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Summary Information

Repository	Free Library of Philadelphia: Rare Book Department
Creator	Free Library of Philadelphia.
Title	Historical manuscripts collection
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1775-1885
Date [inclusive]	1347-1969
Extent	1.5 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	This is a varied collection of historical manuscripts obtained by the Free Library of Philadelphia over the course of its history. The collection dates from 1347 to 1969 and is primarily an autograph collection. The collection includes American, British, and European materials; the majority of the items are American. There are typewritten transcriptions of some of the letters in the collection.

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical/Historical note

This is a varied collection of historical manuscripts obtained by the Free Library of Philadelphia. The collection dates from 1347 to 1969 and is primarily an autograph collection. Material by any one constituent is limited.

Scope and Contents note

This is a collection of historical documents written or signed by notable historical figures. It covers the years 1347-1969. The bulk of the collection dates between 1775 and 1885. The collection includes American, British, and European materials; the majority of the items are American. There are typewritten transcriptions of some of the letters in the collection.

Among the American historical documents and letters include items signed by Neil Armstrong, Nicholas Biddle, John Wilkes Booth, C. W. Camac, Silas Deane, Albert Einstein, Ira Gershwin, Oliver Wendell Homes, John Paul Jones, Tadeusz Kosciuszko, Marquis de Lafayette, Benjamin Franklin, Henry Lee, Joseph Leidy, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Abbott Lawrence Lowell, Charles Mann, Gouverneur Morris, Robert Morris, William Penn, Benjamin Franklin, William T. Sherman, Bushrod Washington, William White, and Oliver Wolcott. The most recent document in the collection is a typewritten letter from Neil Armstrong to Emerson Greenaway.

In addition to the American materials, the collection includes British and European documents. These include letters of kings and queens of England (Anne, Charles I, Charles II, Edward VII, George II, George III, George IV, George V, James I, James II, Victoria, William III, and William IV); Oliver Cromwell; Horatio Nelson; Napoleon; Vicomte de Chateaubriand; and Jenny Lind. The oldest document in the collection is a fourteenth century deed concerning a parish church in Shropshire.

The nature of the collection makes the possible uses for the collection as a whole limited. However, because of the historical importance of the writers, the likelihood that any individual item could be of interest to researchers is high. The John Jay letters constitute a small but rich set of historically important documents.

Arrangement note

Materials are arranged in alphabetical order by author, and then by chronological order.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

This collection is open for research use.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

This collection includes materials donated by Seymour Adelman, W. Atlee Burpee Jr., Richard A. Gimbel, and Kathleen M. Montgomery, among others.

Processing Information note

Finding aid entered into the Archivists' Toolkit by Garrett Boos.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Mercantile Library of Philadelphia.
- Pennsylvania Hospital (Philadelphia, Pa.).

- Pennsylvania. Supreme Court.

Genre(s)

- Autographs (manuscripts)
- Correspondence

Personal Name(s)

- Adams, John Quincy, 1767-1848
- Adams, John, 1735-1826
- Albemarle, George Monck, Duke of, 1608-1670
- Aldrin, Buzz
- Anne, Queen of Great Britain, 1665-1714
- Armstrong, Neil
- Baldwin, Henry, 1780-1844
- Biddle, Nicholas, 1786-1844
- Booth, John Wilkes, 1838-1865
- Boyd, John
- Bruff, Joseph Goldsborough, 1804-1889
- Buchanan, James, 1791-1868
- Burnet, Robert
- Butler, Pierce, 1744-1822
- Carroll, Daniel, 1764-1849
- Charles I, King of England, 1600-1649
- Charles II, King of England, 1630-1685
- Charles III, Duke of Savoy, 1486-1553
- Chateaubriand, François-René, vicomte de, 1768-1848
- Cromwell, Oliver, 1599-1658
- Deane, Silas, 1737-1789
- Dessalines, Jean-Jacques, 1758-1806
- Dix, John A. (John Adams), 1798-1879
- Drayton, Stephen, 1736-1810
- Eaton, William, 1764-1811
- Edward VII, King of Great Britain, 1841-1910
- Einstein, Albert, 1879-1955
- Emerson, Frederick, 1788-1857
- Fairfax, Thomas Fairfax, Lord, 1692-1782
- Fisher, George Park, 1827-1909
- Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790
- Gaine, Hugh, 1726-1807
- George II, King of Great Britain, 1683-1760

- George III, King of Great Britain, 1738-1820
- George IV, King of Great Britain, 1762-1830
- George V, King of Great Britain, 1865-1936
- Gershwinn, Irad, 1896-1983
- Gillmore, Quincy Adams, 1825-1888
- Gratz, Simon, 1840-1925
- Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804
- Hayes, Rutherford Birchard, 1822-1893
- Hopkinson, Joseph, 1770-1842
- Huntington, Samuel, 1731-1796
- James I, King of England, 1566-1625
- James II, King of England, 1633-1701
- Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826
- Jeffrey, Francis Jeffrey, Lord, 1773-1850
- Kosciuszko, Tadeusz, 1746-1817
- Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834
- Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816
- Leidy, Joseph, 1823-1891
- Lewis, George Cornewall, Sir, 1806-1863
- Lind, Jenny, 1820-1887
- Lowell, A. Lawrence (Abbott Lawrence), 1856-1943
- Mann, Charles
- Mary, Queen, consort of George V, King of Great Britain, 1867-1953
- Mitchell, Langdon Elwyn, 1862-1935
- Montagu, Edward, Earl of Manchester, 1602-1671
- Napoleon I, Emperor of the French, 1769-1821
- Nelson, Horatio Nelson, Viscount, 1758-1805
- Norfolk, Thomas Howard, Duke of, 1473-1554
- O'Connell, Daniel, 1775-1847
- Paulding, James Kirke, 1778-1860
- Penn, John, 1700-1746
- Penn, William, 1644-1718
- Penn, William, Sir, 1621-1670
- Perit, Pelatiah, 1785-1864
- Pierpont, John, 1785-1866
- Pike, Albert, 1809-1891
- Preble, Edward, 1761-1807
- Spain. Sovereign, Ferdinand V and Isabella I, 1479-1504
- Trumbull, Jonathan, 1740-1809
- Victoria, Queen of Great Britain, 1819-1901
- Watkins, Franklin Chenault, 1894-1972
- Wilde, Richard Henry, 1789-1847
- William III, King of England, 1650-1702
- William IV, King of Great Britain, 1765-1837

- Wister, William, 1803-1881

Collection Inventory

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Adams, John, 1735-1826. Letter signed to James Wilson. Paris, France, 4 pages 1780 June 24	1
General note Adams agrees to purchase books for Wilson, and writes of the report of a constitution for Massachusetts, the loss of Charlestown, the atmosphere in England and other political matters.	
Adams, John, 1735-1826. Document signed, partially printed document appointing Charles Willson midshipman in the U.S. Navy. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1800 January 2	1
Adams, John P. Document signed, copied from record book, entry of June 13, 1844, of the Consulate of the U.S.A. LaGuayra (now LaGuaira), Venezuela, 4 pages 1844 June 14	1
General note Cosigned by Geo. Brewster. With seals.	
Adams, John P. Document signed, copied from the record book, entry of June 13, 1844, of the Consulate of the U.S.A. LaGuayra (now LaGuaira), Venezuela, 3 pages 1844 June 14	1
General note Cosigned by John McLean. With seals.	

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Adams, John P. Document signed, copied from the record book, entry of June 13, 1844, of the Consulate of the U.S.A. LaGuayra (now LaGuaira), Venezuela, 3 pages 1844 June 14

General note

Cosigned by Alpheus Brewster. With seals.

1

Adams, John P. Document signed, recording a complaint of mutinous behavior. LaGuayra (now LaGuaira), Venezuela, 3 pages 1844 June 15

General note

With seal.

1

Adams, John Quincy, 1767-1848. Autograph note signed to Gustavus Gilbert, conveying copies of Congressional Acts. Washington, D.C., 1 page 1837 April 4

1

Aldrin, Buzz. Typewritten letter signed to Emerson Greenaway. Houston, Texas, 1 page 1969 August 19

General note

On NASA letterhead.

1

Anne, Queen of Great Britain, 1665-1714. Document signed appointing Henri de Massue, Earl of Galway, to be general and Commander in Chief of Her Majesty's Forces in Spain. Kensington, London, 1 sheet 1706 November 21

General note

Countersigned by Sir Charles Hedges. On vellum. Two seals removed.

1

Anne, Queen of Great Britain, 1665-1714. Document signed to the Commissioners of her Treasury, authorizing payment to John Starling, for coming from Spain with letters from Earl James Stanhope. Kensington, London, 1 page 1710 August 24

General note

Countersigned by five Commissioners of the Treasury. With embossed seals. Detached frontispiece portrait of Queen Anne laid in.

1

Anne, Queen of Great Britain, 1665-1714. Document signed to Charles Talbot, Duke of Shrewsbury, recalling him from the post of Ambassador to King Louis XIV. St. James, London, 1 page 1713 June 12

General note

Countersigned by Dartmouth. Seal laid in.

1

Armstrong, Neil. Typewritten letter signed to Emerson Greenaway. Houston, Texas, 1 page with envelope 1969 September 25

General note

On NASA letterhead. Dates stamped, possibly by recipient.

1

Baldwin, Henry, 1780-1844. Autograph document signed to the Marshal of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, to detain William Kramer, charged with embezzling the U.S. Mail. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1836 June 20

General note

Seal.

1

Biddle, Nicholas, 1786-1844. Autograph letter signed to Silas E. Burrows. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1832 July 17

1

Biddle, Nicholas, 1786-1844. Autograph letter signed to Silas E. Burrows concerning lending money. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1834 March 18

1

Biddle, Nicholas, 1786-1844. Autograph letter signed to John Glenn concerning the account of Mrs. Wirt of Baltimore. Bank of the United States, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1836 February 25

1

Booth, John Wilkes, 1838-1865. Hotel register of St. Lawrence Hall, with John Wilkes Booth's signature. St. Lawrence Hall (possibly Montreal), 2 pages 1864 October 18

1

Boyd, John. Autograph document signed, receipt for payment by Dr. John Morgan. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1781 December 10

General note

Another autograph document signed from John McCully to Morgan, Decr. 10. 1781, at foot, and two Autograph documents, receipts to Dr. Morgan, on verso: from William Little, Decr. 11. 1781, and from John Boyd, Decr. 15. 1781.

1

Bruff, Joseph Goldsborough, 1804-1889. Autograph letter signed in rebus to Major Thomas O'Neil, expressing desire for an exhibit of his paintings. Washington, D.C., 1 page with envelope 1845 June 19

General note

Sketches and watercolors in text.

1

Buchanan, James, 1791-1868. Autograph notes to Augustus Schell. Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1864 August 26

General note

Requests Schell to forward a letter to another unspecified person.

1

Burnett, Robert. Document signed, indenture between Robert Burnett and Robert Hardis, 1 page 1683 July 9

General note

Burnett was James Alan Montgomery's sixth great grandfather, and one of the proprietors of East Jersey.

1

Butler, Pierce, 1744-1822. Document signed, granting power of attorney to Samuel Wallis and authorizing the release of James Wilson from debtor's prison. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2 pages 1798 June 18

General note

Also signed by Blaize Cenas and Hilary Baker, Mayor of Philadelphia.

1

Camac, C. W. Autograph manuscript signed of the genealogy of the descendants of Admiral Sir William Penn, particularly the family of his son, William Penn. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 9 pages circa 1880

General note

Autograph letter signed to C.W. Camac from Thompson Westcott, Oct 23 1880, enclosing a list of additions to the genealogy, laid in. Autograph letter signed to C.W. Camac from P.P.G. Hall, 18 Mch 81, laid in.

1

Carroll, Daniel, 1764-1849. Autograph letter signed to Ebenezer Hazard. Washington, D.C., 1 page 1801 November 23

General note

Inquiring about the terms for insuring some houses in Washington.

1

Champneys, John, Sir, d.1556. Document signed, property deed for John Mylle of "Westgrenewyche alias Depford Stroude." London, 1 page 1545 June 12

General note

In Latin. On vellum. Seal removed.

1

Charles I, King of England, 1600-1649. Document signed to Sir Adam Moreton requiring money to be paid to George Kirke. Newmarkett, London, 1 page 1622 January 27

General note

On vellum.

1

Charles II, King of England, 1630-1685. Document signed to Sir John Rogers, warrant directing him to enforce the game laws in Dorset. Whitehall, London, 1 page 1664 August 15

General note

Countersigned with an illegible signature. On vellum. With seal.

1

Charles II, King of England, 1630-1685. Document signed, a passport for (Guido) Baldinus de Monte Feltrio (sic). London, 1 page 1668 September 24

General note

Latin text. On vellum. Seal removed. Engraved portrait of Charles II laid in.

1

Charles II, King of England, 1630-1685. Document signed, ordering the Commissioners of the Treasury to pay Sir Edmund Andros. Whitehall, London, 1 page 1673 March 26

General note

Countersigned by three Commissioners.

1

Charles II, King of England, 1630-1685. Document signed to Thomas Osborne, Earl of Danby (later Duke of Leeds), concerning a grant to Sir Samuel Moreland. Whitehall, London, 2 pages 1674 December 18

1

Charles III, Duke of Savoy, 1486-1553. Document signed to the Castellan of Rossiglione, instructing him to grant certain petitioners the possession of certain property against unlawful holders, 2 pages 1531 January 31

General note

Text in Latin. Seal removed. Torn in two.

1

Chateaubriand, François-René, vicomte de, 1768-1848. Letter signed to Ange Hyacinthe Maxence, Baron de Damas, requesting a pension for the widow of General Jean Baptiste Rivet. Paris, France, 1 page 1824 May 25

General note

Text in French

1

Coxe, Daniel. Printed document signed, confirming loan made by Sarah Hemlocke, 1 page 1764 July 6

General note

Four autograph notes signed running down left side of document. Document printed in Philadelphia, by B. Franklin and D. Hall.

1

Cromwell, Oliver, 1599-1658. Document signed to the Commissioners authorized by a late Ordinance for Approbation of Public Preachers, presenting Thomas Hamon to the Rectory of greate Asby in the County of Westmorland. Whitehall, London, 1 page 1650 June 5

General note

Signed "Oliver P." On vellum. With seal.

1

Deane, Silas, 1737-1789. Autograph letter to James Wilson. Paris, France, 1 page 1780 October 9

General note

A pessimistic letter describing the unpopularity of America in France; and discusses the speculation of a truce or peace with England. A deciphered letter (said to be in James

Wilson's hand by Julian P. Boyd, of the New York Historical Society, March 1937). This letter is on the recto; another deciphered letter, of 1 Dec 1780, begins on the verso. Modern transcription laid in.

1

Deane, Silias, 1737-1789. Autograph letter to James Wilson. Paris, France, 2 pages 1780
December 1

General note

A pessimistic letter describing American affairs abroad as being in "the worst possible state". Discusses Americans visiting London being arrested as spies and England's sending 10,000 troops to America. "Mr. Dean's letters shown to the minister of France," in Wilson's hand on the verso. A deciphered letter said to be in James Wilson's hand by Julian P. Boyd, New York Historical Society, March 1937. This letter begins on the verso of a page, the recto of which is another deciphered letter, dated 9 October 1780. Modern transcription laid in.

1

Dessalines, Jean Jacques, 1758-1816. Letter signed (retained copy), to General Victor Emmanuel Leclerc. Armee De St. Dominique, Division De l'artibonite, Haiti, 2 pages 1802
August 31

General note

"Copie De la lettre envoyee par un courrier extraordinaire au General du chef." -- at head.
In French.

1

Dix, John A. (John Adams), 1798-1879. Signature, cut from autograph letter signed to Charles Collins, 1 page undated

General note

U.S. senator and secretary of the Treasury under Buchanan. Civil war general.

Downes & Rogers. Autograph letter signed to Nicholas Biddle, President of Bank of U.S., concerning the account of Isaac S. Loyd. New York, New York, 1 page 1838 October 6

1

Drayton, Stephen. Autograph letter signed to John Houstoun concerning a dispute with Button Gwinnett. Sunbury, Georgia, 2 pages 1772 July 21

1

Eaton, William, 1764-1811. Autograph letter signed (possible copy) to Messrs. Briggs Brothers. Camp, Arab's Tour (i.e. Tower, near Alexandria, Virginia), 2 pages 1805 March 7

1

General note

Bookseller's description attached.

Edward VII, King of Great Britain, 1841-1910. Letter signed to the Mayor of Chester concerning the establishment of a Royal College of Music. Marlborough House, Pall Mall S.W., London, 1 page with envelope 1882 February 14

1

General note

Unidentified recipient.

Edward VII, King of Great Britain, 1841-1910. Autograph letter signed expressing sympathy upon the death of the recipient's daughter. Marlborough House, Pall Mall S.W., London, 3 pages 1883 April 21

1

General note

Recipient's name effaced.

1

Edward VII, King of Great Britain, 1841-1910. Autograph letter signed to Frederick-Franz IV, Duke Regent of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, announcing the death of Queen Victoria. London, 3 pages 1901 February 22

General note

Mourning stationery.

1

Edward VII, King of Great Britain, 1841-1910. Printed document signed to Henry Fitzalan-Howard, Duke of Norfolk, warrant granting Elizabeth Seymour the precedence due to a widow of a Knight Commander of the Bath (i.e. Horace Seymour). Balmoral, Scotland, 3 pages 1902 September 9

General note

Signed by registrar at the College of Arms. Colored photograph of King Edward when Prince of Wales laid in.

1

Einstein, Albert, 1879-1955. Autograph letter signed to Abraham Simon Wolf Rosenbach, thanking him for the gift of a book. The Waldorf Astoria, New York, New York, 1 page 1933 March 17

General note

Text in German. The book was the first edition at Napier's *Rabdologiae*; cf. Wolf, E. Rosenbach, page 380.

1

Einstein, Albert, 1879-1955. Telegram to John F. Lewis, Jr. Princeton, New Jersey, 1 page 1946 May 23

General note

Western Union night letter.

1

Emerson, Frederick, 1788-1857. Autograph letter signed to Mr. Gardner concerning the sale of his *Arithmetic*. Boston, Massachusetts, 2 pages 1842 June 18

1

Fairfax, Thomas Fairfax, Lord, 1692-1782. Document signed granting land to William Davis in Frederick County, Virginia, near land surveyed by George Washington. County of Fairfax Virginia, 1 page 1750 October 13

General note

On vellum. With seal.

1

Fairfax, Thomas Fairfax, Lord, 1692-1782. Document signed granting land to Major Lawrence Washington in Frederick County, Virginia, near land surveyed by George Washington. County of Fairfax, Virginia, 1 page 1752 March 20

General note

On vellum. With seal.

1

Fairfax, Thomas Fairfax, Lord, 1692-1782. Document signed granting land to Robert Johnston in Frederick County, (Virginia), near Major George Washington's land. County of Fairfax, Virginia, 1 page 1753 April 27

General note

On vellum. With seal.

1

Fisher, George Park, 1827-1909. Autograph letter signed to William D. Ely, soliciting contributions towards a statue of Professor Benjamin Silliman at Yale College. New Haven, Connecticut, 4 pages 1882 January 16

General note

Cosigned by Noah Porter and Thomas A. Thacher. Autograph note by Ely at head of fourth page.

1

Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790. Document signed, partly printed form ordering payment of interest to Lt. John B. Tilden. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1786 May 9

1

Gaine, Hugh, 1726 or 7-1807. Autograph letter signed to George Webster, printer in Albany, New York, 1 page 1805 December 9

1

George II, King of Great Britain, 1683-1760. Document signed appointing Sir Thomas Hay to be Major of the Royal Regiment MSS of North British Dragoons. St. James, London, 1 page 1741 February 6

General note

On vellum. With seal.

1

George II, King of Great Britain, 1683-1760. Document signed appointing Sir Thomas Hay to be Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal Regiment of North British Dragoons. Kensington, London, 1 page 1742 May 27

General note

On vellum. Seal removed. Hand-colored engraved portrait of George II laid in.

1

George II, King of Great Britain, 1683-1760. Letter signed to a cousin in Anhalt-Cothen, telling of the death of Frederick Louis, Prince of Wales. Palais Zu' St. James, London, 2 pages 1751 March-April

General note

Text in German. Unidentified recipient.

1

George II, King of Great Britain, 1683-1760. Document signed, leaf of account records for the Establishment of the Forces and Garrison of Gibraltar, and a Royal Regiment of Fuziliers, 2 pages undated

1

George III, King of Great Britain, 1738-1820. Document signed, appointing Alexander McKenzie to be Ensign in the Seventy Seventh Regiment of Foot. Saville House, London, 1 page 1760 October 27

General note

Printed form. On vellum. Seal removed.

1

George III, King of Great Britain, 1738-1820. Document signed to Richard Rigby, Pay Master General, warrant for payment for 45th Regiment of Foot to Lieutenant General William Haviland. Court at St. James's, London, 1 page 1780 September 21

General note

Signed by C. Jenkinson.

1

George III, King of Great Britain, 1738-1820. Letter signed to a cousin. St. James, London, 1 page 1781 March 13

General note

Text in German. Unidentified recipient.

1

George III, King of Great Britain, 1738-1820. Document signed, to William Wyndham Grenville and Constantine Lord Mulgrave authorizing payment for the 3d. Regiment of Dragoons to Lieutenant General Charles Lord Southhampton. Court at St. James's, London, 1 page 1784 September 10

1

George III, King of Great Britain, 1738-1820. Autograph letter signed, to Lord Carmarthen to assemble the cabinet and to send Sir James Harris to the King of Prussia at Potsdam. Queen's House, possibly Kew, London, 1 page 1785 May 10

1

George III, King of Great Britain, 1738-1820. Document signed, licensing Joseph Blizard to remit payment to B. H. Biggs in Abbeville, France. Court at St. James's, London, 1 page 1795 May 16

General note

Signed by Portland. With seal.

1

George IV, King of Great Britain, 1762-1830. Letter signed to the Ritter, Landgrave and Hertzog of Luneburg. Carlton House, London, 1 page 1816 January 23

General note

Text in German. Unidentified recipient. With seal. Portrait of the Prince Regent laid in.

1

George IV, King of Great Britain, 1762-1830. Document signed to Charles Long, Baron Farnborough, Treasurer of the Royal Hospital at Chelsea, warrant in aid of current expenses of the Hospital. Carlton House, London, 2 pages 1818 May 29

1

George IV, King of Great Britain, 1762-1830. Letter signed, to George Isaac Huntingford, Lord Bishop of Hereford, bidding him to attend his coronation as King. Carlton House, London, 1 page 1821 June 16

General note

Signed by Kenneth Alexander Howard, Deputy Earl Marshall.

1

George IV, King of Great Britain, 1762-1830. Document signed, appointing William Smith to be Secretary or Registrar to the Mixed Commission at Sierra Leone for the suppression of the slave trade. Windsor, England, 2 pages undated

General note

Signed by George Canning. On vellum. With seal.

1

George V, King of Great Britain, 1865-1936. Autograph letter signed, to Lady Walker upon receiving the title "Duke of York," and mentioning the death of his brother Albert, Duke of Clarence. Copenhagen, 3 pages 1892 May 28

1

George V, King of Great Britain, 1865-1936. Printed document signed to Allister Mitchell Miller, creating him an Officer of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire. Court at St. James's, London, 1 page 1931 June 3

General note

Signed by Edward.

1

Germantown Library Association. Autograph letter signed to E. M. Davis, President of the Young America Cricket Club, thanking the Club for participating in a benefit game for the Library. Germantown, Philadelphia, 1 page with envelope 1870 October 8

General note

Signed by Mary L. Ferguson.

1

Gershwin, Ira, 1896- . Autograph letter signed to Bernard Aaron Bergman about a collection of photographs of George Gershwin, 2 pages No year, March 10

1

Gillmore, Quincy Adams, 1825-1888. Cut signature, 1 page undated

2

Glasgow (Scotland). Gild Council. Document signed, to Sir James Douglas of Bridge-End admitting him to the position of Burges and Gild Brother in the City. Glasgow, Scotland, 1 page 1764 September 13

General note

Signed by Archbald M. Gilchrist. On vellum. Text surrounded by hand-colored printed historiated border.

Gratz, Simon, 1840-1925. Autograph manuscript signed of a school exercise in grammar, 2 pages undated

2

General note

Another exercise, signed "S.G.", laid in.

Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804. Autograph letter signed to Thomas Mifflin. Treasury Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1791 June 10

2

Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804. Cut signature, 1 page undated

2

Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804. Signature cut from autograph letter to Robert Morris, 1 page undated

2

Hayes, Rutherford Birchard, 1822-1893. Signature. Executive Mansion, Washington, D.C., 1 page 1878 October 19

2

Holmes, Oliver Wendell, 1809-1894. Autograph letter to Samuel George Morton. Boston, Massachusetts, 4 pages 1848 December 31

2

General note

Offers criticism and corrections on Morton's book on anatomy.

Holmes, Oliver Wendell, 1809-1894. Cut signature, 1 page undated

2

2

Hooper, Robert Lettice. Autograph document, 1 page 1785 March 25

General note

Agreement relating to a partnership between James Wilson, Colonel Bird and Robert Hooper covering lands near the Falls of Lackawaxon, Pennsylvania

2

Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964. Typewritten letter signed to John Hamilton. Stanford University, California, 1 page 1944 July 12

General note

Refers to his speech at the 1944 Republican Convention in which he stated his desire not to participate in the campaign, unless absolutely necessary.

2

Hopkinson, Joseph, 1770-1842. Autograph document signed to the Marshal of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania to detain Abraham Kromer, by the authority of Henry Baldwin. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1836 June 8

General note

With seal.

2

Huntington, Samuel, 1731-1796. Autograph letter signed to the President of Pennsylvania (i.e. Joseph Reed). Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1780 October 7

2

Iredell, James, 1751-1799. Autograph letter signed to James Wilson. Salisbury, North Carolina, 1 page 1791 October 2

General note

Written while riding circuit, which he feels impossible to continue; suggests taking a voluntary reduction in salary to obtain relief from circuit duty.

2

James I, King of England, 1566-1625. Document signed, appointing James Menzies as a justice. Holyroad House, Scotland, 1 page 1585 April 23

General note

Countersigned by James Stuart with five other illegible signatures at foot. Seal removed. Engraved portrait of James I laid in.

2

James II, King of England, 1633-1701. Document signed, to Sir Thomas Chicheley on naval matters. Whitehall, London, 1 page 1672 January

General note

Countersigned with an illegible signature at foot.

2

James II, King of England, 1633-1701. Document signed to Henry Savile appointing Henry, Earl of Arlington, as Lord Chamberlain. Whitehall, London, 1 page 1685 February 16

General note

Countersigned by Sunderland. Transcription laid in.

2

James II, King of England, 1633-1701. Letter signed to "Mon cousin Le Cardinal d' Aste." St. Germain en Laye, France, 1 page 1699 December 15

General note

In French. Signed "Jacques R." With seal. Engraved portrait of "Jacques II" laid in.

2

Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826. Autograph letter signed to John Ross. Monticello, Virginia, 1 page 1794 April 30

General note

Discusses a financial matter and comments on his "enjoying in full draughts those rural scenes" along with "a great deal of active industry and exercise."

2

Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826. Printed document signed, passport with engravings issued to the brig David & George of New York, under Charles Wilson. State and District of New York, 1 page 1804 July 10

General note

Countersigned by James Madison and David Gelston. On vellum. With seal.

2

Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826. Printed document, signed, passport with engravings issued to the ship Commerce of Salem, under Nathaniel W. Williams. State of Massachusetts, District of Salem & Beverly, 1 page 1806 March 28

General note

Countersigned by James Madison and William R. Lee. Autograph note signed by William R. Lee, Salem, May 31, 1809, recording Samuel B. Ingersoll as new master. On vellum. Lower left corner cut away, with loss of seal and text.

2

Jeffrey, Francis Jeffrey, Lord, 1773-1850. Autograph note signed to Thomas Thomson.
Possibly London, 1 page undated

General note

With seal.

2

Jones, John Paul, 1747-1792. Letter signed to Richard Howly. Portsmouth, New
Hampshire, 4 pages with envelope with seal 1781 October 15

General note

Complains that progress on building him a new ship is so slow that he will see no action the
remainder of the war. Quotes other authors on the tactical navy - in French and English.

2

Kosciuszko, Tadeusz, 1746-1817. Autograph letter signed to Thomas Jefferson. Paris,
France, 1 page 1801 December 16

General note

Autograph note by Thomas Jefferson on verso, dating letter. Photocopy of typewritten letter
signed from Julian B. Boyd, verifying letter, laid in.

2

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834.
Autograph letter signed to Denis Jean Florimond Langlois, Marquis du Bouchet. Paris,
France, 1 page 1779 February 18

General note

In French. With seal.

2

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834.
Autograph letter signed to Joseph Elzear Morenas. Lagrange, France, 1 page 1823
November 27

General note

Ownership stamp of Harrold E. Gillingham at foot.

2

Lear, Tobias, 1762-1816. Letter signed to Robert Brent. War Department Accountants
Office, Washington, D.C., 1 page 1815 June 23

2

Lee, Henry, 1756-1818. Autograph letter signed to James Wilson. Williamsburg, Virginia,
2 pages with envelope 1795 June 13

General note

Introduces his friend, Mr. Pierce, who has land he is interested in selling.

2

Leidy, Joseph, 1823-1891. Autograph letter signed to an unidentified recipient.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2 pages 1856 August 26

2

Lewis, George Cornwall, Sir, 1806-1863. Document signed, soliciting Queen Victoria's
approval of the appointment of Francis I. Conway Gordon as Adjutant in the 2nd
Administrative Battalion of Hampshire Rifle Volunteers. War Office, London, 1 page 1862
April 26

General note

Signed by Victoria. Mourning stationery.

2

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865. Autograph note signed to Mr. Alter, 1 page 1862 October 27

2

Lind, Jenny, 1820-1887. Autograph letter signed to Dr. Vaughan. Cannes, France, 4 pages No year, May 23

2

Lohra, Peter. Autograph document signed, depositions given by John Gottfried Wachsmuth, Charles Carre, Mr. Dobignee and Mr. Lelong, concerning the citizenship of Paul Siemen. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 4 pages 1795 April 20

General note

Signed by the witnesses Wachsmuth, Carre, Dobignee and Lelong. With seal. A printed document, certifying Lohra as a notary public, and signed by Thomas Mifflin and James Trimble, is attached with a seal.

2

Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth, 1815-1872. Cut signature, 1 page undated

General note

Cut signature of William White pasted to verso.

2

Lowell, Abbott Lawrence, 1856-1943. Typewritten letter signed to Evan Randolph. Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1 page 1919 October 30

General note

On the stationery of Harvard University.

2

Lowell, Abbott Lawrence, 1856-1943. Typewritten letter signed to Evan Randolph.
Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1 page 1920 April 23

General note

On the stationery of Harvard University.

2

Lowell, Abbott Lawrence, 1856-1943. Typewritten letter signed to Evan Randolph.
Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1 page 1921 January 17

General note

On the stationery of Harvard University.

2

Lowell, Abbott Lawrence, 1856-1943. Typewritten letter signed to Evan Randolph. 17
Quincy St., Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1 page 1930 March 29

General note

Mourning stationery. Newspaper obituary notice of Anna Parker Lowell laid in.

2

Lowell, Abbott Lawrence, 1856-1943. Typewritten letter signed to Evan Randolph. 171
Marlborough Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 1 page 1939 December 13

2

Madison, James, 1751-1836. Autograph letter signed to Jacob Gideon. Montpelier,
Virginia, 1 page 1818 August 20

General note

Acknowledges receipt of Gideon's edition of "The Federalist."

2

Manchester, Edward Montagu, Earl of, 1602-1671. Letter signed to the Court of Aldermen, recommending John Carr to the freedom of the city. Court at Whitehall, London, 1 page 1669 January 22

General note

With seal.

2

Mann, Charles. Notebook containing copies (in several unidentified hands) of letters from Charles Mann and others, to Horace Mann and Constant Guillon, concerning the financial difficulties of Richard Mann. England, 1 volume of 27 pages 1834 October 16-1837 May

General note

Contains copies of five letters from Charles Mann to Horace Mann, one letter from Charles Mann to Constant Guillon, three letters from W. P. Mann to Horace Mann, one letter from Richard Mann to Horace Mann, and one letter from Richard Mann to Constant Guillon. An original autograph letter signed from Charles Mann to Constant Guillon, London, July 1, 1844, is laid in.

2

Martindale, Isaac, 1842-1893 History of Byberry together with notes appertaining thereto. Byberry, Pennsylvania, 1 lined notebook, various pagination 1862-1871

General note

Author Obituary: Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club, Volume 20, Number 3 (Mar. 15, 1893), pages 98-100

2

Mary, Queen, consort of George V, King of Great Britain, 1867-1953. Autograph letter signed to Miss Chatteris. White Lodge, Richmond Park, Surrey, 3 pages 1891 March 21

General note

Signed "Victoria Mary of Teck."

2

McDowell, Irvin, 1818-1885. Cut signature, 1 page undated

General note

Civil war general.

2

Meade, George Gordon, 1815-1872. Autograph note signed to Mr. Fuller, 1 page 1800s January 9

General note

Civil war general.

2

Meade, George Gordon, 1815-1872. Cut signature, 1 page undated

2

Melville, Thomas, 1750-1832. Printed document, signed, importation certificate for Jonathan Davis, of the Laura Rich. Boston, Massachusetts, 1 page 1806 June 2

General note

Signed "T. Melvill," and printed thus on document. Countersigned by B. Lincoln, collector.

2

Melville, Thomas, 1750-1832. Printed document, signed, importation certificate for John Dow of the Pilgrim, Pearson. Boston, Massachusetts, 1 page 1810 April 3

General note

Signed "T. Melvill," and printed thus on document. Countersigned with an illegible signature at foot.

2

Mercantile Library of Philadelphia. Printed document, stock certificate for ownership by Seth Collins Brace of one share in the Mercantile Library Company of Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1871 December 14

General note

Signed by T. Morris Perot, President, and Jn. H. Watt, Treasurer. Signed on verso by Geo H. Hill, Administrator of Estate of Seth Collins Brace.

2

Mercantile Library of Philadelphia. Printed document, stock certificate for ownership by Edith Stern of one share in the Mercantile Library Company of Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1916 November 10

General note

Signed by John F. Lewis, President, and possibly Edmund Smyth.

2

Mersereau, Joshua. Autograph letter signed to George Washington. Staten Island, New York, 1 page 1787 September 14

General note

Writes seeking compensation in money or land for himself and his friends for intelligence work done during the war.

2

Mifflin, Thomas, 1744-1800. Document signed, land grant for Andrew Craig. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1793 March 18

General note

Also signed by A.J. Dallas, Secretary, who was late Secretary of the Treasury under Madison.

2

Mitchell, Langdon Elwyn, 1862-1935. Autograph letter signed to Daniel Bush. The Players, 16 Gramercy Park, New York, New York, 4 pages 1901 September 24

2

Mitchell, Langdon Elwyn, 1862-1935. Autograph letter signed to Daniel Bush. Metropolitan Club, Washington D.C., 4 pages 1902 November 9

2

Monck, George, Duke of Albermarle, 1608-1670. Document signed to the Commander of His Majesty's Ordinance, requisitioning munitions. London, 1 page 1666 April 19

General note

Signed "Albemarle." Countersigned by H. Hawley.

2

Monck, George, Duke of Albermarle, 1608-1670. Document signed to Sir John Berkeley, requisitioning munitions from his Majesty's Ordinance. Cockpitt, London, 1 page 1666 October 22

General note

Signed "Albemarle". Date appears as 22d. Oct. 1661, on verso.

2

Montgomery, John, 1722-1808. Autograph letter to James Wilson. Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1775 July 16

General note

Reports that the western Indians were uneasy and dissatisfied at the failure to make a treaty and urges that Congress cultivate their friendship and thus keep the border quiet. He also reports troop movements and asks that Congress reimburse the local committee for its heavy expenses in outfitting the troops.

2

Montgomery, John, 1722-1808. Autograph note signed to Mr. Boreman, 1 page 1776 September 7

General note

Note requesting delivery of powder and lead to Captain Pegman.

2

Montgomery, John, 1722-1808. Autograph note signed to Mr. Boreman, 1 page 1776 October 8

General note

"Let the Bearer have 4 quarts of Salt."

2

Morris, Gouverneur, 1752-1816. Autograph letter signed to Robert Morris. Paris, France, 2 pages 1791 November 21

General note

Discusses his handling of Robert Morris's finances.

2

Morris, Gouverneur, 1752-1816. Autograph letter signed to Robert Morris. Paris, France, 1 page 1793 January 6

General note

Acknowledges receipt of Morris's letter; states that the Dover Estate was sold 6 weeks before and comments that while Paris may be dangerous, he feels it best to remain at present.

2

Morris, Gouverneur, 1752-1816. Autograph letter signed to Robert Morris. Sainport, France, 1 page 1793 May 26

General note

Page four only. Discusses in the post script the need for haste in making up the titles for Dover estate.

2

Morris, Gouverneur, 1752-1816. Autograph letter signed (duplicate) to Robert Morris. Sainport, France, 1 page 1793 June 25

General note

Integral with autograph letter (duplicate) to Morris, Sainport, 9 July 1793, (2 pages). Discusses Paine's conspiracy against him, and his hopes that he will survive and not be recalled.

2

Morris, Gouverneur, 1752-1816. Autograph letter (duplicate) to Robert Morris. Sainport, France, 1 page 1793 July 9

General note

Integral with Morris's autograph letter signed to Robert Morris, Sainport, 25 June 1793.
Discusses finances of Robert Morris's investments abroad.

2

Morris, Gouverneur, 1752-1816. Autograph letter (duplicate) to Robert Morris. Sainport, France, 1 page 1794 March 27

General note

An incomplete letter stating that he has received no word from the United States in 6 months; expects to be recalled and speaks in a detached way about how it is difficult to perform his duties with no support from his country.

2

Morris, Robert, 1734-1806. Autograph letter to James Wilson. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1779 October 4

General note

Advises Wilson, if he wishes to come home, to do so at night, with a companion who will take his horse to Morris's stable, so as not to attract attention arriving on horseback.

2

Morris, Robert, 1734-1806. Autograph letter to James Wilson. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1779 October 6

General note

Advises Wilson that things are calmer and the military has dispersed but that he shouldn't come home yet.

2

Morris, Robert, 1734-1806. Autograph letter to James Wilson. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1779 October 8

General note

Advises Wilson not to come near the city, but should go to a safe place, perhaps New Jersey.

2

Morris, Robert, 1734-1806. Autograph letter to James Wilson. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1779 October 8

General note

Discusses the day's events and advises Wilson about places to hide in New Jersey.

2

Morris, Robert, 1734-1806 Autograph letter signed to James Wilson. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 4 pages with envelope 1785 February 19

General note

Informs Wilson of his acceptance of the office of commissioner "for carrying into effect the ordinance respecting, the Federal Town" (District of Columbia). Also discusses the inability of the government to float its loan on a satisfactory basis.

2

Morris, Robert, 1734-1806. Autograph letter signed to Thomas Hall. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2 pages 1798 January 19

General note

Discusses his inability to pay his debt to Hall, due to the poor real estate market resulting from the war in Europe.

Morris, Robert, 1734-1806. Cut signature with wax stamp, 1 page undated

2

Morris, Robert, 1734-1806. Printed form with signature of Robert Morris, 1 page undated

2

General note

Form concerning payment of money dated 1 Aug. 1795, signed by William Nicholson.

Morton, George, 1756-1799. Autograph letter signed (copy) to Captain Clifton. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1784 December 16

2

General note

Letter to one of his ship captains discussing freight and business.

Multiple signatories. Document signed, declaration of trust concerning annuities in the will of John Penn, and appointing three new trustees. London, 2 pages 1778 June 5

3

General note

Signed and sealed by Lascelles Metcalfe, Metcalfe Russell, William Baker and David Barclay, trustees. Signed by Juliana Penn, Hannah Penn, and Richard Penn, witnesses and relatives of John Penn and Granville Penn, the beneficiaries. Signed by the lawyer, James Seton.

3

Napoleon I, Emperor of the French, 1769-1821. Document signed to "Ministre de la guerre" (i.e. Alexandre Berthier). Paris, France, 1 page 1801 September 18

General note

Autograph note at head in unidentified hand.

3

Nelson, Horatio Nelson, Viscount, 1758-1805. Autograph letter signed to Sir John Acton. Foudroyant off Malta, 1 page 1800 February 20

General note

Signed "Bronte Nelson."

3

Nelson, Horatio Nelson, Viscount, 1758-1805. Autograph letter signed to William Bedford. 23 Piccadilly, London, 1 page 1803 January 28

General note

Signed "Nelson & Bronte."

3

Nelson, Horatio Nelson, Viscount, 1758-1805. Autograph letter signed to the Reverend Mr. Miller, 1 page with envelope 1804 February 11

General note

Signed "Nelson & Bronte." Envelope addressed in Nelson's hand and signed "N & B", with seal.

3

Nelson, Horatio Nelson, Viscount, 1758-1805. Autograph letter signed to William Marsden. Victory, 1 page 1804 September 22

3

Norfolk, Thomas Howard, Duke of, 1473-1554. Document signed, as lieutenant general of the army in France, concerning the sale of provisions. France, 1 page 1544

General note

In French.

3

O'Connell, Daniel, 1775-1847. Autograph letter signed to Jeremy Bentham. 16 Manchester Buildings, London, 1 page 1831 March 1

General note

Engraved portrait of O'Connell, and transcription of letter, attached.

3

Owen, John, et al. Autograph letter signed to Mayor of Philadelphia Joseph Watson, Pennsylvania, 4 pages 1827 June 26

General note

Complaints concerning the First AME Church.

3

Paddock, Fanchon M. Autograph letter signed to Whitelaw Saunders, concerning an autograph from his mother, Maggie Mitchell. 855 West End Ave. New York, New York, 2 pages 1917 March 4

General note

Autograph note signed from Maggie Mitchell, March 4th 1917, enclosed 57-0382.

3

Paulding, James Kirke, 1778-1860. Letter signed to John Percival. Navy Department, Washington, D.C., 1 page 1839 February 1

3

Paulding, James Kirke, 1778-1860. Letter signed to Charles Stewart. Navy Department, Washington, D.C., 1 page 1840 June 8

3

Penn, John, 1729-1795. Document signed, partly printed patent granting land to Robert Taggart. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1774 December 23

General note

Signed by John Penn as governor of Pennsylvania.

3

Penn, William, 1644-1718. Printed document signed, deed for purchase of land in Pennsylvania by Robert Turner, 1 page 1681 March 23

General note

Signed by Charles Marshall, Charles Jones Junior, Philip Fford, Thomas Holmes and Ben. Griffith, witnesses. Autograph note signed by Pat. Robinson, 29th: 5th Mon: 1684 on verso, recording the deed in the Office of Rolls at Philadelphia, on verso. With seal.

3

Penn, William, 1644-1718. Printed document signed, indenture between Penn and Joseph Ffuller, 1 page 1682 July 3

General note

Signed on verso by Ben Griffith, Herbert Springett, Junior and John Coxe, witness. On vellum. With seal.

3

Penn, William, Sir, 1621-1670. Document signed, minutes of a counsel of war under Captain William Penn, Admiral. On board the Fairfax near the Island of Guiffa, 1 page 1651 April 21

General note

Signed also by Captains John Lawson, John Mildmay, Joseph Gordon, Robert Saunders, Ben Blake, Sam Howett, and Andrew Ball. Engraved portrait of Lawson laid in.

3

Pennsylvania. Item of currency, signed. Five shilling note (i.e. one crown). Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 card 1773 October 1

General note

Signed by Joseph Allen, Mord. Lewis and William Griffin. Numbered in Allen's hand as "24054." "Printed by Hall and Sellers" -- on verso.

3

Pennsylvania. Printed document, with additions in the hand of Charles Gleim, notice of a fine to Albert Eisenhower for draft evasion. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1819 January 23

General note

Autograph document signed, receipt for payment by Albert Eisenhower, signed by Charles Gleim, January 23d 1819, on verso.

3

Pennsylvania. Supreme Court. Document signed of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of Philadelphia County, summons in the case of Joseph Kinsley vs. The City of Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1855 August 30

General note

Document signed by various officials, including R. T. Conrad, Mayor of Philadelphia, on 3rd. September 1855, in accepting the summons.

3

Pennsylvania Hospital (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Document signed, concerning a mortgage given by John and Margaret Clark to the Contributors to the Pennsylvania Hospital, to Samuel Benezet. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1793 April 3

General note

Signed by Mordecai Lewis. Autograph note signed by William Linton, recording entry in the Rolls Office, April 9th 1793, on verso. With two seals.

3

Perit, Pelatiah. Autograph letter signed to William W. Woodward. New York, New York, 1 page 1808 December 26

3

Pierpont, John, 1785-1866. Autograph letter signed to E. M. Wood. West Medford, Massachusetts, 2 pages 1854 June 21

3

Pike, Albert, 1809-1891. Autograph letter signed to Rev. Richard Kaines. Washington, D.C., 1 page 1887 November 2

3

Preble, Edward, 1761-1807. Autograph letter signed to Henry Dearborn. Frigate Constitution, Boston Harbor, 2 pages 1803 August 9

General note

Engraved portrait of Preble attached to mount.

3

Randolph, Evan. Autograph letter signed addressed "Dear Boys." Sherman House, Chicago, Illinois, 4 pages 1869 November 8

General note

Transcription laid in.

3

Rush, Benjamin, 1745-1813. Autograph document signed, receipt for payment of medical bills of the family of Bishop William White, covering the period June 1795 through December 1797. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1798 July 4

3

Rush, Benjamin, 1745-1813. Autograph document signed, receipt for payment of medical bills of the family of Bishop William White covering the period July 1799 through May 1809. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1813 March 1

3

Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891. Cut signature, 1 page undated

General note

Civil war general.

3

Slingsby, Guildford, Sir. Document signed, account of expenses for the navy at Chatham in the last quarter of 1615. Chatham, 1 page 1615 December 31

General note

Cosigned by Richard Bingley and P. Buck. Modern notations in blue ink.

3

Smith, Thomas, 1745-1809. Autograph letter signed to James Wilson. Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 3 pages 1782 December 9

General note

Discusses professional expertise of a person named Trentyn, some legal papers which he needs sent to him, and the inadequate way Pennsylvania conducts its business in the Union.

3

Society of the Sons of St. George, Philadelphia. Printed document signed, membership certificate in the name of William White. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1789 October 23

General note

Signed by Robert Morris, 1734-1806, as president. Daniel Rundle, as treasurer, and Assheton Humphreys, as secretary. With ribbon and seal.

3

Spain. Sovereign (1479-1504 : Ferdinand V and Isabella I). Document signed to the judicial authorities of Avila concerning the authority of receptores. Possibly Toledo, Spain, 1 page 1476 March 8

General note

Signed by both Ferdinand and Isabella. Text in Spanish. With seal.

3

St. Clair, Arthur, 1734-1818. Autograph letter signed to James Wilson. Head Quarters, Yorktown, Virginia, 1 page 1781 October 19

General note

Announces the surrender of Cornwallis, this letter being the first news of the surrender to reach Philadelphia.

3

Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930. Signature on card. Pointe an Pic, Canada, 1 page 1923 September 9

3

Thomas, Abel. Autograph document signed, testimony of Abel Thomas, followed by verdict. Princetown, New Jersey, 4 pages 1778 May 26

General note

Abel and James Thomas, Pennsylvania Quakers, were charged with treason for having traveled into British territory, in New York and Long Island, without proper passports, while visiting Quaker meetings. They were found innocent and set free. Signed by Livingston, President of the Council of Safety, State of New Jersey.

3

Thornholm, John de. Document from John de Thornholm to Stephen of Raynald of Wandesforth, granting messuage in Wandesforth. East Riding of Yorkshire, 1 page 1382 February 1

General note

On vellum.

3

Trumbull, Jonathan, 1740-1809. Autograph letter signed (fragment) to an unidentified recipient. Lebanon, Connecticut, 2 pages 1809 February 9

3

Twain, Mark, 1835-1910. Cut signature, 1 page undated

3

Unidentified author. Autograph document, deed concerning a parish church in Shropshire. Wroxeter, Shropshire, 1 page 1347

General note

Author unidentified. In Latin. On vellum. Seal removed but vellum tag still attached.

3

University of Pennsylvania. Autograph document signed, baccalaureate degree conferred on Bird Wilson. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1792 April 18

General note

On vellum, with ribbon and seal. Signed by William Shippen, John Andrews, Adam Kuhn, James Davidson, Benjamin Rush, Robert Patterson, James Hutchinson, William Rogers, Caspar Wistar, Justus Henry Christian, Samuel Powel Griffitts, William Smith, Benjamin Smith Barton, James Wilson.

3

Victoria, Queen of Great Britain, 1819-1901. Document signed, license to plead issued to Sir Fitzroy Kelly. Court at Saint James's, London, 4 pages 1846 June 29

General note

Cosigned by Graham with seal.

3

Victoria, Queen of Great Britain, 1819-1901. Printed document signed, commission appointing J. D. Bradley as a lieutenant in the Fourteenth Regiment of Foot. Court at Windsor, Berkshire, 1 page 1855 March 12

General note

Countersigned with two illegible signatures. With seal.

3

Victoria, Queen of Great Britain, 1819-1901. Autograph letter, possibly to Vernon Smith, concerning the retirement of Sir L. Peel. Osborne, Isle of Wight, 1 page 1855 May 26

3

Victoria, Queen of Great Britain, 1819-1901. Document signed, license to plead issued to Alfred Wills. Court at Saint James's, London, 2 pages 1875 July 13

General note

Cosigned with an illegible signature. With seal.

3

Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829. Autograph letter signed to James Wilson. Mount Vernon, Virginia, 3 pages 1785 February 25

General note

Thanks for his law instruction, discusses his plans for legal practice in Virginia and asks Wilson to refer him business in the area.

3

Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829. Autograph letter signed to William White. Mount Vernon, Virginia, 4 pages 1813 June 25

General note

Discusses the recovery of real estate on which taxes had not been paid and seeks a recommendation for a new Bishop of Virginia.

3

Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829. Autograph letter signed to William White. Mount Vernon, Virginia, 2 pages 1815 June 16

General note

Discusses attempts to retrieve land of White's which had been seized for non-payment of taxes.

3

Washington, George, 1732-1799. Autograph letter signed to William White. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1794 January 1

General note

Integral address leaf detached with seal. Letter accompanying his gift of \$250 to help the needy of the city of Philadelphia.

3

Washington, George, 1732-1799. Autograph letter to William White. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1794 January 2

General note

Pasted on board. Tells White to provide whatever explanation he sees fit concerning Washington's gift for the needy of Philadelphia.

3

Watkins, Franklin Chenault, 1894-1972. Autograph letter signed to Emerson Greenaway, proposing Dr. Edgar P. Richardson for membership in the American Philosophical Society. Post Office Box 311, Harvey Cedars, New Jersey, 4 pages 1968 September 22

General note

Signed "Watty."

3

Watkins, Franklin Chenault, 1894-1972. Autograph letter signed to Emerson Greenaway, concerning Dr. Edgar P. Richardson's proposed membership in the American Philosophical Society. Post Office Box 311 Harvey Cedars, New Jersey, 1 page 1968 October 10

General note

Signed "Watty".

3

Wayne, Anthony, 1745-1796. Autograph letter signed to James Wilson. Richmond, Georgia, 3 pages with envelope with seal 1789 May 20

General note

Congratulates Wilson on the completion of the Constitution and his appointment as Chief Justice of the U.S. (actually he was an associate justice). Asks for an appointment for a friend and one for himself.

3

Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852. Cut signature, frank from an envelope. Washington, D.C., 1 page undated

3

White, Mary Harrison, d. 1797. Autograph letter signed to William White. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 7 pages 1786 November 27

General note

Letter full of household news to her husband in London.

3

White, William, 1747-1836. Autograph letter signed to James Wilson. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1770 October 9

General note

Quick note to Wilson before sailing to England.

3

White, William, 1747-1836. Autograph manuscript signed, 2 pages 1819 July 22

General note

Copy of writing pasted on the back of a picture of his grandmother. Integral with biography of White's grandfather.

3

White, William, 1747-1836. Autograph manuscript signed, 2 pages 1819 July 22

General note

Copy of writing pasted on the back of a picture of his grandfather. Integral with biography of White's grandmother.

3

White, William, 1747-1836. Autograph manuscript signed, 4 pages 1819 July 22

General note

Copy of writing pasted on the back of a picture of his mother.

3

White, William, 1747-1836. Autograph manuscript signed, 10 pages 1819 July 22

General note

Copy of writing pasted on the back of a picture of his father.

3

White, William, 1747-1836. Autograph letter signed to James Montgomery. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 4 pages with small attached sheet 1824 March 30

3

White, William, 1747-1836. Autograph manuscript signed. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1833 February 22

General note

Address and prayer given at laying of cornerstone for a monument to George Washington in Philadelphia. Cut signature attached to third page.

3

White, William, 1747-1836. Autograph letter signed to John F. Shroeder. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 4 pages 1833 September 11

General note

White replies to a number of questions regarding his personal and professional life.

3

White, William, 1747-1836. Autograph letter signed to Rebecca White. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2 pages 1833 December 28

General note

Reply to his granddaughter's discussion of anti-slavery agitation, as well as greetings to family and friends in Baltimore.

3

White, William, 1747-1836. Cut signature, 1 page undated

General note

Cut signature of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow pasted to verso.

3

Wilde, Richard Henry, 1789-1847. Autograph letter signed to General David Brydie Mitchell. Augusta, Georgia, 3 pages 1823 October 26

3

William III, King of England, 1650-1702. Document signed, to Charles Fox and Thomas Coningsby, ordering payment to the Sieur de Casaubon. Camp at Grammen, 1 page 1692 August 29

General note

Cosigned by William Blathwayt.

3

William III, King of England, 1650-1702. Document signed, giving instructions to James Douglas Duke of Queensberry to disperse any unauthorized gathering of the Parliament in Scotland. Court at Hamptoncourt, London, 1 page 1700 July 2

General note

Signed twice.

3

William IV, King of Great Britain, 1765-1837. Autograph letter signed to an unidentified recipient. St. James's, London, 2 pages 1821 May 8

3

William IV, King of Great Britain, 1765-1837. Autograph letter signed, possibly to Sir Andrew Harmond. Royal Sovereign Yacht Dartmouth Harbour, Devonshire, 2 pages 1828 July 21

3

Wilson, James, 1742-1798. Autograph letter (draft) to Rachel Bird Wilson. Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 2 pages 1769 November 29

General note

Declares his affection for her, his desire for her happiness, his pleasure in corresponding with her, and his fears that her feelings may not match his own. Laid in with 91-0118.

3

Wilson, James, 1742-1798. Autograph letter signed to Rachel Bird Wilson. Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 2 pages 1769 November 29

General note

Declares his love for her, his desire for her happiness, and his regrets that her feelings may not match his own.

3

Wilson, James, 1742-1798. Autograph letter signed to Rachel Bird Wilson. Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 2 pages 1769 December 12

General note

Declares his love and affection and proposes a way for her to send him a letter.

3

Wilson, James, 1742-1798. Autograph letter to William White. Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1770 October 2

General note

Wishing White a fond farewell before sailing for England.

3

Wilson, James, 1742-1798. Autograph letter (draft) to Rachel Bird Wilson, 1 page 1771

General note

Discusses acquisition of furniture in preparation for their marriage.

3

Wilson, James, 1742-1798. Autograph letter (copy) to John Adams, 1 page 1780 April 20

General note

Informs Adams that he has been nominated Advocate General for the French Nation in the United States. Requests Adams to buy a library of history and law books for him. Comments on his pleasure in hearing of the plan for a constitution of Massachusetts.

3

Wilson, James, 1742-1798. Autograph letter signed to Rachel Bird Wilson. New York, New York, 2 pages 1786 March 23

General note

Writes asking of her and the health of their children, asks her to send his nomination and commission to sit in Congress to him, since he has forgotten it.

3

Wilson, James, 1742-1798. Autograph letter signed to Ebenezer Bowman. Exeter, New Hampshire, 2 pages 1792 October 25

General note

Asks a business associate to act on his behalf concerning some real estate.

3

Wilson, James, 1742-1798. Autograph document signed, power of attorney. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 3 pages 1797 September 21

General note

Gives power of attorney to Bird Wilson.

3

Wilson, James, 1742-1798. Autograph letter signed to Bird Wilson. Edenton, North Carolina, 1 page 1798 May 12

General note

Asks Bird to deliver a letter to Mr. Thomas and ask for advice concerning real estate debts.

3

Wilson, James, 1742-1798. Autograph letter signed to Bird Wilson. Edenton, North Carolina, 1 page 1798 August 4

General note

Asks questions and requests information concerning the status of his debt with his creditors.

3

Wilson, James, 1742-1798. Autograph letter (draft) to William White. Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 4 pages undated

General note

Informs his friend that he is deeply in love, but has been rejected by Miss Rachel Bird. Asks White to sound out Rachel (who was a friend of White's sweetheart, Miss Harrison), on how matters stand. Typewritten transcription of letter laid in.

3

Wilson, James, 1742-1798. Autograph document (fragment), power of attorney. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page with envelope undated

General note

Grants power of attorney to Bird Wilson.

3

Wilson, Rachel Bird, d. 1786. Autograph letter signed to James Wilson, 1 page undated

General note

Expresses her concern since he has been gone for three weeks and she has not heard from him.

3

Wilson, Rachel Bird, d. 1786. Autograph note signed to James Wilson, 1 page undated

General note

Reports on the illness of Polly and that he has a visitor from Scotland who is awaiting his return.

3

Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924. Typewritten letter signed to James Alan Montgomery. The White House, Washington, D.C., 1 page 1920 August 20

General note

Declines honorary membership in The American Oriental Society.

3

Wister, William. Printed document signed, with additions in Wister's hand, receipt for payment of membership in the Library Company of Philadelphia, from Tench Francis. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1 page 1764 March 29