

Advice on Searching Charles Wesley Verse Files Obtained from the Center for Studies in the Wesleyan Tradition Divinity School, Duke University

The files for both Charles Wesley's published verse and his manuscript verse on the CSWT website are in Adobe .pdf "searchable" format. This means you can do word searches within each file in Adobe Reader.

But what if you want to search the complete set of files at the same time, seeking a particular phrase? This is possible theoretically if you place the files in a single folder and search that folder. However, the search utility in Microsoft Windows does not currently read .pdf files well. Fortunately, there are alternative search utilities that are safe and perform such group searching admirably. We recommend, in particular, a utility called "Agent Ransack." You can find it online, available for free download.

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For Transcriptions of Published Wesley Texts:

Cite original publication details — reflected accurately in the transcription
example: *Hymns and Sacred Poems* (London: Strahan, 1739), p. 12.

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Use the original title or assigned short title, and pagination as shown in files
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Brief Overview of the CSWT Collection of Charles Wesley's Manuscript Verse

The online collection of the poetical works of John and Charles Wesley, provided by the Center for Studies in the Wesleyan Tradition of the Divinity School at Duke University, is committed to providing as broad and convenient of access as possible for scholarly study and citation. This subsection of the collection contributes to that goal by presenting *all* of the known surviving manuscript verse of Charles Wesley (in transcriptions or by notation). It includes the large collection of the Methodist Archive and Research Centre at The John Rylands University Library in Manchester, England, as well as scattered manuscript items at a number of other sites.

Further details on the guidelines for this collection and the sources of the original manuscripts are available on our webpage for the collection:

<http://www.divinity.duke.edu/initiatives-centers/cswt/wesley-texts/manuscript-verse>

Ordering of Manuscript Transcriptions

Assorted Looseleaf Manuscript Verse

General Collections

- MS Cheshunt
- MS Clarke
- MS Drew
- MS Epistles
- MS Festivals
- MS Hymns for Love
- MS Intercession
- MS Malefactors
- MS Miscellaneous Hymns
- MS Miscellaneous Hymns (drafts)
- MS Miscellaneous Verse 1786
- MS Occasional Hymns
- MS Preparation for Death
- MS Richmond
- MS Richmond Tracts
- MS Shent
- MS Shorthand Verse
- MS Six
- MS Thirty

Courtship and Family Collections

MS Courtship
MS Deliberative Hymns
MS Epistle to Martha Wesley
MS Family
MS Friendship I
MS Friendship II
MS Helen Durbin
MS Hymns for Wedding Anniversaries
MS Ludlow
MS Nursery
MS Prayer for Truth
MS Prayer for Truth (drafts)
MS Samuel Wesley, R.C.
MS Sarah Wesley
MS Travail
[Note: MS Miscellaneous Poems, below in Political Verse, contains some verse on sons]

Illness, Death, and Funeral Hymns

MS Funeral Hymns (1756–87)
MS Baker
MS Death of Ebenezer Blackwell
MS Death of Elizabeth Blackwell
MS Death of Prudence Box
MS Death of Hannah Butts
MS Funeral Hymns for Hannah Butts
MS Death of Hannah Dewal (drafts 1 & 2)
MS Death of Bartholomew Gallatin (drafts 1 & 2)
MS Henderson
MS Hendrix
MS Death of William Hitchens
MS Death of Mary Horton (drafts 1, 2, & 3)
MS Death of John Matthews (drafts 1 & 2)
MS Death of Dr. John Middleton (drafts 1 & 2)
MS Death of Thomas Waller (drafts 1 & 2)
MS Death of Charles Worgan (drafts 1 & 2)
MS Sarah Bulgin
MS Small Pox
Charles Wesley on his own death

Lay Preacher and Ordination Related Verse

Assorted Verse on 1784 Ordinations
MS Address to a Friend
MS Brothers
MS Ordinations
MS Preachers
MS Preachers 1779
MS Preachers 1786
MS Preachers 1786 (drafts)

MS Preachers Extraordinary
MS Revd —
MS Tribute to John Wesley

Political Verse

MS American Loyalists 1783
MS Charles James Fox 1784
MS Howe (drafts 1 & 2)
MS Hymn for King George 1769
MS Hymns for King and Queen 1780
MS Hymn for the King 1784
MS Miscellaneous Poems
MS Patriotism
MS Patriotism (drafts)
MS Protestant Association

Scripture Collections

MS Acts
MS Fish (includes MS Emory)
MS John
MS Luke
MS Mark
MS Matthew
MS Psalms
MS Scriptural Hymns (OT)
MS Scriptural Hymns (NT)

Translations of Latin Classics

Verse in Manuscript Letters

**Short Titles and Abbreviations
used in the Collection for
Publications of John and Charles Wesley**

Original Poetry and Hymn Collections:

<i>All in All</i>	<i>Hymns for Those to Whom Christ is All in All</i> , 1761.
<i>Answer to Gill</i>	<i>An Answer to ... Gill ...[on] Perseverance of the Saints</i> , 1754.
<i>Ascension Hymns</i>	<i>Hymns for Ascension Day</i> , 1746.
<i>CPH (1737)</i>	<i>A Collection of Psalms and Hymns</i> , 1737.
<i>CPH (1738)</i>	<i>A Collection of Psalms and Hymns</i> , 1738.
<i>CPH (1741)</i>	<i>A Collection of Psalms and Hymns</i> , 1741.
<i>CPH (1784)</i>	<i>A Collection of Psalms and Hymns for the Lord's Day</i> , 1784.
<i>Earthquake Hymns</i>	<i>Hymns occasioned by the Earthquake</i> , 1750.
<i>Family Hymns</i>	<i>Hymns for the Use of Families</i> , 1767.
<i>Fast Day Hymns</i>	<i>Hymns for the Nation and for the Fast Day</i> , 8 Feb. 1782.
<i>Festival Hymns</i>	<i>Hymns on the Great Festivals</i> , 1746.
<i>Gloria Patri</i>	<i>Gloria Patri; or Hymns on the Trinity</i> , 1746.
<i>Graces</i>	<i>Graces Before and After Meat</i> , 1746.
<i>HLS</i>	<i>Hymns on the Lord's Supper</i> , 1745.
<i>HSP (1739)</i>	<i>Hymns and Sacred Poems</i> , 1739.
<i>HSP (1740)</i>	<i>Hymns and Sacred Poems</i> , 1740.
<i>HSP (1742)</i>	<i>Hymns and Sacred Poems</i> , 1742.
<i>HSP (1749)</i>	<i>Hymns and Sacred Poems</i> , 1749.
<i>HSS</i>	<i>Hymns and Spiritual Songs</i> , 1753.
<i>HTT</i>	<i>Hymns for Times of Trouble</i> , 1744.
<i>HTTP</i>	<i>Hymns for Times of Trouble and Persecution</i> , 1744.
<i>Hymns (1780)</i>	<i>Collection of Hymns for the use of the People Called Methodists</i> , 1780.
<i>Intercession Hymns (1758)</i>	<i>Hymns of Intercession for all Mankind</i> , 1758.
<i>Intercession Hymns (1759)</i>	<i>Hymns of Intercession for the Kingdom of England</i> , 1759.
<i>Invasion Hymns</i>	<i>Hymns on the Expected Invasion</i> , 1759.
<i>MSP</i>	<i>A Collection of Moral and Sacred Poems</i> , 1744.
<i>Nativity Hymns</i>	<i>Hymns for the Nativity of our Lord</i> , 1745.
<i>New Year's Hymns</i>	<i>Hymns for New Year's Day 1750</i> , [1749].
<i>Redemption Hymns</i>	<i>Hymns for those that seek and those that have Redemption</i> , 1747.
<i>Resurrection Hymns</i>	<i>Hymns for Our Lord's Resurrection</i> , 1746.
<i>Scripture Hymns (1762)</i>	<i>Short Hymns on Select Passages of the Holy Scriptures</i> , 1762.
<i>Select Hymns (1761)</i>	<i>Select Hymns, with Tunes Annexed</i> , 1761.
<i>Thanksgiving Hymns (1746)</i>	<i>Hymns for the Public Thanksgiving Day, Oct. 9</i> , 1746.
<i>Thanksgiving Hymns (1759)</i>	<i>Hymns to be Used on the Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 29</i> , 1759.
<i>Trinity Hymns</i>	<i>Hymns on the Trinity</i> , 1767.
<i>Tumult Hymns</i>	<i>Hymns Written in the Time of the Tumults</i> , 1780.
<i>Whitsunday Hymns</i>	<i>Hymns of Petition & Thanksgiving for the Promise of the Father</i> , 1746.
<i>Watchnight Hymns</i>	<i>Hymns for the Watchnight</i> , 1750.

Later Scholarly Editions:

Charles Wesley:

- MS Journal* *The Manuscript Journal of the Rev. Charles Wesley, M.A.* 2 vols. Edited by S T Kimbrough, Jr. & Kenneth G. C. Newport. Nashville: Kingswood Books, 2008.
- Poetical Works* George Osborn, ed. *The Poetical Works of John and Charles Wesley*. 13 vols. London: Wesleyan-Methodist Conference, 1868–72.
- Representative Verse* Frank Baker. *Representative Verse of Charles Wesley*. London: Epworth, 1962.
- Unpublished Poetry* S T Kimbrough Jr. & Oliver A. Beckerlegge, eds. *The Unpublished Poetry of Charles Wesley*. 3 vols. Nashville: Kingswood Books, 1988–92.

John Wesley:

- Journal* See vols. 18–24 of *Works*.
- Works* *The Works of John Wesley: The Bicentennial Edition*. Editor in Chief, Frank Baker. Nashville: Abingdon, 1984–.