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NAME OF COLLECTION:

Cox, Elizabeth, Papers, 1793

LOCATION(S):

Misc. mss. boxes "C"

SIZE OF COLLECTION:

one folder (3 items)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:

SOURCE OF COLLECTION:

Gift of Leo Hershkowitz, 2005

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:

Elizabeth Cox (-1793) was the wife of John Cox (-) of New York City.

This small collection of papers includes a coroner's inquest, a deposition, and an autopsy report on the death of Elizabeth Cox after the birth of her stillborn baby.

In the coroner's inquest, William J. Elsworth (-) characterizes Elizabeth and her husband John as "... being both subject to taking strong liquor which for several years past have caused frequent fightings between them" But it is agreed that "... her illness & weakness of body in her state of pregnancy are sufficient causes to account for their death"

The deposition of Elizabeth Trow (-), the midwife called upon to deliver the stillborn baby, gives her account of the birth and death. She states that Mrs. Cox was ill with dysentery for eleven days and that she had had no nourishment during this time. In addition, though Mrs. Cox "... had received a blow in her breast of her husband ..." she did not believe that this was the cause of death.

Finally, there is a autopsy and opinion from B(or)omagne. In it he describes the condition of Mrs. Cox's body and concludes that "... her death has been induced from her bad habits of body"