

**Erasmus Darwin commonplace book, ca. 1777-1929**

**Circa 1777-1929**

**Mss.Film.1299**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	American Philosophical Society
<b>Creator</b>	Darwin, Erasmus, 1731-1802
<b>Title</b>	Erasmus Darwin commonplace book, ca. 1777-1929
<b>Date</b>	Circa 1777-1929
<b>Call number</b>	Mss.Film.1299
<b>Extent</b>	1.0 Microfilm reel(s)
<b>Extent</b>	1 microfilm reel.
<b>Location</b>	LH-RR-Media Rm-4
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Container</b>	1
<b>Abstract</b>	This commonplace book was filmed exactly as bound and contains notes on medicine, diseases, and weather; poems by Erasmus Darwin and others; family genealogy; letters; and sketches. There are notes by other family members, including his wife, his daughter, and his brother. There is a letter to "Major Darwin" dated 1929 taped inside the front cover, recounting the provenance of the book.

## **Background note**

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Erasmus Darwin was a physician, botanist, and poet, and was a grandfather of Charles Robert Darwin.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

American Philosophical Society

## Provenance

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### Acquisition Information

Purchased from Micro Methods, Ltd. (£4.00) and accessioned, 06/02/1972 (1972 1172mf).

### Original Location

Original in Down House, Kent, England.

## Indexing Terms

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### Genre(s)

- Microfilm Collection

### Subject(s)

- Diseases.
- Medicine.
- Meteorology -- Observations.

## Other Descriptive Information

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This is a microfilm of an early American collection that may be of interest to researchers at the APS and may complement an original manuscript collection at the APS.