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Summary Information

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Abstract	The first volume includes extracts from the journals of Conrad Weiser and Christian Frederick Post (1757), Charles Thomson's "An Enquiry into the causes of the alienation of the Delaware and Shawanese Indians from the British interest" (1759), and a printed version of Judge Bradford's

"Statement of facts and observations respecting the penal laws" (1792).
The second volume contains selected letters and documents in the Pennsylvania state records on Indian relations, including transcriptions of several treaties between the Province of Pennsylvania and the Delawares and other Indians (1755-1758); the French and Indian War; and Braddock's campaign. Some manuscripts are written by Deborah Norris Logan and Charles Thomson.

Administrative Information

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1900 2760 Norris, Joseph Parker, and Redmond Conyngham. See in-house shelf list for additional accession numbers. (Card says: Previously 970.1 P38)

Alternative Form Available

The journals of Weiser and Post, and Thomson's and Bradford's writings, are also available on microfilm (Film 1409).

Related Materials

Related Material

See also [Indian and Military Affairs of Pennsylvania \(974.8 P19\)](#).

Indexing Terms

Genre(s)

- Diplomatic Material
- Manuscript Essays
- Official Government Documents and Records
- Printed Material
- Travel Narratives and Journals

Geographic Name(s)

- United States -- History -- French and Indian War, 1755-1763.

Personal Name(s)

- Armstrong, John
- Barton, Thomas, 1730-1780
- Bradford, William, 1755-1795
- Claus, Christian Daniel, 1727-1781
- Croghan, George, d.1782
- Hamilton, James, 1710-1783
- Jones, Thomas Rymer, 1810-1880
- Logan, James, 1674-1751
- Mercer, Hugh, 1726-1777
- Montour, Andrew
- Morris, Robert Hunter, 1713-1764
- Orme, Robert, 1728-1801
- Paris, Ferdinand John
- Penn, Thomas,1702-1775.
- Sharpe, Horatio, 1718-1790
- Shippen, Joseph,1706-1793.
- Shirley, William, 1694-1771
- Stanwix, John, 1690?-1766
- Stobo, Robert, 1726-1770
- Teedyuscung, ca. 1700-1763
- Trent, William, 1715-1787?
- Walsh, John

Subject(s)

- Braddock's Campaign, 1755.
- Delaware Indians
- Diplomatic History
- Indians of North America--Pennsylvania
- Indians of North America--Treaties
- Law
- Native America
- Pennsylvania History
- Pennsylvania--History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775

- Seven Years' War
- Shawnee Indians
- Social Life and Custom
- Travel

Other Descriptive Information

These volumes contain an assortment of documents relating to colonial Pennsylvania's relations with Indian groups. Most notably, the collection contains journals and treaty minutes from the Seven Years' War, including a journal by Conrad Weiser, a manuscript version of Charles Thomson's "Enquiry into the Alienation," and official government records from the war. There are other documents that do not bear directly on Indian affairs. Most notably, there is a manuscript essay by Lewis Evans on German immigration that details the often brutal experience of immigrants' journey to Pennsylvania and proposes a series of reforms. There is also a printed essay in the back of the volume that opposes capital punishment and was printed in Philadelphia in 1792.

Other Descriptive Information

Indexes to manuscripts are at beginning of each volume.