BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Joseph Priestley was born on 13 March 1733 to Jonas and Mary Swift Priestley. Jonas Priestley was a dyer and dresser of woolen cloth. Joseph’s mother died when he was young, so much of his early education was provided by his aunt, Sarah Keighley. He went on to study at a local grammar school, and in 1751 entered Daventry Academy.

In September 1755 he obtained a parish in Needham Market, Surrey, and he was finally ordained on 18 May 1762. He was called as a tutor to Warrington Academy and taught modern history and languages from 1762 to 1767. He married Mary Wilkinson on 23 June 1762, shortly after beginning work at Warrington. For reasons regarding Mary’s health, the two of them moved to Mill Hill in 1767 where Joseph obtained another congregation.

Lord Shelburne (William Petty) hired Priestley as his librarian in 1772, retaining his services until 1780. Priestley then moved on to the New Meeting congregation in Birmingham where he remained until the Birmingham Riot of July 1791. During the riot, Joseph Priestley’s home was burned, he and his family narrowly escaping. The family settled in London for a few years, but sailed for the United States in 1794.

Joseph Priestley was a well known figure in his day, and therefore was greeted with much attention when he reached America. After being received in New York, Priestley moved on to Philadelphia, a city of which he was not very fond. He decided to move to central Pennsylvania and purchased land in Northumberland, where his son, Joseph Priestley, Jr., had already settled. In 1795 Henry, Joseph and Mary’s youngest son, died at the age of eighteen. Mary herself passed away the following year, both deaths seriously affecting Priestley.

For the ten years that he lived in the United States, Joseph Priestley continued to write, perform experiments, correspond with friends and colleagues, and occasionally preach to
Unitarian congregations. He died on 6 February 1804 at home in Northumberland.

Joseph Priestley is perhaps best known for his discovery of oxygen while performing experiments with gases in 1774. Ultimately, Priestley identified nine distinct gases, including carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide. He is credited with developing a sound method for infusing carbon dioxide into water, thus establishing himself as the father of carbonation. He met Benjamin Franklin in 1765 in London, at which time Franklin reputedly encouraged Priestley to continue experiments he was conducting with electricity. Priestley also met Antoine Lavoisier, apparently in Paris in 1774 shortly after isolating oxygen. It is believed that Lavoisier expanded on Priestley’s experiments in this area.

Science, however, was really only ever a hobby of Priestley’s, his primary interest being theological studies. He was forever reexamining doctrine, constantly publishing his opinions, occasionally preaching, and often times altering his religious views. He produced a voluminous body of writing, publishing on subjects as varied as politics and philosophy, electricity and other scientific matters, history and biography, and, of course, theology. He can be considered, in many ways, to have been a Renaissance man of his age.

**COLLECTION DESCRIPTION**

The Joseph Priestley Family Collection is housed in two document boxes, sixteen photograph folders, six oversized folders, four artifact boxes, and includes four oversized artifacts, and 196 books. A descendant of Joseph Priestley, Mrs. Temple Fay, donated this collection to Dickinson College in 1964. The books are individually cataloged and accessible through the online library catalog; a list of these books is also included as an appendix at the end of this collection register. The other materials in this collection are organized into six basic categories: Articles, Correspondence, Images, Miscellaneous Materials, Photographs, and Artifacts.

The Articles section of this collection includes both published and unpublished works. The articles are arranged alphabetically by author, or by publication title if authorship is in question. Most of the articles were written by or about Joseph Priestley, but a few of the articles revolve around Priestley’s descendants. Of note are several articles from The Medical Repository from 1799 through 1805, some of which were authored by Joseph Priestley while others were written by contemporaries of Priestley in response to his experiments and scientific papers. Also included in this section is Priestley’s letter “To the Inhabitants of the Town of Birmingham,” published in the Birmingham & Stafford Chronicle, July 19, 1791.

The Correspondence section of this collection includes a few letters by Joseph Priestley himself, but the bulk of the letters are by Priestley’s descendants, particularly Joseph Priestley Jr. and Joseph Rayner Priestley. The correspondence are arranged alphabetically by author, and then chronologically. When possible, enclosures have been kept with their letters.

The Images section of the collection includes engravings, drawings, and prints of various types depicting Joseph Priestley.

The Miscellaneous Materials section includes banknotes, bookplates of Joseph Priestley and various descendants, bibliographies, drawings of various subjects, obituaries and postcards. These materials are arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Several oversized folders, designated OC 1998.1, contain an article from the National Bottler’s Gazette, a published letter of Joseph Priestley’s in the National Gazette and Literary
Register, as well as obituaries for Joseph and Timothy Priestley. Also included are numerous letters of Joseph Priestley, Jr. and Sarah Priestley Wainwright, which are arranged alphabetically by author, and then chronologically. One oversized folder contains an engraved image of Thomas Priestley and a study sketch for a sculpture of Joseph Priestley; another contains miscellaneous materials such as deeds of sale for various houses and lots in Philadelphia and Northumberland and a political cartoon. One oversized box containing photographs and one oversized box containing the pages of a scrapbook of clippings have also been separately arranged.

The Photographs, designated PC 1998.1, have been separated from the collection of papers and are housed in folders within the Dickinson College photo collection. The photos include images of Joseph Priestley and his wife, images of descendants, and notable landmarks regarding Joseph Priestley’s life. The photographs are arranged alphabetically by folder title.

The Artifacts, designated AC 1998.1, have been separated from the collection of papers and are housed in four boxes within the Dickinson College artifact collection. These artifacts include various items that purportedly belonged to Joseph Priestley, such as a snuff box and a barrel organ, as well as commemorative items such as medals and statues. Several of these items feature the famous Wedgwood profile of Priestley, created by his friend Josiah Wedgwood. Among these items are five medallions, two intaglio seals, and three seal gems. In addition, four items have been designated as Oversized, and are on permanent display: the barrel organ, the Peale portrait of Priestley, and the two Priestley statues.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 1998.1

ARTICLES

Folder 01) Aikin, Anna Letitia (Mrs. Rochemont Barbauld) “The Mouse’s Petition,”
The Annual Register, 1773
Braisted, William Clarence, “Joseph and Benjamin, or Scientific Opportunities and Civic Obligations,” June 5, 1920
Catalog of Books Written by Dr. Priestley, 1816
Henry, William, “An Estimate of the Philosophical Character of Dr. Priestley,” September 28, 1831
Illustrated London News, Article and Illustration, August 8, 1874
Maclean, John, “Two Lectures on Combustion....”Medical Repository, 1797
Medical Repository, Obituary, 1804
Priestley, Hannah Taggart (Mrs. Catlin), “Family traditions of Dr. Joseph Priestley”
ARTICLES (cont.)
Folder 02) Priestley, Joseph
   “To the Inhabitants of the Town of Birmingham,” Birmingham & Stafford Chronicle, July 19, 1791 (On verso, Captain James Keir’s “To the Printer of the Birmingham & Stafford Chronicle, July 20, 1791)
   Medical Repository, Articles from 1797 to 1800

Folder 03) Priestley, Joseph
   Medical Repository, Articles from 1801 to 1805

Folder 04) Priestley, Joseph
   Transactions of the American Philosophical Society, Articles from 1788 to 1804

Folder 05) Smith, Edgar F., Offprint from Science, vol. 44, 1926
   Smith, Edgar F., “Priestleyana”
   The Westminster Magazine, January 1782
   Woodhouse, James, M.D., Medical Repository, 1799

CORRESPONDENCE
Folder 06) Barton, Lucinda (Mrs. Joseph Priestley, Jr.)
   Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Jan. 29, 1826
   Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - July 13, 1826
   Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - July 2, 1841
   Belloc, Hilaire
   Letter to Joseph Priestley Button - April 2, 1923
   Letter to Mrs. Joseph Priestley Button (Amelia White Hutchinson) - April 12, 1923
   Letter to Mrs. Joseph Priestley Button - May 28, 1923
   Letter to Joseph Priestley Button - May 2, 1925

Folder 07) Biddle, Frances Dundas (Mrs. Joseph Rayner Priestley)
   Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Jan. 28, 1817
   Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Feb. 10, 1817
   Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Feb. 14, 1817
   Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Feb. 17, 1817
   Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Feb. 26 (no year)
   Chandler, Charles Lyon
   Letter to Joseph Priestley Button - April 12, 1927
   Letter to Mrs. Joseph Priestley Button - May 27, 1937
   Dunbar, William
   Letter to Mrs. M. Priestley - Jan. 2, 1840
   Duveen, Denis I.
   Letter to Dr. Temple Fay - Oct. 15, 1953
   Letter to Dr. Temple Fay - Oct. 23, 1953
   Letter to Dr. Temple Fay - April 28, 1954

Folder 08) Fay, Temple
   Letter to John F. Fulton - May 14, 1954
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CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

Foulke, Margaret (Mrs. William Priestley) (cont.)
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Jan. 15, 1840

Fulton, John Farquhar
Letter to Mrs. Joseph Priestley Button - May 10, 1937
Letter to Mrs. Joseph Priestley Button - May 27, 1937
Letter to Mrs. Joseph Priestley Button - June 5, 1937
Letter to Mrs. Joseph Priestley Button - June 10, 1937
Letter to Mrs. Joseph Priestley Button - June 19, 1937
Letter to Mrs. Joseph Priestley Button - June 25, 1937
Letter to Mrs. Joseph Priestley Button - Sept. 9, 1937
Letter to Temple Fay - June 30, 1953
Letter to Temple Fay - May 30, 1954
Letter to Mrs. Joseph Priestley Button - Jan. 31, 1940
   Enclosures:
   Yale University Library Gazette, January 1940
   “Harvey Cushing: Resolutions and Appreciations,” from
   Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine, Jan. 1940
   “Harvey Cushing: an Appreciation,” from Scientific
   Monthly, November 1939
Letter to Mrs. Joseph Priestley Button - March 20, 1940

Furness, William Henry
Letter to Joseph Priestley Button - Dec. 12, 1889
Letter to Joseph Priestley Button - Feb. 5, 1892.

Folder 09) Hart, Charles Henry
Letter to Joseph Priestley Button - June 16, 1914
Letter to Joseph Priestley Button - June 20, 1914

Martineau, James
Letter to the Rev. J. Page Hopps - March 15, 1883

Parkes, Joseph
Fragment of letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - undated
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Feb. 18, 1824

Phillips, Francis Clifford
Letter to Jean B. Priestley - Dec. 16, 1915
Letter to Joseph Priestley Button - March 29, 1916
Letter to Joseph Priestley Button - April 7, 1916
Letter to Joseph Priestley Button - May 10, 1916
Letter to Joseph Priestley Button - June 21, 1916
Letter to Joseph Priestley Button - July 15, 1916
CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

Folder 09) Phillips, Francis Clifford (cont.)
Letter to Joseph Priestley Button - Nov. 10, 1916
Letter to Joseph Priestley Button - Nov. 29, 1916
Letter to Conyers Button - July 12, 1919
Letter to Conyers Button - July 12, 1919

Folder 10) Priestley, Elizabeth Rayner (Mrs. Joseph Parkes)
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - May 31, 1816
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Feb. 28, 1817
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - June 20, 1817
Letter to Mrs. Joseph Rayner Priestley - Feb. 27, 1819
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - April 6, 1820
(On verso, letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley from Joseph Priestley, Jr.)
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Dec. 4, 1821
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Sept. 16, 1822
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Dec. 14, 1837
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - May 16, 1839
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Feb. 16, 1841
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - August 23, 1844
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - March 1, 1846

Folder 11) Priestley, Joseph
Letter to the Duke of Northumberland - c. 1767
   Included is a letter of commentary from Henry Carrington
   Bolton to Conyers Button - Oct. 1, 1885
Letter to the Rev. William Frend - Nov. 1790
Letter to “Dear Sir” - July 26, 1791
Letter to Thomas Wedgwood - Oct. 18, 1791
Letter to Samuel Latham Mitchell - Aug. 15, 1799
Letter to James Taylor - (postscript only) - 1803

Folder 12) Priestley, Joseph, Jr.
Letter to John Beckley - May 19, 1803
Letter to John Smith - Aug. 29, 1803
Letter to Nicholas LaFevre - Aug. 31, 1807
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - May 18, 1816
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - May 29, 1816
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - June 23, 1816
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Jan. 27, 1818
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Feb. 8, 1819
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Dec. 29, 1820
CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

Folder 13) Priestley, Joseph, Jr.
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Feb. 16, 1821
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Feb. 27, 1821
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - July 12, 1821
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Dec. 14, 1821
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - July 13, 1824
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Aug. 14, 1824
(Note included from Joseph Parkes)
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Sept. 8, 1824
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Oct. 5, 1824
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Oct. 27, 1824
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Dec. 22, 1824

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CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

Folder 01) Priestley, Joseph, Jr.
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - July 22, 1825
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Jan. 17, 1826
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Jan. 31, 1826
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Feb. 7, 1826
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - March 3, 1826
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - May 1, 1826
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - June 12, 1826
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - July 13, 1826
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Sept. 26, 1826
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - May 19, 1827

Folder 02) Priestley, Joseph Rayner
Letter to Joseph Priestley, Jr. - April 8, 1826
Letter to Joseph Priestley, Jr. - Aug. 27, 1826
Letter to Joseph Priestley, Jr. - Nov. 26, 1826

Folder 03) Priestley, Marianne (Mrs. William Bowen)
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Sept. 28, 18?8
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - August 6, 1816
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - March 1, 1817
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - April 7, 1817
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - July 24, 1820
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - March 11, 1821
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Sept. 26, 1823
CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

Folder 04)  Priestley, Marianne (Mrs. William Bowen)
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Sept. 4, 1824
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - May 19, 1826
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Dec. 10, 1837
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Jan. 8, 1839 (On verso,
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley from William Bowen)
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - May 15, 1839 (On verso,
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley from William Bowen)
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Jan. 18, 1841 (On verso,
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley from William Bowen)
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - July 12, 1841
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - May 17, 1844

Folder 05)  Priestley, Sarah (Mrs. Robert Wainwright)
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - July 17, 1820
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - July 6, 1837
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Dec. 10, 1837
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Aug. 27, 1838
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Sept. 16, 1838
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - May 16, 1839
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Aug. 10, 1839
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Nov. 13, 1839

Folder 06)  Priestley, Sarah (Mrs. Robert Wainwright)
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Jan. 2, 1840
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - April 10, 1840
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Feb. 1841
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - July 4, 1841
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Sept. 6, 1841
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - May 2, 1842
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - July 15, 1842
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - July 27, 1843

Folder 07)  Priestley, Sarah (Mrs. Robert Wainwright)
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Oct. 28, 1844
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - May 20, 1845
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Dec. 10, 1845
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - undated

Folder 08)  Priestley, William
Letter to William Todd - April 23, 1717
Radcliffe, J.A. Hurst
Letter to Joseph Priestley Button - Sept. 11, 1911
Ryland, James
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - June 27, 1822
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CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)
Folder 08) Vaughan, John
        Letter to Joseph Priestley Jr. - Nov. 22, 1821
        Vaughan, Samuel
        Letter to the Rev. Dr. John Andrews - Mar. 31, 1794
Wainwright, Sarah Priestley (cont.)
        Letter to Conyers Button - Nov. 1, 1912
        Letter to Conyers Button - Dec. 11, 1912
Wood, Samuel
        Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Sept. 27, 1815

IMAGES
Folder 09) Priestley, Joseph
        Engravings - Miscellaneous
Folder 10) Priestley, Joseph
        Portraits - Opie Type and Stuart Type
Folder 11) Priestley, Joseph
        Portraits - Wedgwood Type and Mezzotint

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS
Folder 12) Bank Notes - May 1, 1862
        Signed by Joseph Rayner Priestley
        Bibliographies
        Library of Dr. Temple Fay, 1954
        Library of Mrs. Joseph Priestley Button, 1937
        Library of Dr. Harvey Cushing, 1941
Folder 13) Biddle, Frances Dundas (Mrs. Joseph Rayner Priestley)
        The Children in the Wood, inscribed book
        Bookplates
        Bookplates of Joseph Priestley, Joseph Priestley, Jr., Jane Dundas
        Priestley and Joseph Priestley Button
        Button, Joseph Priestley
        Agreement for Priestley Bust - Oct. 11, 1895
        Button, Jane Dundas Priestley
        Poem from Samuel Longfellow
Folder 14) Drawings and engravings of various subjects
Folder 15) First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia - Assorted Papers
Folder 16) Obituaries
Folder 17) Postcards
Folder 18) Priestley Monument - Assorted Papers
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Articles
Folder 01) Poulson’s American Daily Advertiser - Nov. 22, 1815
Obituary of Timothy Priestley
National Gazette and Literary Register - Nov. 13, 1833
Letter of Joseph Priestley to Rev. Joseph Berrington, 1804
National Gazette and Literary Register - Nov. 21, 1833
Obituary of Joseph Priestley, Jr.
National Bottler’s Gazette - April 1882
Sketch of the life of Joseph Priestley

Correspondence
Folder 02) Priestley, Joseph, Jr.
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Feb. 22, 1820
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Mar. 29, 1820
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - April 20, 1820
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Aug. 29, 1820
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Sept. 9, 1820
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Sept. 19, 1820
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Oct. 29, 1820
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Nov. 28, 1820

Folder 03) Priestley, Joseph, Jr.
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Mar. 28, 1821
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Sept. 4, 1822
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Jan. 1, 1824
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Mar. 24, 1824
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Mar 27, 1824

Folder 04) Priestley, Sarah (Mrs. Robert Wainwright)
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Sept. 12, 1822
Letter to Joseph Rayner Priestley - Nov. 1, 1837
Letter to Mrs. Joseph Rayner Priestley - June 4, 1839

Images
Folder 05) Priestley, Joseph
Sketch for a sculpture by Frances Darlington

Folder 06) Priestley, Thomas
Portrait, engraving

Miscellaneous
Folder 06) Priestley, Joseph
Political cartoon - May 2, 1792
Deed of sale to John Phillip DeGruchy - Jan. 31, 1800
Deeds of sale (2) to Abraham Carlile - July 31, 1850
Deed of sale from Abraham Carlile - Aug. 26, 1851
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PHOTOGRAPHS
Folder 01) Priestley, Joseph - Frontispiece Reproduction
Folder 02) Priestley, Joseph - House, Northumberland, PA
Folder 03) Priestley, Joseph - Memorial Tablet
Folder 04) Priestley, Joseph - Portrait
Folder 05) Priestley, Joseph - Statue, Birstall, Yorkshire
Folder 06) Priestley, Joseph - Statue by Frances Darlington (2)
Folder 07) Priestley, Joseph - Statue, Birmingham (miniature)
Folder 08) Priestley, Joseph and Antoine Lavoisier - Engraving

OVERSIZED BOX 2 - OC 1998.1

SCRAPBOOK
Folder 01) Scrapbook (1816-1933)

PHOTOGRAPHS - PC 1998.1
Folder 01) Birthplace of Joseph Priestley
Folder 02) Grave of Joseph Priestley
Folder 03) Home of Joseph Priestley - Birmingham, England
Folder 04) Home of Joseph Priestley - Northumberland, PA
Folder 05) Memorial Tablet of Joseph Priestley - Philadelphia, PA
Folder 06) Memorial Tablet of Joseph Priestley - Warrington
Folder 07) Parkes, Elizabeth Rayner (Mrs. Louis Swanton Belloc)
Folder 08) Priestley, Joseph - Caricature
Folder 09) Priestley, Joseph - Portrait
Folder 10) Priestley, Joseph - Portrait, Peale-type
Folder 11) Priestley, Joseph - Portrait, Stuart-type
Folder 12) Priestley, Joseph - Portrait, Vaughn-type
Folder 13) Priestley, Joseph - Statue, Birmingham
Folder 14) Priestley, Joseph - Statue, Oxford
Folder 15) Priestley, Sarah (Mrs. Robert Wainwright)
Folder 16) Scientific Apparatus - Northumberland, PA
Folder 17) Unitarian Church of Philadelphia - Joseph Priestley Memorial
Folder 18) Wilkinson, Mary (Mrs. Joseph Priestley) – Portrait

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ARTIFACTS
Item 01) Snuff box: papier maché, riverside scene painted on hinged lid
Item 02) Medals (2): copper, Priestley profile, “ Citizen of the World”
ARTIFACTS (cont.)

Item 03)  Medals (3): silver, white, copper, Priestley profile by John G. Hancock

Item 04)  Medal: copper with Priestley profile and inscription, Unitarian Church

Item 05)  Wedgwood intaglio seals (2): Priestley profile in light and dark amber

Item 06)  Wedgwood seal gems (3): Priestley profile in salmon, lavender, and green

Item 07)  Wax seal: red wax, “Newman, 24 Soho Square” (mounted on cork)

Item 08)  Wedgwood wax seals (2): red wax with Priestley profile (mounted on card)

Item 09)  Electrotype seal: Priestley coat of arms in gilded silver, blue fabric frame

Item 10)  Plaster cast: Hancock medal

Item 11)  Plaster cast: “Greatheads…Meeting at Warwick, May 31, 1797” (with case)

Item 12)  Plaster cast: “The End of Three Loggerheads” (with case)

Item 13)  Wedgwood medallion: white Priestley profile on black basalt, in shadowbox

Item 14)  Wedgwood medallion: brass Priestley profile on brass oval, framed

Item 15)  Wedgwood medallion: black Priestley profile on “black leather” oval, framed

Item 16)  Medallion: painted glass oval, “Etruscan Profile” by Jacob Spornberg, framed

Item 17)  Hand crank: brass with glass shaft

Item 18)  Tube: large glass “S” shaped tube with tempered stopper

ARTIFACTS (cont.)

Item 19)  Bust: plaster bust of Priestley signed “P. Berni, Birmingham”

ARTIFACTS (cont.)

Item 20)  Wedgwood medallion: large white Priestley profile on blue oval, framed

ARTIFACTS (cont.)

Item 21)  Wedgwood medallion: large white Priestley profile on white oval, framed

ARTIFACTS (cont.)

Item 22)  Barrel organ: wooden box with brass pipes and hand crank

Item 23)  Statue: white plaster of Priestley standing, by F. J. Williamson, 1874

Item 24)  Statue: bronze model for seated Priestley statue by Frances Darlington, c1900

Item 25)  Portrait: painting on canvas of Priestley by Rembrandt Peale, framed

Item 26)  Portrait: proof impression of engraving by Thomas Holloway, after Artaud, framed

Item 27)  Portrait: lithograph by Albert Rosenthal after Gilbert Stuart, framed

This collection register was prepared by Jane M. Schroeder, October 1998.
APPENDIX - Bibliography of Books in the Joseph Priestley Collection

The following is a list of the books which formed a part of the gift of Marion Hutchinson Button (Mrs. Temple Fay) to Dickinson College. The bibliographic entry for each book is followed by the call number indicating the physical location of the book within Special Collections. The books are listed by order of their call numbers.


Priestley, Joseph. *An Examination of Dr. Reid’s Inquiry ..., Dr. Beattie’s Essay ..., and Dr. Oswald’s Appeal ...*. London: J. Johnson, 1774. [SC-Priestley 192 P949e]

Priestley, Joseph. *An Examination of Dr. Reid’s Inquiry ..., Dr. Beattie’s Essay ..., and Dr. Oswald’s Appeal ...*. London: J. Johnson, 1775. [SC-Priestley 192 P949e2]


Priestley, Joseph. *Notes on All the Books of Scripture, for the use of the Pulpit and Private Families*. Northumberland: Andrew Kennedy, 1803. [SC-Priestley 220.7 P949 v.1, c.1-3; v.2-4, c.1-2]

*Biblia Hebraica sine punctis*. Amstlaedami, G. Borstius and F. Halma; Ultrajecti, G. Van de Water: 1701. [SC-Priestley 221 B582L]


Geddes, Alexander. *Letter to the Rev. Dr. Priestley; in which the author attempts to prove, by one prescriptive argument, that the divinity of Jesus Christ was a primitive tenet of Christianity*. London: Alexander Geddes, 1787. [SC-Priestley 232.8 G295]


Priestley, Joseph. *A General View of the Arguments for the Unity of God; and Against the Divinity and Pre-existence of Christ, from reason, from the scriptures, and from history*. Birmingham, England: Piercy and Jones, 1783. [SC-Priestley 232.8 P949]


Priestley, Joseph. *Letters to a Young Man, Occasioned by Mr. Wakefield’s Essay on Public Worship . . . .*. London: J. Johnson, 1792. [SC-Priestley 248.3 P949.2]


Priestley, Joseph. *Discourses on Various Subjects, including several on Particular Occasions*. Birmingham, England: Pearson and Rollason, 1787. [SC-Priestley 252 P949d c.3]


Vaughan, E. T. A Sermon Preached at the Parish Church of St. Andrew by the Wardrobe and St. Anne Blackfriars, on Tuesday, May 2, 1815, Before the Church Missionary Society . . . London: Whittingham and Rowland, 1815. [SC-Priestley 252 V365]


Priestley, Joseph. An Address to Protestant Dissenters, On the Subject of giving the Lord’s Supper to Children. London: J. Johnson, 1773. [SC-Priestley 265 P949f]

Priestley, Joseph. A Free Address to Protestant Dissenters, on the Subject of the Lord’s Supper . . . London: J. Johnson, 1774. [SC-Priestley 265 P949f]


Priestley, Joseph. A General History of the Christian Church From the Fall of the Western Empire to the Present Time. Northumberland, Pennsylvania: Andrew Kennedy, 1802-3. [SC-Priestley 270 P94.2 v.1, c.2; v.2, c.3; v.3-4, c.2]


Priestley, Joseph. Letters to the Author of Remarks on Several late Publications relative to the Dissenters, In a Letter to Dr. Priestley. London: J. Johnson, 1770. [SC-Priestley 274.2 P949f]


Belsham, Thomas. *American Unitarianism; or a Brief History of The Progress and Present State of the Unitarian Churches in America*. Boston: Nathaniel Willis, 1815. [SC-Priestley 288 B452]


Ware, Henry Jr. *Views of Christian Truth, Piety, and Morality, Selected from the Writings of Dr. Priestley*. Cambridge: James Munroe and Company, 1834. [SC-Priestley 288 P949v]


Morgan, William. *A Comparative View of the Public Finances, From the Beginning to Close of the Late Administration*. London: Oriental Press, 1803. [SC-Priestley 336 M849]


*The Priestley Memorial at Birmingham, August 1874*. London: Longmans, Green, Reader, and Dyer, 1875. [SC-Priestley 540 P949P]


Volney, Constantin. *Volney’s Ruins; or, Meditation on the Revolutions of Empires*. Boston: Charles Gaylord, 1833. [SC-Priestley 900 V928]

Volney, Constantin. *Volney’s Ruins; or, Meditation on the Revolutions of Empires*. Boston: Charles Gaylord, 1835. [SC-Priestley 900 V928.2]


*An Historical and Descriptive Sketch of Birmingham*. . . . Birmingham, England: Beilby, Knott, and Beilby, 1830. [SC-Priestley 942 H673]


*New Lights on Jacobinism, abstracted from Professor Robinson’s History of Free masonry with an Appendix . . .*. Birmingham, England: E. Piercy, 1798. [SC-Priestley 944.04 N532]


Franklin, Benjamin. *The Private Correspondence of Benjamin Franklin . . .*. London: Henry Colburn, 1817. [SC-Priestley 973.3 F831p v.1-2]