

## Papers of John Atholl Hammet, gentleman

This document describes a collection of records held by NatWest Group Archives, including details of their background; publications (if any) relating to them; summary of the contents of the collection; and information (where known) about related records held in other archives.

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**background history**

John Atholl Hammet (1802-87) was the son of John Hammet (1767-1811) and his wife Elizabeth Woodford. He had two brothers, Frederick and Charles, and a sister, Gertrude.

John Hammet senior was MP for Taunton, 1800-11, and from 1799 was a partner in the London bank [Sir James Esdaile, Esdaile, Hammet, Esdaile, & Hammet](#). After his death at the age of 43, his banking interest was assumed by his younger brother James Esdaile Hammet. John Atholl Hammet himself joined the firm as a youth in 1819, and was promoted to partner in 1825.

John Atholl Hammet married Sybella Daniel in 1829. His uncle, Sir Ralph Jones Woodford (c.1748-1828), was governor of Trinidad, West Indies, from 1813 to 1828, where his brother Frederick also settled.

By the early 1830s the Hammet family had relinquished their interest in the bank, which failed in 1837.

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**our archive holdings**

- petition re John Hammet’s election, Borough of Taunton 1792
  - accounts and receipts re personal, household and estate purchases: John and Elizabeth Hammet 1799-1808, John Atholl Hammet 1822-4
  - John Hammet’s inventories of linen 1807-11
  - John Hammet’s cheque book 1811
  - John Atholl Hammet’s passports 1818-26
  - John Atholl Hammet’s hunting licence 1826-7
  - extract re Court of Chancery proceedings, Hammet v. Esdaile 1819
  - correspondence sent to John Atholl Hammet from family members, particularly Frederick Hammet and Ralph Woodford, in Trinidad, West Indies 1817-29
  - bills of Ralph Woodford 1822-4
  - report on treadmills 1823
  - anti-slavery booklet sent to Ralph Woodford 1824
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**archives held elsewhere**

- [Gloucestershire Archives](#): Letters from Sir Ralph Jones Woodford to Charles B Bathurst re affairs in Trinidad 1804-20 (Ref: D421 X 13).
- [Warwickshire County Record Office](#): Letters and papers of Sir Ralph Jones Woodford 1815-28 (Ref: CR764).