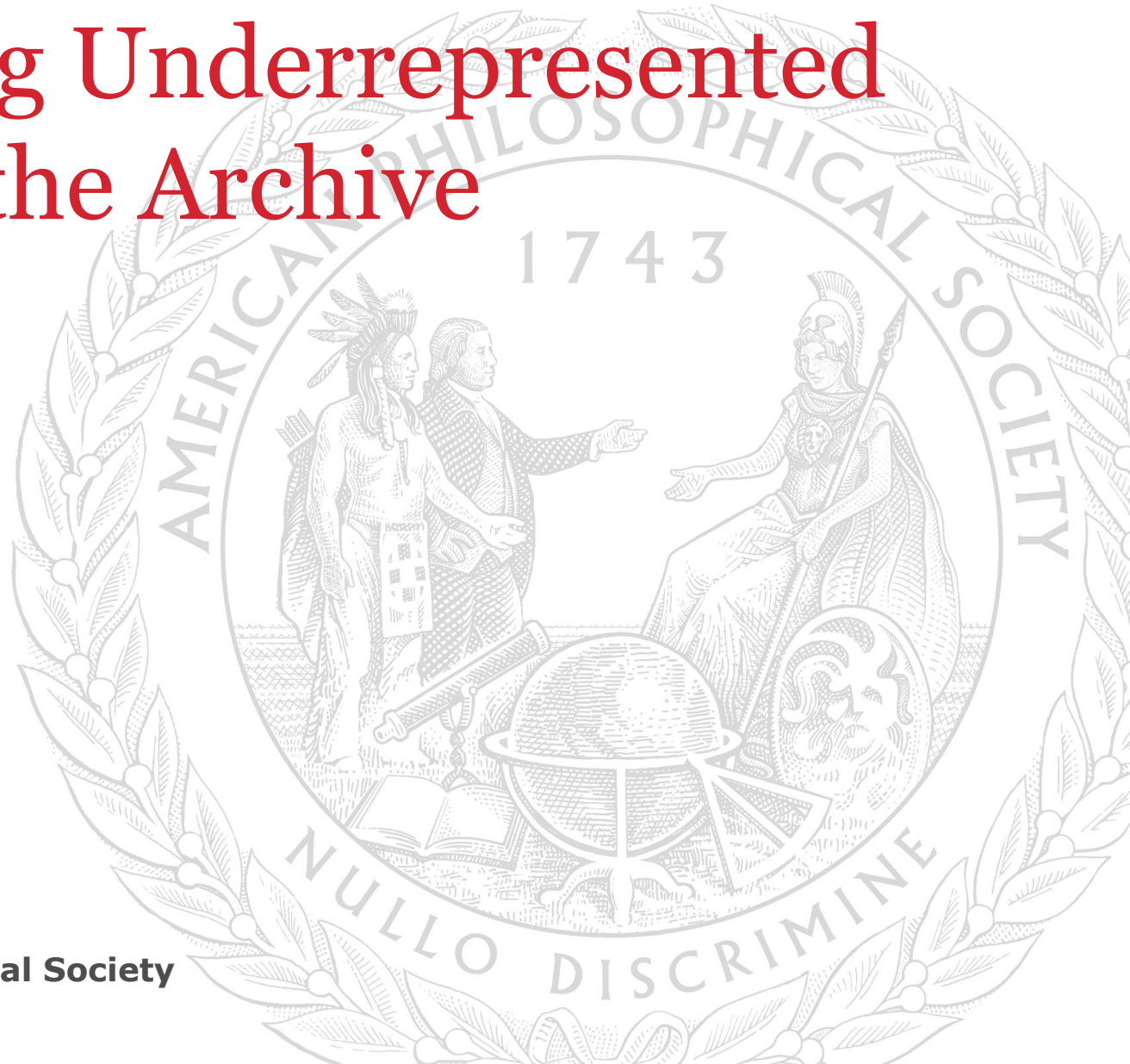


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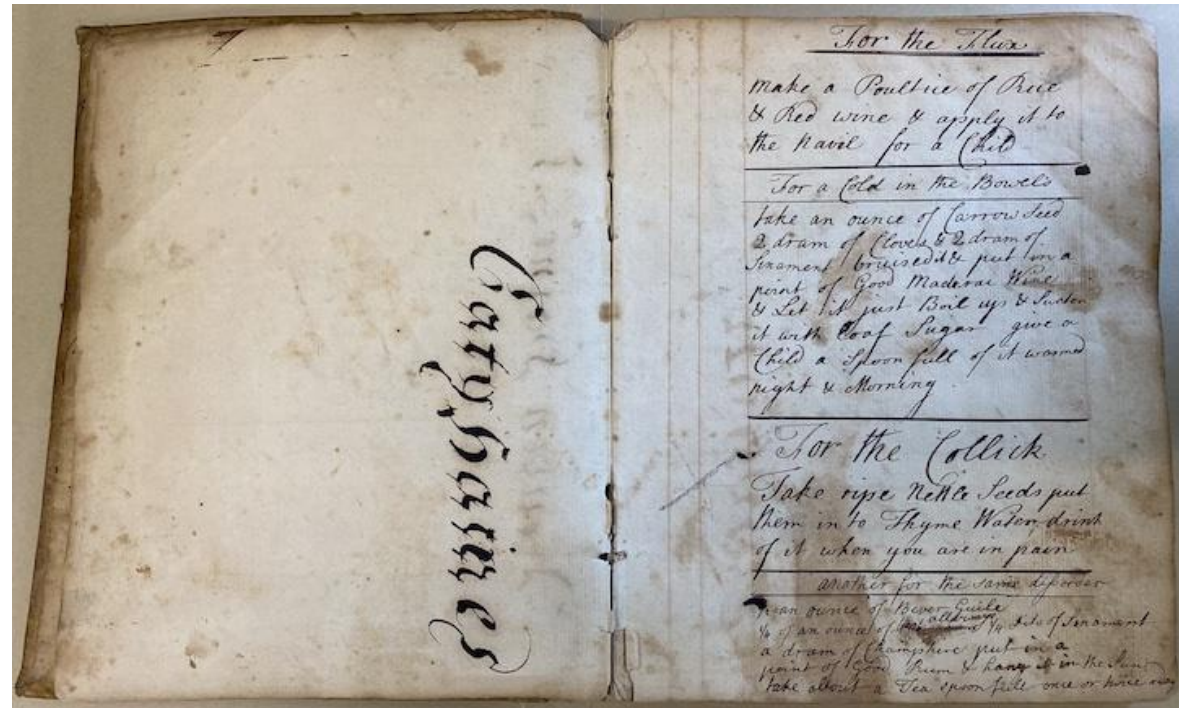
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The Challenge

Catherine Haines Receipt Book Wyck Association Collection, Mss.Ms.Coll 52 Series 3, Box 87, folder 2 (APS)



Wyck
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Collection

Mss.Ms.Coll.52

Reuben Haines (1726-1793).

1776

Notebook re cures for various ills

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Archival Collections as They Exist Today:

1. Finding Aids

Benjamin Franklin Papers, 1642-1841

Ms. B.F.85

Date: 1642-1841 | Size: 85.5 Linear feet, 13,284 Items

Special Request | On-site Photography Request

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Abstract

The Calendar of the Papers of Benjamin Franklin prepared by Isaac Minis Hays for the bicentennial of Franklin's birth in 1906 provides access to the largest portion of the Franklin Papers at the APS. The items were originally bound into volumes in roughly chronological order, with letters to Franklin preceding those from Franklin and at the end of the collection, Franklin's letters owned by the University of Pennsylvania. Each manuscript is still identified by Hays' reference numbers, which include a roman numeral referring to the original volume followed by an arabic number to identify the folio. The electronic version of the finding aid replicates Hays' calendar, including the introductory material and item-level descriptions. It has been updated to reflect corrections in the metadata, corrections of personal names, dates, and description.

Background note

Scope and content

Arrangement

Collection Information

Indexing Terms

Collection overview

Detailed Inventory

Benjamin Franklin Papers

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Due to the size of the collection, the content has been divided into multiple inventories. Please follow the links below to browse the contents.

Part 1: Letters to Franklin	1730-1776	1,211 items
Part 2: Letters to Franklin	1777-1778 March	1,309 items
Part 3: Letters to Franklin	1778 April-December	1,200 items
Part 4: Letters to Franklin	1779 January-November	1,162 items
Part 5: Letters to Franklin	1779 December-1780	1,072 items
Part 6: Letters to Franklin	1781-1782	1,288 items
Part 7: Letters to Franklin	1783	1,083 items
Part 8: Letters to Franklin	1784-1786	1,065 items
Part 9: Letters to Franklin	1787-1790, n.d.	436 items
Part 10: Materials sent to Franklin during his residence in France	ca. 1776-1785	233 items
Part 11: Letters from and Works by Franklin	1733-1789	769 items
Part 12: Correspondence of and Works by Others	1642-1641	1,627 items
Part 13: Business Records of Franklin	1716-1790	829 items
Part 14: Materials held at the University of Pennsylvania	1705-1788	786 items

Archival Collections as They Exist Today:

2. Processing Decisions



Archival Collections as They Exist Today:

3. Dispersed Collections



- Different dates of acquisition
- Different decisions about processing

A hand-drawn map of a river valley, likely the Schuylkill River valley in Philadelphia. The map shows the river winding through a valley with hills on either side. The title 'Creating The Revolutionary City' is overlaid in large, red, serif font. The map includes various labels and annotations in cursive script, such as 'Schuylkill River', 'L. (L. stream)', 'equity. Moral', and 'd. Bonds.'.

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1. Metadata

METADATA = CONTEXT

Metadata should...

- Conform to community-based standards
- Be appropriate to the materials being described and the needs of users
- Support interoperability

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2. Stakeholders

QUESTION:

What are some narratives about Philadelphia during the American Revolution that you would like to teach, interpret or research?



Overlooked narratives of the American Revolution identified by Stakeholder Team, 2020

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3. Enhancement

ENHANCED metadata

TITLE INFORMATION	
Title	Julia Rush to Benjamin Rush
ASSOCIATED NAMES	
Creator	Rush, Julia Stockton
CONTENT DESCRIPTION	
Abstract	Personal letter from Julia Rush to Benjamin Rush.
Subject (lcsh)	United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783--Women
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	
Type	Text
Format	electronic resource
Extent	3 p.
Digital Origin	reformatted digital
Reformatting Quality	preservation
ORIGIN INFORMATION	
Date Issued	1783-07-19

EXISTING metadata

TITLE INFORMATION	
Title	Rush, Julia Stockton to Benjamin Rush, 1783 July 19
ASSOCIATED NAMES	
Creator	Rush, Julia Stockton
Recipient	Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813
CONTENT DESCRIPTION	
Abstract	A personal letter from Julia Rush, in her family's estate Morven, to Benjamin Rush, in Philadelphia. Julia writes of her household and caregiving responsibilities, stating she "has her hands full I assure you." Julia writes of her and Benjamin's children's health, describing a home remedy she made to heal a toothache, and requests that Benjamin delegate some housekeeping chores in Philadelphia, giving him detailed instructions for this work such as pickling "morella" cherries. She also mentions the "adjournment of Congress" and spending an "afternoon in company with Mr. Jacob Read."
Language	English (eng)
Subject (lcsh)	United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783--Women
Subject (lcsh)	United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783--Children
Subject (lcsh)	Philadelphia (Pa.)--History--Revolution, 1775-1783--Social life and customs
Subject (lcsh)	War and families--United States--History--18th century
Subject (lcsh)	Women--History--18th century
Subject (lcsh)	Child care--18th century
Subject (lcsh)	Motherhood
Subject (lcsh)	Households--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia--History--18th century
Subject (lcsh)	Traditional medicine--United States--History--18th century
Subject (lcsh)	Formulas, recipes, etc
Subject (lcsh)	Philadelphia (Pa.)
Subject (lcsh)	Princeton (N.J.)
Subject (lcsh)	Read, Jacob, 1752-1816
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	
Type	Text
Genre	Correspondence
Genre	Personal correspondence
Format	electronic resource
Extent	4p.
Digital Origin	reformatted digital
Reformatting Quality	preservation
ORIGIN INFORMATION	
Date Issued	1783-07-19
PARENT COLLECTION	
Title	Julia Rush Letters, 1776-1809
Call Number	Mss.B.R894
URL	https://search.amphilsoc.org/collections/view?docId=ead/Mss.B.R894-ead.xml
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Concluding Thoughts

“In terms of the work of the stakeholders, what was at times the most frustrating part of the process in the beginning became what I valued the most in the end: the multiplicity of voices from different parts of the educational and museum communities who were involved ... But I came to understand that a multi-use portal that served a broad and diverse constituency needed the input of all parties to function properly, and that the needs of the different groups and individuals varied widely.”

- Revolutionary City Stakeholder