

Bequeathed to the Royal Society by W.H.Hudspeth (d.1952)

DIARIES OF T. & J.M. HUDSPETH.

Thomas Hudspeth, born in 1761, was a surveyor and school master at Bowsden, Northumberland, U.K. In 1791 he married Alice Fox-Maule. Some time after 1822 he, together with four of his eight children, Elizabeth, Catherine, James and Alexander, joined his eldest son John Maule at 'Bowsden', Jericho, V.D.L.

John Maule Hudspeth, 1792-1837, after medical training undertook work as ship's surgeon, finally with the Hudson Bay Company in 1815. In 1817 he started practice in Bowsden, married Mary Lowrey, an old school mate in 1819 and emigrated to V.D.L. in 1822. He had an appointment as Assistant Colonial Surgeon but his major interest was his farming property 'Bowsden'. Six of his children survived infancy. (Profile of a Pioneer, by W.H.Hudspeth. RS.3/4/1(1) and Hudspeth Memorial Volume, 1954).

Thomas Hudspeth

1. Diaries 1839-1849

Diaries, entitled 'hemerologium' written at 'Bowsden', Jericho. Entries from 9 Jan. 1848 are in different hands. A pencil note added to the last page of the last volume reads 'Grandfather Hudspeth's Journal dictated to Elizabeth and Catherine, A.C.P.' Entries are fairly detailed accounts of the daily life of the family and includes references to visits of neighbours such as the Harrisson and Pike families. The last entry (17 Aug. 1849) notes: 'This being the 88th anniversary of my birth.....' (N.B. Hemerologium = Gk. daily account) 8 volumes.

- ✓ (1) 10 June 1839 - 25 Feb. 1840
- ✓ (2) 2 Jan. 1842 - 3 Nov. 1845
- ✓ (3) 5 Jul. 1846 - 7 Feb. 1847
- ✓ (4) 26 Aug. 1847 - 17 Feb. 1848
- ✓ (5) 18 Feb. 1848 - 23 May 1848
- ✓ (6) 24 May 1848 - 4 Oct. 1848
- ✓ (7) 5 Oct. 1848 - 6 Mar. 1849
- ✓ (8) 7 Mar. 1849 - 17 Aug. 1849

(8 paper notebooks)

RS.2/1 (1-8)

John Maule Hudspeth

Diary of a voyage to Greenland 1812, 1813

Diary of two voyages to Greenland on the whaling ship "Inverness" (Capt. Thomas Potts) as ship's surgeon. The account is detailed and illustrated with ink and water-colour sketches. The second volume includes list of whaling ships. Both diaries include sketches and description of the Orkney, Faroe and Shetland Islands, with water colour views of Brassá & Scallaway. The first diary also notes that Hudspeth spent the winter in London and attended lectures on mid-wifery, physiology and surgery.

2 vols.

- ✓ (1) 16 Mar. 1812 - 14 Aug. 1812 (plus later notes)
- ✓ (2) 9 Mar. 1813 - 28 Aug. 1813

(2 narrow notebooks, half-bound leather) RS.2/2 (1, 2)

Diary of a voyage to Davis Strait 28 Feb. 1814 - 23 Oct. 1814

Diary of voyage to Davis Strait on 'Majestic' (Capt. R. Lawson) and to Berwick on board 'London' & Berwick', illustrated by sketches.

- ✓ (1 narrow notebook, half-bound leather) RS.2/2 (3)

Diary at Hudson's Bay 1815-1817

Diary of voyage to Hudson's Bay on board the 'Hadlow' (Captain Davidson) with some water-colour sketches of Labrador, etc., and of a winter and summer spent at Hudson's Bay and Eastmain and voyage back to England. The last volume includes a list of Indians to visit camp at Eastmain and a vocabulary of Indian words.

- ✓ (4) voyage 31 May 1815 - Oct. 1815
- ✓ (5-7) Hudsons Bay & Labrador 23 Oct. 1815 - 4 Jan. 1817

(4 notebooks, half bound leather) RS.2/2 (4-7)

Diary of voyage to Tasmania and arrival 21 Jan. 1822 - 25 Mar. 1823

Diary of voyage by Dr Hudspeth and his wife to Tasmania on 'Minerva', arrival and settlement at 'Bowsden', Jericho. This includes an account of his choice of a place to settle, with the help of Major Bell, grant of 600 acres, planting potatoes and cabbages, his appointment as medical officer and deputy constable, erecting hut, making bricks and clearing ground for garden at 'Bowsden'.

- ✓ (1 volume, octavo) RS.2/2 (8)
- (Also microfilm copy).

Letter book 31 Aug. 1811 - 24 Dec. 1822

Copies of letters sent and received including letters to friends and associates, letters about posts as ship's surgeon, letters concerning his sojourn at Hudson's Bay, and letters from Lt. Governor Sorell, J. Scott, Colonial Surgeon, Major T. Bell, etc.

(1 volume, quarto)

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