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Guide to the

**Farm Yard commonplace book of English verse**

circa 1793?

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## Key Terms

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Commonplace books

Hymns

Juvenilia

Poetry

**Names**

Carter, Elizabeth, 1717-1806

Gray, Thomas, 1716-1771

Hervey, James, 1714-1758

Johnson, Samuel, 1709-1784

Mason, William, 1725-1797

Watts, Isaac, 1674-1748

Young, Edward, 1683-1765