

The following resources provide links to digitized information on Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson and her writings, Elizabeth's close associates, or Graeme Park. This guide is offered as an aid in finding information and materials on Elizabeth and Graeme Park. Please be sure to contact the agencies holding these materials for permission to use them and cite any and all references you may make to them as per standard practices.

Letters

The Franklin Papers

The American Philosophical Society and Yale University have digitized some of Ben Franklin's papers and made them available on their Franklin Papers website. The collection includes letters from Henry Hugh Fergusson (Elizabeth's husband) to Ben Franklin and from William Franklin to Elizabeth which can be accessed at <https://franklinpapers.org/agree;jsessionid=node01ggt6ro448qn5pzf1p93s3qjt8207371.no de0> by browsing by name index for Fergusson and Graeme. You will find the following included in the collection.

William Franklin to Elizabeth Graeme

- Thu, Apr 7, 1757
- Thu, May 12, 1757
- Thu, Jun 2, 1757
- Sun, Jul 17, 1757
- Fri, Dec 9, 1757

Henry Hugh Fergusson to Dr. Franklin

- Sat, Dec 21, 1776
- Thu, Dec 26, 1776

The George Washington Papers

The Library of Congress has digitized the George Washington Papers as part of their American Memories Collection. Contained within these letters are correspondence between Washington and Elizabeth, and also some of Henry Hugh Fergusson's letters. From the main George Washington Papers portal search for Elizabeth G Ferguson (sic), Henry Hugh Ferguson (sic) and Hugh Ferguson (sic)
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gwhtml/gwhome.html>

1	George Washington to Elizabeth G. Ferguson, March 5, 1797
2	George Washington to Elizabeth G. Ferguson, October 1, 1777
3	Elizabeth G. Ferguson to George Washington, September 29, 1777

1	Henry Hugh Ferguson to Manuel Eyre, March 7, 1778
2	Manuel Eyre to Henry Hugh Ferguson, March 6, 1778

1	Elias Boudinot to Hugh Ferguson, January 10, 1778
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The William Smith Papers

The William Smith Papers have been digitized and made available online through the University of Pennsylvania. They have a number of letters from Elizabeth to William Smith and his wife which are available to view as digitized images of the original documents. You can link to individual letters below or to the entire collection at http://sceti.library.upenn.edu/franklin/txt_doc_wsmithpapers_title.cfm

UPT50 S664 Box 2, F 110	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to Mrs.Rebecca Smith, Oct. 16, 1783	view
UPT50 S664 Box 3, F 2	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to Mrs. William Smith, [1785]	view
UPT50 S664 Box 3, F 3	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to Mrs. William Smith, [1791]	view
UPT50 S664 Box 3, F 6	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to Mrs. William Smith, [1792]	view
UPT50 S664 Box 2, F 118	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to Mrs. William Smith, Apr. 10, 1792	view
UPT50 S664 Box 2, F 112	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to Mrs. William Smith, Aug. 5, 1789	view
UPT50 S664 Box 3, F 4	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to Mrs. William Smith, Feb. 3, [1784]	view
UPT50 S664 Box 2, F 117	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to Mrs. William Smith, Jan. 6, 1791	view
UPT50 S664 Box 2, F 115	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to Mrs. William Smith, Jan. 6, 1791	view
UPT50 S664 Box 2, F 116	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to Mrs. William Smith, Jan. 6, 1791	view
UPT50 S664 Box 2, F 113	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to Mrs. William Smith, June 10, [1790]	view
UPT50 S664 Box 3, F 5	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to Mrs. William Smith, n.d	view
UPT50 S664 Box 2, F 121	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to Mrs. William Smith, n.d.	view
UPT50 S664 Box 2, F 107	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to Rebecca Smith, June 6, 1775	view
UPT50 S664 Box 3, F 1	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to William Smith, [June 10, 1781]	view
UPT50 S664 Box 2, F 111	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to William Smith, Apr. 1, 1783	view
UPT50 S664 Box 2, F 114	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to William Smith, June 15, 1790	view
UPT50 S664 Box 2, F 108	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to William Smith, June 6, 1779	view

UPT50 S664 Box 3, F 7	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to William Smith, June 7, 1795	view
UPT50 S664 Box 2, F 119	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to William Smith, Nov. 8, 1793	view
UPT50 S664 Box 2, F 120	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to William Smith, Sept. 13, 1794	view
UPT50 S664 Box 2, F 122	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to William Smith, Sept. 13, 1794 [1898 copy]	view
UPT50 S664 Box 2, F 109	Letter from Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson to William Smith, Sept. 3[1], 1783	view

Letter from Benjamin Rush to Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson, December 25, 1787
<http://books.google.com/books?id=t3SDQgfoxsCIC&pg=PA140&lpg=PA140&dq=%22elizabeth+graeme+ferguson%22&source=web&ots=jKdlWKeudO&sig=klwm9zp3911ITdL4Z2Nr5rEk4X0>

Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson's Poetry & Commonplace Books

Elizabeth kept [Commonplace Books](#), which were a way to keep track of and share information – bits of sermons, conversations, poetry, quotes, recipes or whatever else interested the recorder, throughout her life. There are three known to be in existence: The Willing Commonplace Book (1787-1789), written for the Willing sisters and owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, The Yale Commonplace Book, owned by the Library Company of Philadelphia, and a third book, owned by Dickinson College. The Dickinson book has been digitized and transcribed and is available online. This volume contains handwritten poems and transcriptions of correspondence dating from 1770 to 1787. The poetry includes odes, elegies, and neoclassical-style poems written by Fergusson and others, including her husband, Henry Hugh Fergusson, her niece, Anna Young Smith, and Francis Hopkinson. The book also includes transcriptions of correspondence between Fergusson and Anna Young Smith and Elias Boudinet, as well as correspondence between Smith and her husband, Dr. William Smith.

- [1770-1787 Commonplace Book written for Annis Stockton – Dickinson College Archives \(Transcript\)](#)
- **Willing Commonplace Book** (can we post this publicly?) - available in digitized format from Graeme Park – contact us to make arrangements
- **Yale Commonplace Book** – Library Company of Philadelphia

The Dream (poem by Elizabeth) with analysis by Caroline Wigginton – “Commonplace: Journal of Early American Life”

<http://common-place.org/book/dream-1768-1790-elizabeth-graeme-fergusson/>

The Deserted Wife (poem by Elizabeth) with analysis by Rodney Mader -

<https://journals.psu.edu/pmhb/article/view/60358/60318>

Poems on Several Occasions was published by Elizabeth and William Smith and contained mostly the poetry of her friend Nathaniel Evans. I few of Elizabeth's works appear her under the pen name of Laura.

https://books.google.com/books?id=vNQhAAAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gs_bse_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false

The Country Parson – Originally printed in a collection of Nathaniel Evans' poems, 1772
http://books.google.com/books?id=TR8TAAAIAAJ&pg=PA500&dq=%22elizabeth+graeme+ferguson%22&as_brr=1&ei=W600R62zK5qApwLV0I3RDw#PPA500,M1

http://books.google.com/books?id=z5-B-OFvW5kC&pg=PA42&dq=%22elizabeth+graeme+ferguson%22&as_brr=1&ei=W600R62zK5qApwLV0I3RDw

Valentine Poem – Written to EGF by Rev. Wm. Smith, 1759

http://books.google.com/books?id=ARgWAgNNFaMC&pg=PA106&dq=%22elizabeth+graeme+ferguson%22&as_brr=1&ei=I640R4TmMoyKpwLswNTEDw&sig=8uMiYiNvL-xbk5g4zNIvN0OnhE4

Digitized page from *Telemachus*

https://www.google.com/books/edition/Quarter_of_a_Millennium_The_Library_Comp/mJcdul-NOOkC?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=telemachus%2Bgraeme&pg=PA164&printsec=frontcover

Articles & Papers

Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography

Simon Gratz "Some Material for a Biography of Mrs. Elizabeth Fergusson, nee Graeme."
Volume 39, Number 3 (July 1915), 257—321

<https://journals.psu.edu/pmhb/article/view/27278/27034> and Volume 41, Number 4
(October 1917), 385—398

<https://journals.psu.edu/pmhb/article/view/27432/27188> (includes many letters)

Martha C. Slotten "Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson, a Poet in the Athens of North America."
Volume 108, Number 3 (July, 1984), 259-288.

<https://journals.psu.edu/pmhb/article/view/43995/43716>

Building Documentation, Historic Photographs & Prints

Photographs & Prints

The Library Company of Philadelphia

[Alfred Hand Photographs](#)

Phillips Library at the Peabody Essex Museum

[Frank Cousins Photographs](#)

Free Library of Philadelphia

[Castner Scrapbooks](#)

Athenaeum of Philadelphia

[Jacob Stelman Collection](#)

Historic Society of Pennsylvania

[David Kennedy, 1883 Watercolor](#)

HABS and HALS Documentation

In 1958 and 2000 Graeme Park was documented as part of a Historic American Building Survey (HABS) project. In 2010 a student did a Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS). The 1958 project consisted only of photographs. The 2000 project includes photographs and measured drawings. The 2010 landscape project is written documentation and a bibliography of source material. The original documentation is on file at the Library of Congress and digitized on their website as part of the American Memories Collection. You can view them by going to

<https://www.loc.gov/pictures/search/?q=graeme+park&sp=1&co=hh>

National Register Nomination

Graeme Park was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977 and was subsequently declared a National Historic Landmark. The nomination form is available through the National Park Service at

<https://npgallery.nps.gov/NRHP/GetAsset/65eb63c5-3675-4ca4-bf21-dc03e9e957c5>

(text) and <https://npgallery.nps.gov/NRHP/GetAsset/2bf1e6da-d54f-4111-8311-206ddf8ce19f/> (photo sheets). Keep in mind that some interpretation for the site has changed since the nomination was made.