. Amsterdam: Pierre Mortier, 1701. (L27)                   **“J.W. 1777”**
- Rambach, Johann Jakobus (1693–1735). *Considerations of the Sufferings of Christ*. 3 vols. London: A. Linde, 1759. (E16–18)  
marginal notes throughout in Wesley's hand
- Ramsay, Andrew Michael (1686–1743). *Philosophical Principles of Natural and Revealed Religion, unfolded in Geometrical Order*. 2 vols. Glasgow: Foulis, 1748–49. (L9–10)  
notes in text in Wesley's hand
- Robertson, James (1714–1795). *Editio secunda Grammaticae hebraeae*. Edinburgh: Mundell & Wilson, 1783. (F8)  
**“J. Wesley – Donum Actoris”**
- Robertson, William (d. 1686). *Sepher Tehillim; i.e., Liber Psalmorum*. Cambridge: John Hayes, 1685. (no shelf mark)                   **“J. Wesley 1720”**
- Robertson, William (1721–93). *The History of Scotland during the Reigns of Queen Mary and of King James VI till his Accession to the Crown of England*. 2 vols. London: A. Millar, 1759. (F17–18)  
**“J.W. 1761”**
- Rutty, John (1698–1775). *A Spiritual Diary and Soliloquies*. 2 vols. London: James Phillips, 1776. (K25–26)  
Wesley note on 1:22 **“yes it is”**
- Schurman, Anna Maria van (1607–78). *Eukleria seu melioris partis electio. Tractatus Brevem Vitae ejus Delineationem exhibens*. Hamburg: Corneleus van der Meulen, 1673. (C26)  
bound with Labadie
- Solis, Antonio de (1610–86). *The History of the Conquest of Mexico by the Spaniards*. Translated by Thomas Townsend. Revised by Nathaniel Hooke. 2 vols. London: John Osborn, 1738. (F12)  
**“J.W. 1761”**
- Spenser, Edmund (1552?–99). *The Fairie Queen*. In *The Works of Edmund Spenser*. Volume 2. London: J. Tonson, 1715. (F28)                   notes in text in Wesley's hand
- Steele, Richard (1629–92) *The Religious Tradesman; or, Plain and Serious Hints of Advice for Tradesman's Prudent and Pious Conduct*. London: T. Field, 1776. (no shelf mark)  
**“A Gift of Wesley to S. Bradburn, 1785.”**  
editorial markings throughout
- Thomas à Kempis (1380–1471). *Thomae a Kempis canonici regularis, Ordinarius S. Augustini De Imitatione Christi*. Paris: Cramoisy, 1648. (no shelf mark)                   **“J. W. 1762”**
- Thurloe, John (1616–68). *Collection of State Papers: containing authentic memorials of the English affairs from 1638 to the restoration of King Charles II*. Edited by Thomas Birch. 7 vols. London: F. Gyles, 1742. (N1–7)                   **“J. Wesley 1780”** in vol. 1

Warner, Ferdinando (1703–68). *The History of the Rebellion and Civil War in Ireland*. 2 vols. Dublin: J. Williams, 1768. (L15–16)

**“J.W. 1769. An impartial writer”**

Wesley, Samuel Sr. (1662–1735). *A Letter from a Country Divine to His Friend in London: concerning the education of the dissenters in their private academies, in several parts of this nation; humbly offered to the consideration of the Grand Committee of Parliament for Religion, now sitting*. London: R. Clavel, 1703. (L7)

**father’s name inscribed in John Wesley’s hand**

Wesley, Samuel Sr. (1662–1735). *A Defence of a Letter Concerning the Education of Dissenters in Their Private Academies; with a more full and satisfactory account of the same, and of their morals and behaviour towards the Church of England; being an answer to the Defence of the Dissenters Education*. London: R. Clavel & J. Knaplock, 1704. (L7)

first pamphlet in collection signed

Wesley, Samuel Sr. (1662–1735). *A Reply to Mr. Palmer’s Vindication of the Learning, Loyalty, Morals, and most Christian Behaviour of the Dissenters towards the Church of England*. London: R. Clavel, 1707. (L7)

first pamphlet in collection signed

Young, Arthur (1741–1820). *A Tour in Ireland*. 2 vols. Dublin: George Bonham, 1780. (M18–19)

**“J.W. 1783”**

Young, Edward (1683–1765). *The Centaur not Fabulous; in six letters to a friend, on the life in vogue*. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Dublin: Wilson & Exshaw, 1755. (D18)

**“J.W. 1756”**

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