



Guide to the Elizabeth Parry bill of cost in the time of her lying in of an Eligetimate child, circa 1730

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Summary

Collection Title:

Elizabeth Parry bill of cost in the time of her lying in of an Eligetimate child, circa 1730

Creator:

Parry, Elizabeth

Source:

Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture

Abstract:

Resident of New England. Collection comprises a 1-page bill detailing the costs incurred by Elizabeth Parry during childbirth, including charges for a midwife; food and board; sugar, bread, spices, oatmeal and fruit; a "watch on fixed nights" and candles; the child's linen and clothing; two cords of firewood; a fire wood cutter; and two trips to Boston during the lying-in. Also includes the cost of "time spent to go to authority to make complaint of Edward Dix the father of my above[said] child." The bill is signed by Parry, and witnessed by John Phillips, Joseph Lynde, Jonas Bond, and Edward Emerson.

Extent:

0.1 Linear Feet

Language:

Materials in English

Collection ID:

RL.00999

Permalink:

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Background

Scope and Content

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Biographical/Historical

Elizabeth Parry was a resident of New England.

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Names and Subjects

- Childbirth -- United States
- Childbirth -- United States -- History -- 18th Century
- Childbirth -- Economic aspects
- Midwives -- United States
- Midwifery -- United States -- History -- 18th century
- Unmarried mothers -- United States
- Illegitimate children -- United States
- Phillips, John
- Parry, Elizabeth
- Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture
- Lynde, Joseph
- Emerson, Edward
- Dix, Edward
- Bond, Joseph

Collection Inventory

Elizabeth Parry bill of cost in the time of her lying in of an Eligetimate child, circa 1730

Physical Description: 1 folder

Bill of cost, circa 1730

Folder 1

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