Esme A. Wedgwood Collection

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Biographical Note:
Esme Wedgwood was the great, great, great granddaughter of Josiah Wedgwood I. Her father, Kennard Laurence Wedgwood, founded the New York company of Josiah Wedgwood & Sons, Inc. in 1907, and was the wholesale importer of Wedgwood for the United States until his retirement in 1946. While she was not a collector of Wedgwood, she inherited a small collection from her father and was interested in Wedgwood-related topics (see file 1.28).

Container List:

Box 1 of 1

Esme's personal Items:

Box/Folder – 1/1 passports, plus passport pages
Box/Folder – 1/2 certificate of vaccination
Box/Folder – 1/3 certificates of merit (3)
- two Red Cross honor awards
- one commendation from NY Infirmary for service as Nurses Aide in WWII (1947)
- one Community Citizen Award from National Grange

Box/Folder – 1/4 correspondence: regarding Vermont District Court Jury Duty
- Oct. 7, 1974 summons
- Oct. 10, 1974 change of date notification

- Nov. 6, 1974 notice of selection and summary of duties
- Dec. 17, 1974 letter from Esme to Judge Lowery

Box/Folder – 1/5	correspondence: dinner invite from The English-Speaking Union of USA for dinner with Earl of Harewood
Box/Folder – 1/6	correspondence: thank you letter to Esme from The Extension Service University of Vermont
Box/Folder – 1/7	correspondence: letter Feb. 18, 1967 from Charlotte Johnson regarding Esme giving a talk about Wedgwood
Box/Folder – 1/8	correspondence: July 9, 1992 letter from Lord Piers Wedgwood thanking Esme for his visit
Box/Folder – 1/9	newspaper article June 29, 1967 *Times Reporter* Esme's Visit to Women's Community Club of Grafton
Box/Folder – 1/10	newspaper article Apr. 28, 1966 *Greenfield Recorder Gazette* Esme's visit to Greenfield Women's Club
Box/Folder – 1/11	newspaper photo Oct. 18, 1967 *Times Reporter* Esme at Bellows Falls Woman's Club
Box/Folder – 1/12	newspaper article Nov. 3, 1966 *Brattleboro Daily Reformer* Esme at Brattleboro Woman's Club
Box/Folder – 1/13	newspaper article Sept. 21, 1964 *Brattleboro Daily Reformer* Esme at New England Home Demonstration Agents Association Meeting
Box/Folder – 1/14	Esme's handwritten notes about the making of Wedgwood "From Viewpoint of an Amateur"
Box/Folder – 1/15	pencil drawings and sketches (3) - Evacuated women's kit British War Relief Society - Sketches of girls - Sketches of clothing
Box/Folder – 1/16	small 5 year dairy, with personal notes and memos; missing most pages
Box/Folder – 1/17	Wedgwood 1946 red leather journal, containing Esme's notes, quotes, songs, personal keepsakes
Box/Folder – 1/18	Correspondence: postcard from New York. Nov. 11, 1953, from "Mummie(?)"
Box/Folder – 1/19	Correspondence: postcard from Israel. Nov. 1980, from "Jane (?)"
Box/Folder – 1/20	Esme's bookplate

Wedgwood Company Information:

Box/Folder – 1/21	1973 Wedgwood International Seminar program – Esme attended
Box/Folder – 1/22	1973 Wedgwood International Seminar registrant letters (3)
Box/Folder – 1/23	1973 Wedgwood International Seminar list of registrants
Box/Folder – 1/24	1973 Invitation to High Tea from Dorothy-Lee Jones in honor of Wedgwood International Seminar
Box/Folder – 1/25	1977 Wedgwood International Seminar list of late registrants
Box/Folder – 1/26	letter Apr. 20, 1984 list of inventory from Lydia's Antiques, Cambria, CA
Box/Folder – 1/27	letter Oct. 20, 1984 list of inventory from Lydia's Antiques, Cambria, CA
Box/Folder – 1/28	correspondence: Apr. 16, 1988 and Apr. 26, 1988 letter from Bernie Starr, requesting biographical information and Esme's response

Box/Folder – 1/29	correspondence: June 11, 1992 and Aug. 25, 1992 letter from Graham Hood, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, plus Esme's response
Box/Folder – 1/30	article Spring 1992 *Colonial Williamsburg* "Wedgwood's Crowning Achievement" photocopy sent to Esme by Graham Hood
Box/Folder – 1/31	letter July 12, 1993 brochure from Miriam & Aaron Levine's Antiques sale on Wedgwood
Box/Folder – 1/32	brochure *Wedgwood in American History*
Box/Folder – 1/33	Wedgwood Annual Report 1982, cover only
Box/Folder – 1/34	Waterford Wedgwood Half-Year Report, June 30, 1991
Box/Folder – 1/35	Waterford Wedgwood Annual Report 1996
Box/Folder – 1/36	Brochure for 1980 Mary Vickers plate "Cherish" from *The Blossoming of Suzanne* series
Box/Folder – 1/37	Brochures (3): 1981 Christmas Wedgwood
Box/Folder – 1/38	Brochure: Wedgwood Shakespeare Commemorative Ware
Box/Folder – 1/39	Wedgwood pattern brochures: Bermuda, Belle Fleur, Derwent, Geneva on Willow Weave, Louisiana on Galaxie, Marguerite on Galaxie, Yellow Avocado

Buten Museum Related:

Box/Folder – 1/40	Buten Museum Wedgwood Graduate Course outlines, September 1962
Box/Folder – 1/41	letter April 1, 1965 from Buten Museum to out of town members
Box/Folder – 1/42	Brochure: March 1966 *The Wedgwood ABC of Retirement from the Buten Museum*
Box/Folder – 1/43	Buten Museum; Book excerpt from *Decorative Wedgwood in Architecture* by Alison Kelly, 1966 (two copies)
Box/Folder – 1/44	Handout guide to lectures on Wedgwood, February 1, 1966
Box/Folder – 1/45	Notice of Burglary of Wedgwood Museum member Stanley J. Nager of New York, NY, July 1, 1966
Box/Folder – 1/46	Buten Museum Winter 1966 Wedgwood Book List
Box/Folder – 1/47	1972 card for members regarding annual bonus

C.V. Wedgwood:

Box/Folder – 1/48	Magazine: *Time & Tide: The Independent Weekly*, March 7, 1953, "America, Fact and Fable" by C.V. Wedgwood
Box/Folder – 1/49	Magazine: *Harper's Magazine*, March 1953, "England's Country Houses: A Heritage and a Problem" by C.V. Wedgwood

Darwin:

Box/Folder – 1/50	Magazine: *Life*, 1958, "The Wonders of Life on Earth" re: Darwin
Box/Folder – 1/51	Article from *The Illustrated London News*, November 11, 1967, "University Status Royal College," notes and picture re: Sir Robin and Lady Darwin
Box/Folder – 1/52	*The New York Times*, August 7, 1980, "Books of the Times" Includes review of Irving Stone's *The Origin,* a biographic novel of Charles Darwin
Box/Folder – 1/53	*The Illustrated London News*, April 1980, "Darwin's Life and Theories" by Tom Miller
Box/Folder – 1/54	Image from 1982 Wedgwood Catalog; a jasper portrait plaque of Charles Darwin

World War II Related Items:

Box/Folder – 1/55	Booklet: *Britain Against Germany* by British Information Services, 1945
Box/Folder – 1/56	Card/Ad for "Chartwell" print by Edwina Sandys
Box/Folder – 1/57	Brochure: The Battle of Normandy Memorial Museum membership brochure
Box/Folder – 1/58	*New York Times*, "Sir Alan Cunningham; Palestine Commander" deceased, Brief biography and obituary, February 2, 1983
Box/Folder – 1/59	*New York Times*, " Gen. Mark W. Clark, Last of World War II Commanders, Dies at 87," Obituary, April 18, 1984
Box/Folder – 1/60	*New York Times*, "Sir Kenneth Graeme McLean; Helped Plan D-Day Invasion," Obituary, June 10, 1987
Box/Folder – 1/61	*New York Times*, "Lord Duncan-Sandys, 79, Dead; Smoothed Way to End of Empire," Obituary, November 27, 1987
Box/Folder – 1/62	*Brattleboro Reformer*, "'Sopwith Camel' builder dies in England at 101," Sir Thomas Sopwith obituary, January 28, 1989
Box/Folder – 1/63	*New York Times*, "Bradwell Turner; British Officer, 92," Obituary, March 29, 1990

Wedgwood Related News/Magazine Articles:

Box/Folder – 1/64	*Country Life*, "A Wedgwood-Bentley Museum" by Bernard Hughes, July 9, 1953
Box/Folder – 1/65	*Girl*, "Welcome to Leith Hill Place Home of the Wedgwoods," by Charles Deane, May 20, 1961
Box/Folder – 1/66	*The Hartford Courant*, "Lord Wedgwood, Like His Dinnerware, Is Relaxed Yet Correct," by Pete Brown, July 14, 1981
Box/Folder – 1/67	*New York Times*, "Slimming Down at Wedgwood," January 10, 1982
Box/Folder – 1/68	Advertisement from *New York Times*, "Meet Lord Wedgwood" B Altman and Co., October 28, 1982 (two copies)
Box/Folder – 1/69	*The Hartford Courant*, "Wedgwood: Artful Pottery is Envy of Antique Collectors," by Beatrice Garfield, October 31, 1982
Box/Folder – 1/70	*Palm Beach Daily News*, "Wedgwood Products Offer Quality, Affordability," by Millie Wolff, January 30, 1983
Box/Folder – 1/71	*Boston Sunday Globe*, "Wedgwood: 225 and still blue," by Diane Nattle, October 21, 1984
Box/Folder – 1/72	*Weekend*, "Museum has the Edge on Wedgwood," by Kathie Beals, May 11, 1984
Box/Folder – 1/73	*The Union Leader*, "Wedgwood Highlighted at Sebago," July 18, 1985
Box/Folder – 1/74	*The New York Times*, "China from England's Potteries," by Kristin McMurran Ewald, July 13, 1986
Box/Folder – 1/75	*The Independent*, "Sir John Wedgwood Bt," obituary by Robin Reilly, December 13, 1989
Box/Folder – 1/76	*Antiques and the Arts Weekly*, "Simply the Best: Dwight and Lucille Beeson Wedgwood Collection," by Karla Klein Albertson, July 22, 1994
Box/Folder – 1/77	*Antiques and the Arts Weekly*, "Wedgwood Scandal: Fakes, Fraud and Fury," by Laura Beach, July 22, 1994, p. 59

Box/Folder – 1/78	*Antiques and the Arts Weekly*, "Wedgwood Dominates Skinner's Ceramics Auction," July 22, 1994, p. 74
Box/Folder – 1/79	*Antiques and the Arts Weekly*, "No Empty Vessels Here: Ceramics and the Stories They Tell in New Journal from Chipstone," book review by Laura Beach; review of "Ceramics in America" by Robert Hunter, February 21, 2003
Box/Folder – 1/80	*Marine Antique Digest*, "Scholarly Tome has Wide Appeal," book review by Lita Solis-Cohen; review of "Ceramics in America," March 2003
Box/Folder – 1/81	*Martha Stewart Living*, "Wedgwood" by Carol Prisant

Robert Frost:

Box/Folder – 1/82	*The New York Times*, "Frost at 80 Tells World to Relax," by Ira Henry Freeman
Box/Folder – 1/83	*The New York Times*, "Poetry is his Purpose-Robert Frost," January 17, 1958

Photographs:

Box/Folder – 1/84	Caricature of Esme Wedgwood
Box/Folder – 1/85	Three Portrait photographs of 1) Cecil Felix Wedgwood 2) Felicity Emily Wedgwood and 3) Katherine Frances Wedgwood; all dated 1923 and signed Mina Whiting Buxton
Box/Folder – 1/86	Large photograph of four Wedgwood children
Box/Folder – 1/87	Two portrait photographs of young girl (Esme?) signed for Mrs. K.L. Wedgwood
Box/Folder – 1/88	Photograph of young girl in sailor dress (Esme?)
Box/Folder – 1/89	Photo of two young girls wading through creek
Box/Folder – 1/90	Triptych photo of young girl
Box/Folder – 1/91	Seven photographs, subjects unknown, dating from the first half of the 20th century, including two photos of ladies from German studios dated c. 1906
Box/Folder – 1/92	Lawrence Wedgwood portrait from the studio of Philemon Swift in Burslem
Box/Folder – 1/93	Large photograph of Esme's mother, Mrs. K.L. Wedgwood
Box/Folder – 1/94	Four photographs of K.L. Wedgwood, Esme's father, including one c. 1927 in 5th Avenue office
Box/Folder – 1/95	Esme Wedgwood in Red Cross uniform
Box/Folder – 1/96	Two cruise photographs 1) On board R.M.S. Queen Mary, June 28th- July 3rd, 1939 2) On board R.M.S. Aquitania, May 17th 1939
Box/Folder – 1/97	Three group photos, each with Esme Wedgwood and Gretel; dated 1944
Box/Folder – 1/98	Two photos, one of Esme Wedgwood the other an unknown woman, against urban background
Box/Folder – 1/99	Two wedding photos, both including Esme Wedgwood
Box/Folder – 1/100	Photos (15) of Beaulieu c. 1940s including exterior shots of the house, interiors and landscapes
Box/Folder – 1/101	Four photos of the construction of small log cabin, includes family
Box/Folder – 1/102	Snapshots (10) of the family skiing at Beaulieu, some dated 1941, 1946, and 1947
Box/Folder – 1/103	Three snapshots in color, skiing at Beaulieu
Box/Folder – 1/104	Family snapshots (19) from Beaulieu c. 1940s

Box/Folder – 1/105	Two photographs from Beaulieu 1) Family enjoying view down the valley 2) Canoeing
Box/Folder – 1/106	Photos (7) of Windrush, c. 1940; exterior shots of the house and gardens
Box/Folder – 1/107	Family snapshots from Windrush c. 1940s, including photo of Esme Wedgwood with her mother and father
Box/Folder – 1/108	Photograph captioned “The parents, Auntie Anne Harris, ?, H. Heerscher’s 2 boys”
Box/Folder – 1/109	Photograph of Esme’s parents with four pet dogs
Box/Folder – 1/110	Mr. and Mrs. K.L. Wedgwood in their home with two daughters
Box/Folder – 1/111	Family snapshots (12) from various picnicking and swimming outings, c. 1940s, includes two shots of H.C. Wedgwood
Box/Folder – 1/112	Snapshot of Esme Wedgwood and her mother
Box/Folder – 1/113	Snapshot of Esme Wedgwood and pet dog outside Beaulieu
Box/Folder – 1/114	Mrs. K.L. Wedgwood and pet dachshund
Box/Folder – 1/115	Two snapshots “At Joan’s”, Esme Wedgwood with Greville Smith and Betty Whiting, August 1947
Box/Folder – 1/116	Photo from “Woodwind” September 1940, includes two soldiers, one of whom appears injured, with unknown woman and two children
Box/Folder – 1/117	The Sherwood family 1) “Sally Sherwood’s great swim, H.C.W.-foreground, Joan behind, 1941” 2) “Picnic at Camp Graham, Lac Archembauld with the Sherwoods, Summer 1941; Lorraine Cuddy, Margaret Stewart, Sally, Gretel, Dee Dee Blair” 3)The Sherwood refugee cousins, 1941
Box/Folder – 1/118	Two photographs of servicemen c. World War II from Gordon O.M. Wright (RAF) at Stalag, Germany 1942 to Nancy Wedgwood
Box/Folder – 1/119	Photo on the beach feeding the gulls
Box/Folder – 1/120	Wedding photo/Christmas card from Sandy Jowitt and Patricia Anderson 1965
Box/Folder – 1/121	School photo of Beth Williamson, Rosemount College, March 1930
Box/Folder – 1/122	Photo of woman and two children, signed “Best wishes from Phiphi and Regina Loudeville. To Nancy”
Box/Folder – 1/123	Portrait photograph of H.C. Wedgwood, 1942
Box/Folder – 1/124	Photo of lady holding baby “Mother and Mollie May 1948 (Note Wedgwood pin!)”
Box/Folder – 1/125	Four photographs of Pierce Stephens, Brian Joseph, and Paul Henry as children, c. 1943 and 1947
Box/Folder – 1/126	Three photos of pet dogs
Box/Folder – 1/127	Llewellyn and Molly Wright- Antigua 1946, two photos
Box/Folder – 1/128	Esme Wedgwood c. 1966 pictured in front of Wedgwood plaques
Box/Folder – 1/129	Family snapshot of Esme, Gretel, Sally (age 6), Gordon (age 9), Joan 1941
Box/Folder – 1/130	Jocelyn aged 4 months 2 weeks, 1946
Box/Folder – 1/131	Baptism photo (unknown)
Box/Folder – 1/132	Sally Wright 1941
Box/Folder – 1/133	Exterior of home
Box/Folder – 1/134	Melissa, Daniel, Ginny Caputo School pictures, 1989