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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Nichols Family
<b>Title:</b>	Nichols family papers
<b>ID:</b>	4079164
<b>ID:</b>	MS#0933
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1713-1874
<b>Physical Description:</b>	11 boxes 11 boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Nichols family papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Summary

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Correspondence, manuscripts, and documents relating to the printing firm of John Nichols and Son, covering a period from 1713, when the original firm of William Bowyer, the Elder (1663-1737), was burned, until the death of John Gough Nichols in 1873. The correspondence concerns primarily the social and domestic affairs of John Nichols (1745-1826) and of his family from 1766 to 1812. Scattered letters from business associates and minor authors are included, among them a group of letters from John Pridden (1758-1825), author and antiquary. The correspondence of John Bowyer Nichols (1779-1863) concerns the Nichols firm from 1799 to 1855. There are also several letters of, and relating to, William Bowyer (1699-1777), the senior partner of John Nichols. The collection also contains a volume of letters of condolence written at the time of John Nichols' death. The manuscripts in the collection consist primarily of the poetry of John Nichols, much of which was published in newspapers of the late 18th century. The manuscripts of John Bowyer Nichols concern his father and family. There are also contracts, bills, receipts, accounts, pamphlets, broadsides, engravings, and a group of 277 portraits.

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## Arrangement

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Cataloged and arranged.

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### Revision Description

Added box list. kws 2019-06-18

### Restrictions on Access

This collection is located on-site.

### Restrictions on Access

Researchers must use the microfilm copy of this collection. Request MN#81-0859.

### Alternate Form Available

Microfilm available. MN#81-0859.

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## Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Typographic Library. Accession number--M-59.

## Ownership and Custodial History

The items in this collection were mounted in seven scrapbooks, bearing the annotations of John Bowyer Nichols. It is likely that they once formed part of a series called "Family Records", gathered and bound by J.B. Nichols during the mid-nineteenth century and later sold at auction by Sotheby's.

## Processing Information

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 08/--/1989.

## Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact [rbml@columbia.edu](mailto:rbml@columbia.edu) for more information.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Families -- England -- London
- Publishers and publishing -- England -- London
- Authors
- Antiquarians
- London (England) -- Social life and customs -- 18th century
- London (England) -- Social life and customs -- 19th century
- London (England) -- Commerce
- Poems
- Broad sides (notices)
- Engravings (prints)
- Portraits
- Bowyer, William, 1663-1737
- Bowyer, William, 1699-1777

- Nichols, John, 1745-1826
- Nichols, J. B (John Bowyer), 1779-1863
- Nichols, John Gough, 1806-1873
- Pridden, John, 1758-1825
- J. Nichols and Son

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## Collection Inventory

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Nichols family papers	
Title/Description	Instances
Correspondence A -G	box 1
Correspondence H - N(i)	box 2
Correspondence N(ii)	box 3
Correspondence N(iii)	box 4
Correspondence O - END	box 5
Documents	box 6
Manuscripts	box 7
"Tributes to John Nichols, 1826"	box 8
Misc. 1	box 9
Misc. 2	box 10
Misc. 3	box 11

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