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Correspondence, diary, verse and other papers, 1798 – 1854, undated, of and relating to John Wilson 'Christopher North', author and journalist [1785-1854]. The bulk and principal interest of the papers lie in the letters written by John Wilson to his mother, sister Jane and his wife Jane. Many of the letters relate to Wilson's early life and shed light on his relations with his family, his life as a student in Glasgow and later in Oxford, and also at Elleray in the Lake District.

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- 1 Diary and account book, 1801. With copies of ten poems, "List of my library in 1801", 'Various Observations and remarks' including 'On a Ball', 'On the diversion of Hare-hunting', 'Verses addressed to Laura'.
- 2 Letters, 1798 – 1812, 1822, undated, of John Wilson to his mother, Margaret Wilson, from Glasgow, Oxford, the Lake District, Wales and Ireland [48 letters]
- 3 Letters, 1798 – 1842, undated, of John Wilson to his wife, siblings and children including:
Jane Wilson, his sister, 1798-1807, undated [9 letters]
Jane Penny, his wife, ca.1810 – 1820, undated [8 letters]
Robert Wilson, his brother, 1840s, undated [2 letters]
- 4 Letters, 1802-1806, of John Wilson to his uncle, James Sym, Paisley, from Glasgow, Oxford and elsewhere [24 letters]
- 5 Letters, 1813-1852, undated, of and to John Wilson, correspondents include William Blackwood, James Fillans and Thomas Tod Stoddart. With a letter of John Gibson Lockhart to Robert Wilson, undated.
- 6 Miscellaneous papers including; poems, 1806, undated, 'On ancient architecture, sculpture and painting' and printed poem 'The Death of Nelson', 1806; two receipts signed by James Hogg; Burgess Ticket of New Galloway, 1840; Resolution of the Philosophical Institution, Edinburgh, on the death of John Wilson, 1854; Household Inventories, and list of articles sold in 6, Gloucester Place, Edinburgh.
- 7 *The Gentleman's New Memorandum Book Improv'd ... 1765* annotated on the inside front cover 'This Pocket Book belonged to the Poet Gray' At the back are notes on Scottish place names possibly by Thomas Gray [1716-1771]. Both boards detached.