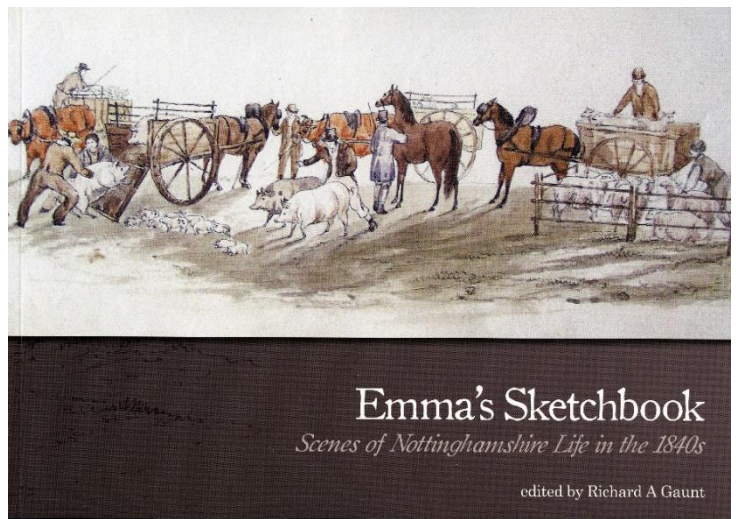


People of Sherwood

Emma Wilmot – 19th Century Artist of Sherwood



These **Emma Wilmot Activity Sheets** include sketches and drawings by Emma Wilmot, who lived in the Sherwood Forest area of Nottinghamshire in the 1840s, almost 200 years ago.

Emma was born in Staffordshire, but even before she moved to Nottinghamshire, her family had famous connections with the county. Her family name was arwin and she was a granddaughter of the physician, poet, and naturalist Erasmus Darwin of Elston Hall near Newark. She was also first-cousin to the famous scientist Charles Darwin who in 1859 published the ground-breaking book "On the Origin of Species."

Emma moved to Nottinghamshire in 1842 when she got married. Her husband, Edward Woollett Wilmot, was a Land Agent to the 4th Duke of Newcastle of Clumber House in Nottinghamshire – then one of the grandest country houses in the area.

Emma and Edward lived at Sparken House near Worksop, and whilst Edward went about his business for the Duke, Emma filled her time with running their house, visiting friends, and pursuing an interest in drawing and painting. Throughout much of the 1840s she recorded everyday life around Worksop and Sherwood Forest in a series of pencil sketches, pen and ink drawings and watercolours. These filled two sketchbooks which have survived to this day to give us a fascinating glimpse into Emma's early married life and what she saw and experienced at that time.

In 2013, Dr Richard Gaunt of Nottingham University gathered together a selection of drawings from the sketchbooks for a new publication "*Emma's Sketchbook: Scenes of Nottinghamshire Life in the 1840s*" (pictured above).

The activities on our website are inspired by Emma's sketches and the years she spent living in Nottinghamshire. We hope you enjoy looking at Emma's pictures and thinking about what they tell us about life at that time, and how different (or similar) it is to your life today

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This is an exciting project that seeks to tell the stories of ten people that lived in, worked in or had an impact on Sherwood Forest.

Some of the people and connections to the area will be familiar, but we also want to tell the stories that are less well known.

The project will work with local history groups, students and community groups to research, interpret and help tell the stories of people from across Sherwood's history.

To find out more about the Miner2Major People of Sherwood project visit:

<https://miner2major.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/>