

# **Hopkins family collection**

## **MS.0078**

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository</b>       | Special Collections   |
| <b>Creator</b>          | French, John Calvin, 1875-  |
| <b>Creator</b>          | Hopkins (Johns) Family  |
| <b>Creator</b>          | Hopkins, Elizabeth, 1802-1889   |
| <b>Creator</b>          | Hopkins, Johns, 1795-1873   |
| <b>Title</b>            | Hopkins Family collection   |
| <b>Date [inclusive]</b> | 1714-2005   |
| <b>Extent</b>           | 1.5 Cubic feet 1 document box, 1 photograph box, 1 flat box   |
| <b>Language</b>         | English   |
| <b>Abstract</b>         | Johns Hopkins (1795-1873) was a highly successful Baltimore merchant and philanthropist. He left much of his wealth to found a university and hospital in Baltimore. This collection contains manuscripts, photographs and printed material by or about Johns Hopkins and his ancestors, 1743-2005. |

### Preferred Citation

[Name of folder or item], [Date], [Box number], [Folder number], [Collection title], [Collection number], Special Collections, The Johns Hopkins University.

## Biographical Note

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Johns Hopkins (1795-1873) was a highly successful Baltimore merchant and philanthropist. He left much of his wealth to found a university and hospital in Baltimore. Both institutions bear his name. Hopkins was the second of eleven children born to Samuel and Hannah Janney Hopkins. Samuel's ancestors came to Virginia from Great Britain in the mid-1600s, and joined the Society of Friends (Quakers) after hearing George Fox preach. Several branches of the family moved across the Potomac into Maryland in the 1700s. Samuel and Hannah raised their family on a farm in Anne Arundel County known as Whitehall (or White's Hall), named for the original owner, Jerome White. The family grew tobacco as a cash crop and owned slaves until 1807 when, following the admonition of the Society of Friends, they freed their slaves. Due to the loss of labor, the older children had to quit school to work the fields, and Johns' formal schooling thus ended at the age of twelve. Johns had an uncle, Gerard, who was a merchant in Baltimore and in 1812, Johns moved to the city and began his business career assisting his uncle in a dry goods establishment.

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## Scope and Contents note

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This collection contains manuscripts, photographs and printed material by or about Johns Hopkins and his ancestors, 1743-2005. It is an artificial collection created to draw together the various Hopkins related materials that were donated to or purchased by the Library. The earliest papers in this collection are legal documents such as land deeds, wills, and the marriage contract of Hopkins's parents. Especially interesting is the 1807 indenture apprenticing two boys to Samuel Hopkins. There are also four letters (1826-40) written by Hopkins's mother Hannah Janney Hopkins and the family bible in which she recorded the names of her children with their birth and some death dates. Other related items are a copy of a book (1844) owned by Joseph S. Hopkins and a group of 39 carte de visites and 13 ferretypes dating from the mid- to late nineteenth century. Only one of the images is identified, that of Pricilla Hopkins (b. 1785). The items were donated by a grand-niece of Hopkins's and presumably are Hopkins family members or friends. The papers of Johns Hopkins are largely personal letters he wrote which were later donated to the University. These include letters (1855) to Emily Turpin and letters (1858-61) to [Margaret] Beyere. A brief glimpse of Hopkins's business life comes in the letters (1870-73) he wrote to W.H.D. Alcock. Other items include a few incoming letters, his will, a deed to a lot in Greenmount Cemetery, resolutions passed on his death, and signatures clipped from letters or documents he signed. There are several portrait photographs of Hopkins and his home "Clifton." The collection also includes material about Johns Hopkins such as reminiscences, newspaper clippings, and genealogical material. In 2008, a ledger from the company of Alexander Reid was added to the collection. The ledger documents some business transactions with Johns Hopkins by Reid.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Special Collections

### Conditions Governing Access note

This collection is housed off-site and requires 48-hours' notice for retrieval. Contact [archives@lists.johnshopkins.edu](mailto:archives@lists.johnshopkins.edu) for more information.

Collection is open for use.

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition note

This is an artificial collection made up of various donations and purchases. The source of all the items is not known. Some material was transferred from the University's Alumni Records Office in 1972, and other items were donated to the Library because of their association with the University's founder Johns Hopkins. A list of the known donors, purchases, and transfers is in Appendix I. The ledger of Alexander Reid, donated in 2008, was a gift of Neil Seidman.

### Processing Information note

Processed by Jordon Steele and Emily Davidson, from April to June 2015. Additional processing by Annie Tang in November 2015.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Materials note

Much of the material in this collection was collected by the University Librarian and historian John C. French. His collection of papers, MS.0070, contains much of his research and writings on Johns Hopkins based on the material in Ms. 78. An interesting reminiscence on Johns Hopkins and his philanthropy is

John Work Garrett's speech to the Baltimore Y.M.C.A. on its thirtieth anniversary in 1883. A photostatic copy of this speech is in MS.0137, series 1.

Johns Hopkins hired the firm of McGill & Woodward to collect money owed to his firm Hopkins Bros. & Co. Invoices and receipts for Hopkins Bros. are part of the McGill Papers in MS.0043.

For family papers related to descendants of Hannah Janney, mother of Johns Hopkins, see the Janney family papers, MS.0572.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Genre(s)

- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Deeds
- Diaries
- Photographs
- Poems
- Reminiscences
- Signatures (names)
- Wills

### Personal Name(s)

- Alcock, W. H. D.
- Beyere, Margaret
- Hopkins, Gerard T.
- Hopkins, Hanna Janney, 1774-1846
- Hopkins, Johns, 1795-1873
- Hopkins, Joseph S.
- Hopkins, Samuel, 1759-1814
- Reid, Alexander, active 2008
- Turpin, Emily

### Subject(s)

- Apprentices--Maryland

- Courtship--Maryland
- Johns Hopkins University
- Merchants--Archives
- Philanthropists--Archives

## Manuscript material, clippings, and ephemera

## Collection Inventory

## Manuscript material, clippings, and ephemera 1743-2005

Endorsement of Gerrard Hopkins will 1743

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
|--------|------------|---------------|
| Folder | 1          | 1             |

Samuel Hopkins apprentice indenture 1807 November 16

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 2             |

Johns Hopkins membership to meeting of Western District, signed by Basil Brooke 1813 September 17

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 3             |

Gerard Hopkins letter to Thomas [Gilman?] 1816 May 13

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## Manuscript material, clippings, and ephemera

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Johns Hopkins letter to "Eliza" and "Dear Sister" 1818 November 28

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 5             |

**Scope and Contents note**

Johns Hopkins letter to Henry Crew 1833 July 16

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 6             |

**Scope and Contents note**

Johns Hopkins letter to "Jane" 1851

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 7             |

Johns Hopkins letters to Margaret Beyere 1858-1861

## Manuscript material, clippings, and ephemera

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 8             |

**Scope and Contents note**

George William Brown letter to Johns Hopkins 1867 August 31

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 9             |

Johns Hopkins letters 1870-1873

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 10            |

**Scope and Contents note**

Johns Hopkins letters 1853-1857

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 11            |

**Scope and Contents note**

## Manuscript material, clippings, and ephemera

Hannah Hopkins letter to Phillip Hopkins 1826-1832

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 12            |

**Scope and Contents note**

Hannah Hopkins letter to Phillip Hopkins and Johns Hopkins 1839-1840

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| Folder | 1          | 13            |

**Scope and Contents note**

Unidentified correspondent 1859 February 20

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 14            |

Jerome Bonaparte receipt and copy of Philip Reese Uhler letter to Johns Hopkins 1861-1866

## Manuscript material, clippings, and ephemera

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| Folder | 1          | 15            |

**Scope and Contents note**

Ellicott-Hopkins land deed, bank check, and unidentified correspondence 1836-1863

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 16            |

**Scope and Contents note**

Johns Hopkins letter to Edwin M. Stanton 1866 June 5

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 17            |

Johns Hopkins deeds and receipt for lots in Greenmount Cemetery 1870 June 10

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 18            |

Johns Hopkins clipped signatures undated

## Manuscript material, clippings, and ephemera

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 19            |

**Scope and Contents note**

Johns Hopkins' will 1873 December 27

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 20            |

**Scope and Contents note**

Resolution on death of Johns Hopkins from First National Bank of Baltimore 1873 December 30

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 21            |

Newspaper clippings related to Johns Hopkins 1875-1971

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 22            |

Reminiscences on Johns Hopkins 1876

## Manuscript material, clippings, and ephemera

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| Folder | 1          | 23            |

**Scope and Contents note**

"Johns Hopkins and His Money" by Herman Holst 1879

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 24            |

"Johns Hopkins" address by Langdon Williams 1886

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 25            |

Alexandre Dulanski tributes to Johns Hopkins 1888

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 26            |

"The Embryonic History of the Johns Hopkins University of Baltimore" by Joseph Parrish 1890  
November 25

**Manuscript material, clippings, and ephemera**


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|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 27            |

"How to Take Care of Your Money" brochure from Merchants National Bank dedicated to Johns Hopkins 1891

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| Folder | 1          | 28            |

"Johns Hopkins" radio script 1941

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 29            |

**Scope and Contents note**

Articles about Johns Hopkins 1890-1971

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 30            |

Hopkins family genealogical material undated

## Manuscript material, clippings, and ephemera

|        | <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> |
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| Folder | 1          | 31            |

Johns Hopkins letter to Alverda (?) E. Hopkins 1872 March 25

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| Folder | 1          | 32            |

Land deed, Baltimore County 1866 October 10

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| Folder | 1          | 33            |

Hopkins family reunion photograph 2005

Land deed, Whitehall, Gerrard Hopkins-Samuel Galloway 1714 September 28

Complimentary Resolutions of Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to Johns Hopkins, Esq. 1873  
April 4

Indenture between Richard Hopkins and Gerrard Hopkins 1816 February 8

Gerrard Hopkins will 1741-1742



**Manuscript material, clippings, and ephemera**

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Marriage contract, Samuel Hopkins-Hannah Janney 1792

Certification of Last Will and Testament of Gerrard Hopkins unto Margaret Hopkins 1743 March 7

Title of Lands from Galloway to Galloway undated

**Box**

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Elizabeth Hopkins memory book 1795-1837

**Scope and Contents note**

This item is a memory book which contains handwritten reminiscences, dedications, poems, a sketch, and other sentiments from family members, friends, and acquaintances. One page, the 11th leaf, contains a poem written by Johns Hopkins. The book is bound in red leather, with ELIZABETH HOPKINS in gold, tooled letters on the front cover. Though the memory book has been embossed with Elizabeth's name, it may have belonged to multiple members of her family, particularly her mother, prior to her birth and after Elizabeth's death. The book spans 1795 to 1837.

**Biographical/Historical note**

Elizabeth Hopkins (1802-1889) was the first cousin of Johns Hopkins, the philanthropist and founder of Johns Hopkins University. She was the daughter of Dorothy Brooke and Gerard T. Hopkins, brother to Samuel Hopkins, Johns Hopkins' father. When Johns was 17, he came to stay with his uncle Gerard in Baltimore, in order to learn the grocery business from him. It was then that Johns may have fallen in love with his first cousin, Elizabeth. However, as Quakers, they were not allowed to marry due to the Society of Friends' opposition to first cousin marriages. Neither ever married, and it is known that Elizabeth Hopkins and Johns Hopkins remained close friends for the rest of their lives.

**Accruals note**

**Photographs**

Accession 2014-15.ms.006

**Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

This item was purchased from Laconda Moore in 2014.

**Photographs 1850-1910****Scope and Contents note**

Photographs of Johns Hopkins

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| Folder | 1          | 34            |

**Scope and Contents note****Box**

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Photographs

**Scope and Contents note****Printed items 1832-1844****Box**

Printed items

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Hopkins family bible 1835

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"Essays on the Principles of Morality" by Jonathan Dymond 1844

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Alexander Reid account book 1832-1838

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