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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	American Philosophical Society
<b>Creator</b>	Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790
<b>Title</b>	Miscellaneous Benjamin Franklin Collections
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<b>Call number</b>	Mss.B.F85.misc
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<b>Extent</b>	733 items
<b>Location</b>	LH-MV-C-7 (B F85.num); LH-MV-C-8 (B F85.di, B F85f6.23, B F85f6.24); LH-MV-C-9 (B F85.br, B F85.ch, B F85.g, B F85.h, B F85.j, B F85.m); LH-MV-D-7 (B F85.56a, B F85.102, B F85.212, B F85.339, B F85.ch, B F85f6, B F85.ja, B F85.ledgers, B F85.m3, B F85x5, B F85x53); LH-MV-E-2 (B F85f6.22); LH-MV-E-14 (B F85f6.26); LH-SB-Black Case-10 (B F85di); LH-SB-Black Case-27 (B F85.num, B F85.x, OS); LH-SB-XOS Case 1-4 (B F85.num, XOS); LH-SB-XOS Case 1-5 (B F85x428)
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Since publication of I. Minis Hays's Calendar of the Papers of Benjamin Franklin in 1908, the APS Library has acquired a large number of miscellaneous letters and other documents relating to the life, mind, and work of Franklin and his immediate family. The collections listed in this finding aid consist of letters and documents to and from Franklin organized into groupings based upon provenance or focal point. The largest grouping consists of miscellaneous materials acquired individually

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The collections include photostats of selected materials held by other institutions or that were in private hands. These are available for reference only.

**Preferred Citation**

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## Scope & content

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The letters to and from Benjamin Franklin in the miscellaneous collections has been or will be published by the *Papers of Benjamin Franklin* project. For the most part these materials arrived after I. Minis Hays undertook his project to calendar the *Franklin Papers*, and as a result, are not included in that calendar. The current Miscellaneous Collection is the product of the merger of three separate miscellaneous collections previously identified only by differences in call number. The items in each of these miscellaneous collections were originally catalogued in the order received and were assigned a numerical suffix to the basic call number (e.g. B F85.200 or B F85x.1). Although the collection has been rearranged into a single chronological series, we have retained the original call numbers to facilitate comparison to earlier citations.

The Library has holds reference copies of Franklin correspondence held at Abercairny House, General Registry Office, Edinburgh (correspondence with Henry Homes, Lord Kames), the J. Pierpont Morgan Library, the Harkness Collection at the New York Public Library, and the Bibliothèque Municipale, Mantes, France (duc de La Rochefoucauld). These materials may not be copied without the prior permission of the institution holding the originals.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

American Philosophical Society 4/2003

## Restrictions

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### Restrictions on Use

Permission to publish letters not owned by the APS must be obtained from the holding institution.

## Provenance

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### Acquisition Information

Acquired variously.

### Processing Information

Encoded and recatalogued, 2003.

## Related Materials

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### Related Material

#### Other Benjamin Franklin Collections

##### Benjamin Franklin Papers

[View Collection](#)

##### Franklin-Bache Papers

[View Collection](#)

##### James S. and Frances M. Bradford Collection

[View Collection](#)

## Indexing Terms

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## Corporate Name(s)

- American Philosophical Society.
- Junto

## Geographic Name(s)

- France--Foreign relations--United States
- Great Britain--Foreign relations--United States
- Pennsylvania--Politics and government--Colonial period, ca.1600-1775
- United States--Foreign relations--France
- United States--Foreign relations--Great Britain
- United States--History--Colonial period, ca.1600-1775
- United States--History--French and Indian War, 1755-1763
- United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783
- United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783--Causes

## Personal Name(s)

- Bache, Sarah Franklin, 1743-1808
- Bingham, William, 1752-1804
- Brillon, Mme
- Chaumont, Jacques-Donatien Leray de, 1725-1803
- Childs, Francis, 1763-1830
- Cook, James, 1728-1779
- Franklin, Deborah Read Rogers, 1708-1774
- Franklin, William Temple, 1760-1823
- Franklin, William, 1731-1813
- Galloway, Joseph, 1731-1803
- Genet, Edme Jacques , d.1781
- Greene, Catherine Ray, 1731-1794
- Greene, William, 1731-1809
- Hall, David, 1714-1772
- Hartley, David, ca.1730-1817
- Helvetius, Anne Catherine de Ligniville d'Autricourt, 1719-1800
- Hewson, Mary Stevenson, 1734-1795
- Hill, Henry, 1732-1798
- Ingersoll, Jared, 1722-1781
- Jackson, Richard, ca.1721-1787
- Jay, John, 1745- 1829

- Laurens, Henry, 1724-1792
- Le Roy, Jean Baptiste
- Lee, Arthur, 1740-1792
- Mecom, Jane Franklin, 1712-1794
- Price, Richard, 1723-1791
- Stevenson, Margaret, ca.1706-1763
- Strahan, William, 1715-1785
- Vergennes, Charles Gravier, comte de, 1717-1787
- Waring, John, 1716-1794
- Williams, Jonathan.
- Wistar, Caspar, 1761-1818

## Subject(s)

- African Americans--Education
- Electricity--Early works to 1800
- Postal service--United States
- Printers--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia
- Stamp Act, 1765

## Other Descriptive Information

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The Miscellaneous Benjamin Franklin Collections contain a few items which may be of interest to naval historians:

### **Barry, John, 1745-1803.**

- 1 Franklin, Benjamin. Letter to Captain John Barry. 1782 January 24. Concerning finding sailors for Captain Barry. Will see the Marquis de la Fayette about procuring some French sailors for service. Americans who have recently escaped from or have been exchanged from English prisons are also a possibility. The consul Mr. Barclay should be approached for anything that is needed for the ship. 1 page. (B F85.150)

### **Jones, John Paul, 1747-1792.**

- 1 Franklin, Benjamin. Letter to M. Le Ray de Chaumont. 1779 August 5. Regarding orders for Captain John Paul Jones. 1 page. (B F85.29).
- 2 Franklin, Benjamin. Letter to Mrs. Jane Mecom (sic). 1779 October 25. Regarding the activities of John Paul Jones along the English coast. 4 pages. Jane Mecom Collection (B F85.m).
- 3 Lee, Stephen. Letter to Benjamin Franklin. 1780 February 1. Complains of ill-treatment from John Paul Jones. Wishes payment for his services. 2 pages. (B F85.x67).



- 4 Huntington, Samuel. Letter to Benjamin Franklin. 1781 March 2. Enclosing resolutions of the Congress pertaining to John Paul Jones. 1 page. (B F85.x42).

## Other Descriptive Information

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The Papers of Benjamin Franklin are a rich source as varied and expansive as Dr. Franklin's storied life. The Collection has been calendared, catalogued, and much of it is available online at franklinpapers.org and in printed volumes. The APS inventory in MOLE is extraordinarily detailed. The aim of this entry is not to reproduce what is already readily accessible, but to focus on material that is unavailable in printed or online sources.

Most notable are a series of bound volumes that capture different aspects of Franklin's professional career. The bound volumes include a nearly complete record of the colonial Post Office that Franklin headed, numerous account books from Franklin's time in England and France, and official account books of the U.S. mission in France. In addition to these bound account and ledger books, the collection also includes a copy of the earliest deed known deed for the Pennsylvania statehouse property, various sketches and drawings thought to be done by Franklin, and four large volumes of a journal of John Lindsay Crawford's travels with the Russian Army from 1737-1739 that include large maps of Europe that Franklin kept in his library (these four volumes are separately described in MOLE under Crawford).

The Franklin Papers, along with the papers of his grandsons at the APS, provide a nearly complete picture of Benjamin's time in France as an American ambassador to France during the American Revolution. Aside from the manuscript records from this period, the collection has a nearly complete set of account books detailing both the official and personal transactions of Franklin in France.

The APS also houses a collection of books that came from Franklin's personal library. The library offers insight into Franklin's own reading and intellectual life. A box of miscellaneous papers in the manuscript collection may also be of related research interest. This box includes a variety of documents that Franklin had in his possession, such as copies of newspapers that have marginalia, that are not included in the official published papers.

## Collection Inventory

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**Mss.B.F85.[numeral] Benjamin Franklin 1710-1793 531 items**  
**Miscellaneous Collection**

Miscellaneous manuscripts written by or to Benjamin Franklin, acquired individually or in small groups. The material spans the entirety of Franklin's public career. A few items are supplied in photocopy from originals held privately or at other institutions.

The collection was rearranged chronologically in 2003, however the individual item numbers have been retained for reference purposes.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1710 July 7, 15 Photocopy, 1p. B F85.421  
 Poems to B[enjamin] F[ranklin]

### Acquisition Information

From originals in Julia Rush Biddle Henry Coll., Rosenbach Found.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** [ca. 1718-1722]. Photostat, 4p. B F85.174  
 Elegy on my Sister Franklin

### Acquisition Information

From original in possession of the University of Pennsylvania. See University of Pennsylvania Library chronicle, v.2,no.3 and v.8,2-3.

### Bibliography

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**Cash, Caleb** 1732/33 January 16 DS, 1p. B F85.299  
 Will

Witnessed: B. Franklin, Stephen Potts, Sarah Read. Certification, April 26, 1737, S: Pet[er] Evans.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** [ca.1732]. Photo., 5p. B F85.367  
 Proposals and queries for the Junto

In hand of Charles Thomson

### Original Location

From original in the Thomson memorandum book, 1754-1774. Gratz collection, H.S.P.

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

**Bibliography**


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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1734 April 11	Photostat of	B F85.110
Lease to Sarah Read for house and lot on		DS, 1p.	
High Street, for 99 years			

**Acquisition Information**

From original in Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

**Bibliography**


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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1734 April 11	DS, 1p.	B F85.385
Lease to Sarah Read			

Presented by Morris Duane; Dec.1969.

**Bibliography**


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<b>Franklin, Deborah Read Rogers,</b>	1738 Oct. 14	D.S. 1p.	B F85. x28
<b>1708-1774</b>			

Power of attorney, in the name of her husband Benjamin Franklin, to James Wilson to collect mortgage money from estate of William Maugridge

Att: Nicholas Waln [and] John Patton.

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<b>Coates, William</b>	1741 March 10	DS, 1p.	B F85.298
Indenture to William Maugridge for the lease of a plot of ground in Northern Liberties, adjacent to that of Benjamin Franklin			

Certification, June 27, 1776;S: Jacob Duché.

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<b>Edgell, Simon</b>	1741 March 9	D.S. 2p.	B F85.301
Will			

Seal Witnessed: B. Franklin et al

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**Koyle, Michael. Estate** 1741 April 20-1743 Sept. 26; DS, 1p. B F85.290  
 Account with John Read 1749 October 23

Contains receipt, same date, written in B. Franklin's (executor of estate) hand S: John Read.

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1743 April 2 DS, 1p. B F85.295  
 [Bond in re administration of estate of  
 Simon Edgell]

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1743 May 14 DS, 2p. B F85.297  
 Proposal for promoting useful knowledge  
 among the British plantations in America

In hand of Alexander Garden (?)

Copy sent to the Royal Society of arts, London, by Alexander Garden; cf. William Shipley to BF,  
 Sept. 13, 1755 - *Franklin Papers* I,38; also

**Smout, Edward** 1744 April 24 DS, 1p. B F85.313  
 Bond of Edward Smout, Rebecca Edgell  
 and Benjamin Franklin in re estate of John  
 Armstrong

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1744 April 25 Photocopy,2p.B F85.378  
 Receipt to John Bringhurst for printing Mr.  
 Estaugh's book, with statement of account of  
 Elizabeth Estaugh and John Bringhurst

Presented by Willman Spawn; 1966.

**Acquisition Information**

(from originals in Estaugh Papers, Haverford College, quaker Collection.)

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1744 April 5 Photostat, 1p. B F85.4  
 Letter to Cadwallader Colden

Relative to founding of the APS.

**Original Location**

From original in possession of New-York Historical Society.

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1744 Sept. 18 ALS, 1p. B F85.70  
 Letter to W[illia]m Strahan Slightly  
 mutilated.

Sends books he has printed. Orders type to complete a "little Printing House for our common Friend Mr. Hall."

**Bibliography**


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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** [1744 November 3] ADS Cy, 1p. B F85.392  
 Account with [Nathaniel] Clapp (sic)

Charges for printing and binding Mather's Soul-saying gospel truths. On same page as B[enjamin] Franklin to Clapp (sic); [Nov.3, 1744,]

**Acquisition Information**

(From Bruce Gimelson, Autograph Auction No. 8, October 5, 1972.)

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1745 June 13 Pr. DS, 1p. B F85.167  
 Post-master's bill; from the post-office at  
 Philad. to the post-office at Boston;

Probably a Franklin imprint

With this is an engraving of Dr. Franklin in fur cap. Removed from frame; Feb. 1963.

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**Middleton, Mary** 1745 June 3 DS, 1p. B F85.312  
 Bond of Mary Middleton, Benjamin  
 Franklin and Jacob Duché in re estate of  
 James Middleton

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1745 August 15 ALS, 1p. B F85.43  
 Letter to James Alexander

Relative to some engraving work. Mentions [Lewis ?] Evans and [James ?] Parker.

**Bibliography**


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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1745 December 19 Photo., 1p. B F85.361  
 Bond to Isaac Jones

Presented by Robert B. Fisher; 1961.

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**Other Descriptive Information**

(see film 1052.)

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1746 April 12	DS, 1p.	B F85.296
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[Bond in re administration of estate of Joseph Breintnall]

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1746 May 22	ALS, 1p.	B F85.188
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Letter to [William Strahan]

Orders maps for Assembly.

**Bibliography**


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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1747 April 2	LS Cy, 2p.	B F85.236
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Letter to Brother [Franklin]

On same sheet is portion of another, undated, letter from Franklin to his brother. Desires information on Admiral Warren's actions. Mentions Billy [William Franklin].

**Bibliography**


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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1747 June 1	ALS, 1p.	B F85.284
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Letter to William Strahan

Mr. Hall will advise him of their business arrangement. Purchase of books.

**Bibliography**


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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1747 November 28	ALS, 1p.	B F85.69
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Letter to W[illia]m Strahan

Mr. Hall will order books for the shop after that date. Maps for the gallery and assembly room in the State House. Presented by Dr. Thomas S. Gates, May 1947.

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<b>Meuris, Matthias. Estate of</b>	ca.1747	AMs, 1p.	B F85.x59
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List of debts due sundry persons

Debt to Benjamin Franklin - £42.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1748 Sept. 29	Photostat, 3p.	B F85.85
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Letter to Cadwalader Colden

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

**Acquisition Information**

From Original in the New-York Historical Society.

**Bibliography**


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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1748 November 23	Photostat, 1p.	B F85.108
Letter to Mr. Strahan			

Relative to Mr. Read's account. Mentions Dr. Mitchell and fireplaces.

**Original Location**

Presented by J. B. Nolan from original in Buffalo Historical Society, November 1948.

**Bibliography**


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<b>Library Company of Philadelphia.</b>	1748 November 7; 1748	3p.	B F85.261
Minutes	Dec.; 1748/9 January 9		

Dr. of A.D. in handwriting of Benjamin Franklin.

On reverse of bill for books from Peter Collinson, June 16, 1742-Oct. 15, 1745.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1749 July 4	ALS, 1p.	B F85.126
Letter to Ja[m]es Logan [?]			

Sends Smith's Travels and Pope's Life of Ward. Mentions N. Holland.

**Bibliography**


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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1749 July 6	A.L. 2p.	B F85.335
Letter to [George Whitefield]			

Fragment.

**Bibliography**


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<b>Koyle, Michael, Estate of</b>	1749 Sept. 29-1751 April 24; DS.	1p.	B F85.289
Account with T. Leech and B. Franklin	1751 August 6		

In Franklin's hand. Principally funeral expenses and taxes.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1749 Sept. 7	ALS, 1p.	B F85.371
Letter to [Abiah Folger Franklin]			

In hand of Jane Mecom.

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

**Acquisition Information**

Presented by Morris Duane; Dec 1962.

**Bibliography**


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<b>Koyle, Michael</b>	1749 October 6	D, 1p.	B F85.294
Inventory of estate			

In B. Franklin's hand.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1750 June 1	Photocopy,	B F85.400
Letter to "Dear Elias"		1p.	

Acknowledges receipt of the "copper and Worm" which is to be forwarded to an individual in Maryland. Mentions James Logan.

**Acquisition Information**

(From Sotheby Parke Bernet Inc., Public Auction, May 21, 1974.)

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<b>Collinson Peter, 1694-1768</b>	1750 July 10 [or 11]	Photostat, 3p.	B F85.x43
Letter to [Benjamin Franklin]; Lond[on]			

The proprietor approves the Academy. All of his electrical papers are in press under the supervision of Dr. Fothergill. Mentions John Bartram.

**Acquisition Information**

From original on Library Co.

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<b>Library Company of Philadelphia.</b>	1750 Sept. 10	1p.	B F85.121
Minutes			

Oct. 8. A.D. in hand of B. Franklin.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1750 December 6	ALS, 2p.	B F85.251
Letter to [William Strahan]			

Asks that he enter his son, William Franklin, as a student of law in one of the Inns; orders some books.

**Bibliography**


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<b>Lavers, Robert</b>	1750 Dec. 22	DS, 1p.	B F85.x40
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Receipt to B. Franklin for certain books and magazines for the library

In B. Franklin's hand.

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<b>Hurford, Samuel</b>	1751 June 6	DS, 1p.	B F85.293
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Receipt to Benjamin Franklin for payment of tax for Michael Koyall's estate

In B. Franklin's hand.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1751 July 29 (?)	ALS, 2p.	B F85.131
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Letter to [Peter Collinson]

Comment on Albany conference from which has just returned, Finds is Beccaria's Dell'elettricismo artificiale naturale that the author has same opinion as he does that "Thunder-Storkes are sometimes upwards from the earth to the cloud."

Contains note in Collinson's hand. Transcribed also is letter from Franklin to Collinson, May 28, 1754, in secretary's hand.

**Bibliography**

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1751 October 31	Lithograph	B F85.184
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Letters to [Cadwallader Colden]

(?) of ALS,  
2p.

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<b>The Philadelphians chess society</b>	1752 April 24	Photostat,	B F85.281
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Rules to be accepted by members..

Forgery

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<b>Philadelphia. Mayor, Magistrates and Wardens</b>	1752 July 7	D.S, 9 leaves.	B F85.45
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Orders for regulating the conduct of the watch, made by the magistrates and wardens.

**Bibliography**

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<b>Green, Thomas</b>	1752 August 4	D.S. 3p.	B F85.267
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Mortgage from Thomas and Martha Green to Isaac Norris, Thomas Leech and Edward

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Warner, for parcel of land in Northern Liberties, £179.17.10;

Certification, August 21, 1752, S: B. Franklin, as justice.

**Acquisition Information**

Presented by Mr. Samuel H. Mevitty, March 1955.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to [William Strahan]	1752 Sept. 1	ALS, 1p.	B F85.323
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Encloses second bill for £20 drawn on Alexander Grant for Mary Stevens.

For record of first bill, see letter of Aug. 8, 1752 (Smyth, III,94). Fine impression of B.F.'s seal.

**Bibliography**


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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to P[eter] Collinson	1752 October 1	Enlargement pprint of copy of L. 2p., end.	B F85.196
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Copy made by Peter Collinson.

**Acquisition Information**

Presented by I.B. Cohen, March 1952, from original owned by Royal Society.

**Bibliography**


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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to John Franklin	1752 December 8	Photostat, 2p.	B F85.37
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Pertains to a catheter.

**Acquisition Information**

Photostat presented by the New York Academy of Medicine which owns the original.

**Bibliography**


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<b>Philadelphia. Merchants</b> Petition against patent exclusive rights of trade to Labrador;	1752	Photostat, 2p.	B F85.96
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Also contains report of the Lords of the committee of council for plantation affairs; December 21, 1752.

**Original Location**

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Original in the Colonial office of the board of trade - commercial.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1753 January 2	Photostat, 1p. B F85.216
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Letter to "Dear Brother" [John Franklin ?]

Questions him about their father's estate; and about various papers on electricity etc., he sent him. On reverse is copy of letter from Franklin to his brother, Sept. 27, 1750.

**Original Location**

From original in possession of Vassar B. Carlton, who presented photostat, May 1951.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1753 January 2	LS Cy, 1p. B F85.237
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Letter to Brother [John (?) Franklin]

His brother's case of the stone. Questions concerning their father's estate. Inquires whether he has read his electrical papers and others sent him.

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<b>Hill, Richard</b>	1753 March 25	2p. B F85.277
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Deed, given by his attorney Samuel Preston Moore to Samuell Powell, for plot of ground about Third and Sassafras streets

D. with certification S: B. Franklin, Justice. April 20, 1753.

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<b>Norris, Isaac, 1701-1766</b>	1753 May 18	DS, 1p. B F85.163
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Deed to Moses Moore for land in Chester Co., Pa

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1753 May 9	LS Cy, 7p. B F85.252
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Letter to [Peter Collinson]

**Acquisition Information**

Presented by Arthur Bloch, Nov. 1954.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1753 June 6	Photostat, 3p. B F85.9
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Letter to George Whitefield, Philadelphia

Franklin's notion of good works.

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

The *Franklin Papers* contain an autograph draft of this letter, with slight differences in wording, addressed to Joseph Huey (v.45, no.7); see also Smyth, v.3,143)

**Acquisition Information**

The original of this photostat was offered for sale to the A.P.S. by Paul Elder and Co., San Francisco, Cal., March 1940.

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1753 July 16 ALS, 1p. B F85.365  
Letter to Hugh Roberts. Philadelphia

Forwards package for the Speaker. Concerning his travels and plans for return. Refers to the Junto.

**Acquisition Information**

Presented by R. Sturgis Ingersoll; July 12, 1951.

**Bibliography**

**Library Company of Philadelphia.** 1753 December 10 A.D. in hand B F85.265  
Minute of the Directors of B. Franklin  
2p.

**Acquisition Information**

Presented By Mr. S.H. McVitty, March 1955.

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1754 February 14 ALS, 2p. B F85.46  
Letter to Edw[ar]d Shippen

Printing house in Lancaster.

**Bibliography**

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1754 April 19 Photostat B F85.147  
Letter to [William Watson]

Electrical experiments.

**Acquisition Information**

From original consigned to A.Privat, Paris, 1949.

**Bibliography**

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1754 May 19 Typed c. of L. B F85.187  
Letter to President and Council of the Royal  
Society [ of London] 1p.

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Acknowledges the honor bestowed upon him by receipt of the Copley medal for 1753.

**Acquisition Information**

Presented by I. Bernard Cohen, Sept. 1951.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1754 May 28	Copy of L.	B F85.131
Letter to [Peter Collinson]		3p.	

Proprietor's interest in the Academy. Sent paper containing his new experiments on lightning and electricity of the clouds. Capt. Swain has gone on second attempt for the N.W. passage. Acknowledges [Copley] medal and barometers through Mr. Smith. Mr. Short's improvements of his fire-hearths. Comments on relationship of the Crown and colonies with respect to the designs of the French. Albany conference.

On same sheet with letter of July 29, 1754.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1755 March 23	ALS, 1p.	B F85.288
Letter to William Strahan			

Letter serves to cover a Bill of exchange for 20£.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1755 April ca.	AD, 2p.	B F85.42
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Memorandum relative to the reforms in connection with the delivery of mail.

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<b>Braddock, Edward, 1695-1755</b>	1755 May 21	DS, 1p.	B F85.x7b
Commission to [John] Read, as waggon master; Fort Cumberland			

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1755 May 30	ADS, 1p.	B F85.264
Pass for John Bickner and John Myfield permitting them to go to the new road in Cumberland county for clearing same			

Presented by Mr. Samuel H. McVitty, March 1955.

**Bibliography**

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** [1755? June] Monday Photostat, 1p. B F85.79  
 Letter to Susanna Wright morning

Presented by Julian P. Boyd, July 1947.

**Original Location**

From original in possession of Frank Jewett Mather.

**Bibliography**


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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** [1755 Aug.] ALS, 1p. B F85.60  
 Letter to Rich[ar]d Peters

Relative to the delivery of certain letters. "They hope the Colonel [Dunbar] does not mean to come to Philade. but only into this Province to be near the Magazine at Shippensburgh..."

**Bibliography**


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**Scott, Thomas** 1755 Oct. 1 ADS, 1p. B F85.x7c  
 Certification that wages are due to John  
 Read for his services as wagon master  
 during the Braddock campaign

Scott was wagon master general.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1755 October 16 ALS, 1p. B F85.329  
 Letter to Jona[tha]n Williams, Boston;  
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"Free B Franklin". Sends printing paper to be sold.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1755 Nov.2 ALS, 5p. B F85.372  
 Letter to James Read

Presented by Morris Duane; Dec.1962.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1755 November 5 B F85.397  
 Letter to Rich[ar]d Peters;

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Acknowledges Peters' intentions to provide the bearers of the letter "with what Arms and immuniton they have occasion for, provided the Assembly will engage to pay for them."

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<b>Parker, George, 2nd earl of Macclesfield, 1697-1764</b>	1756 Jan. 29	Photograph of D.S: Macclesfield. . Collinson and others. 1p.	B F85.x19
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Recommendation of Benjamin Franklin for election to membership in the Royal Society of London

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1756 February 12	Repro. of ALS. 1p.	B F85.437
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Letter to [Jane Mecom]

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Consolation on the death of their brother. Source of image (Batchelder Cat. #56, n.d.).

1. Mecom. Jane, 1712-1794. I. B. Franklin chron.

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<b>Sober, Sarah</b>	1756 February --	D.S. 1p.	B F85.300
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Seal Witnessed: Deborah Franklin, John Morgan Certification, Phila., October 3, 1757, S:William Plumsted.

Mentions Benjamin Franklin and Richard Peters.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	[1756 February 22]	Copy of typed L. 1p.	B F85.354
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Letter to Miss Hubbard

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Taken from the Massachusetts Centinel, May 15, 1790. Presented by J.B.Nolan; May 1960.

**Bibliography****Other Descriptive Information**

(see Mass.Magazine; Feb.1789,p.100.)

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	[1756 February]	Photostat of A.D. 1p.	B F85.218
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Position of troops in Northampton Co

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In Connection with this document see article by William A. Hunter, "Two 'new' Franklin manuscripts,"

Photostat presented by Mr.Hunter, 1953.

**Acquisition Information**

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

From original in the Pa. State Archives, Papers of the Provincial Council, Harrisburg.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1756 March 5	ALS, 1p. 0.	B F85.5
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Letter to Elizabeth Hubbard (sic) , dated Philadelphia

shall send a commission to cousin Tuthill [Hubbart]; could be glad to have the state of the office accounts and the balance... Elizabeth Hubbart later became Elizabeth Partridge. Purchased at the Parke-Bernet sale, October 12-13, 1938, \$55.

**Bibliography**


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<b>Clapham, William</b>	1756 Sept. 8	Photostat of	B F85.x49
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Letter to B. F[ranklin]

extract of L.  
1p.

Presented by W.A. Hunter, June 1954.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in Papers of the Provincial council, Division of Public Records, Harrisburg, Pa.

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<b>Pennsylvania. Provincial Council</b>	1756 November 15	Photostat of	B F85.234
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Minutes of Conference with Indians, held at Easton, Pa

extract, in  
handwriting  
of Benjamin  
Franklin. 3p.

Presented by Dr. William A. Hunter, May 1954.

**Acquisition Information**

Original in Pa. hist. and mus. com., Dept. of Public Records, Papers of the Provincial council. Text incorporated in Provincial Record, P, 89-90.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1757 January 13	ALS, 2p.	B F85.162
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Letter to Betsy Hubbard

Advice for story-tellers; old age.



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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1757 May 21	Photostat, 2p. B F85.186
Letter to Earl of Loudoun; Woodbridge		

Delay in sailing of packet. Suggests that someone be appointed to enquire into the claims of the masters whose servants have been taken into service from Pa.

From Loucoun papers, Huntington library. Press ented by E.M.Riley, August 1951.

**Bibliography**


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<b>Franklin and Hall</b>	1757 May 23	Ms. D. B F85.260
Receipt to Nathaniel Moore		
		(signature in handwriting of David Hall)
		1p.

Subscription to the Gazette.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1757 May 30 (?)	Photostat of B F85.65.
Letter to Jane Mecom		
		extract of L.
		Portion of p.

From extract in New England Historic Genealogical Society.

On same sheet with extract of letter of July 1, 1789.

**Bibliography**


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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1757 Sept. 22-1762 July 28	Copy of B F85.399
Invoice to the Library Company of Philadelphia;		
		A.D.S. 1p.
		9x6.

**Acquisition Information**

(From Charles Hamilton, Auction no. 77, May 2, 1974.)

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<b>Hubbart, James</b>	1757 Oct. 16	L. 1p. B F85.x48
Letter to [Benjamin Franklin ?]		

Safe arrived in Halifax. News of French and English action in and near the city. Death of Capt. Lewis.

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**Bartram, John, 1699-1777** 1757 Nov. 12 Typescript of B F85.x63  
Letter to B[enjamin] Franklin L. 1p.Extract.

Concerning the Aurora Borealis.  
Presented by Francis D. West, 1953.

**Acquisition Information**

(from original in Royal Society, London.)

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1757 December 21 Photostat, 4p. B F85.308  
Letter to [John] Pringle

**Acquisition Information**

From original in Royal Society of London; read and presented to the APS by Lord Adrian, April 20, 1956.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1757 December 9 ALS, 2p. B F85.17  
Letter to David Hall

Printing matters; European affairs. Purchased from W. B. Ingham, March 1941.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1758 January 3 ALS, 3p. B F85.97  
Letter to Mr.[John] Waring

Proposed school for negro children in Philadelphia sponsored by the Associates of Dr.Bray.  
Transcribes extract of letter from Mr.Sturgeon, August 22,1757.

**Bibliography**


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**Franklin, Deborah Read Rogers, 1708-1774** 1758 January 20 Photostat, 1p. B F85x  
Letter to the Earl of Loudon

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**Loudon, Earl of** 1758 January 24 Photostat, 1p. B F85x  
Letter to Deborah Read Franklin

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1758 February 17 ALS, 3p. B F85.98  
Letter to J[ohn] Waring

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Advice on establishing a school for negro children. Mr. [Henry] Wheatly's legacy for James and Mary Hunter (?).

**Bibliography**


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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1758 April 10	Printed D.	B F85.153
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Commission to Woodward Abraham to the post of deputy post-master at Marblehead, Mass

filled in and  
S: B.Franklin,  
William  
Hunter [post-  
masters-  
general]. 1p.

Seal. (Actually signed by James Parker for the post-masters general)

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1758 June 10	ALS,	B F85.8
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Letter to [Joseph] Galloway

Photostat. 2p.  
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Hears nothing of Mr. Hamilton's application for a charter for Phliadelphia from the Crown.

**Acquisition Information**

The original of this photostat is in the Mason Collection at Yale University Library; photostat was purchased from the Library, October 1939, \$ .60.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1758 June 10	L.S. 1p.	B F85.345
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Letter to [David] Hall, Philadelphia

Trouble with Moore and Smith affair. His confidence in Hall. Business. Strahan will forward certain articles. Concerning a printer who may remove to America. Refers to "Billy".

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1758 August 20	ALS, 1p.	B F85.7-1
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to Mary [Stevenson], Tunbridge Wells

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>		ALS, 14p.	B F85.102
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Freeman Guide 969.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1760 February 14 ALS, 1p. B F85.7-2  
to [Mary] Stevenson

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1760 May 1 ALS, 2p. B F85.273  
Letter to Miss Stevenson

**Bibliography**

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1760 Sept. 17 L.S. 1p. B F85.271  
Letter to William Cullen

Introduces the bearer, Mr. [William] Shippen who goes to Edinburgh for study of physick and surgery.

**Wright, John** 1760 Nov. 22 ALS, 1p. B F85.x70  
Letter to Benjamin Franklin

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1761 April 8 ALS, 1p. B F85.169  
Letter to Mr. [John] Winthrop

Contains also drafts of letters from Winthrop to Franklin, Pringle, and Gov. Belcher.  
John Pringle's piece on fiery meteors Sands papers of Mr. Kennicott relating to the Hebrew Bible; inquires whether the college has any associated material.

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1761 April 2 ADrS, 1p. B F85.15  
Letter to John Balfour

Eefers to payment of a bill received from David Hall. Written on back of letter from Balfour to Franklin, March 26, 1761.

**Acquisition Information**

Purchased from W. B. Ingham, March 1941

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1761 April 8 ALS, 2p. B F85.19  
Letter to Josiah Quincy

Purchased at the sale of the Larkin collection, Kende galleries, Gimbel brothers, N.Y., May 1, 1942. No.A10.

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1761 May 9	ALS, 3p.	B F85.230
Letter to E. Pennington (sic)			

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1761 July 7	ALS, 1p.	B F85.7-3
to [Mary Stevenson]			

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1761 August 7	ALS, 1p.	B F85.201
Letters to Debby [Franklin]			

Plans to set out in few days for Harwich; possibility of going to Holland.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1761 October 21	L.S. 2p.	B F85.275
Letter to [William] Cullen			

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1761 October 29	ALS, 1p.	B F85.164
Letter to Mary [Stevenson]			

Printed almost entirely: Smyth,4,117.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	Friday evening [ca. 1761]	ALS, 3p.	B F85.141
Letter to Lord Bessborough			

According to recent commission, Mr. Hunter's decease has not caused a vacancy in the American postmastership - Franklin fills entire office.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1762 May 10	ALS, 2p.	B F85.7-4
to [Mary Stevenson]			

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1762 May 24	ALS, 2p.	B F85.7-5
to [Mary Stevenson]			

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1762 December 23 ALS, 1p. B F85.14  
Letter to J[ohn] Winthrop

Scientific and friendly news. Mentions his son.

On same sheet are letters from Winthrop to B.Franklin; Jan 20, 1763, and Winthrop to Short; June 6, 1764.

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** [ca. 1762?] Photostat B F85.331  
Order to Messrs. Hughes and Co., for a of A.D. 1p.  
set of musical glasses, with directions for Photostat of  
making A.D. 2p. il.

---- Directions for making a musical machine. Presented by Whitfield J. Bell, Jr., 1956.

**Original Location**

From originals in the Assay Office, Birmingham, England. "Not to be reproduced without permission."

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1763 March 28 Enlargement B F85.122  
Letter to William Strahan print of ALS,  
2p.

**Original Location**

From original in possession of the University of Pennsylvania.

**Bibliography**

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1763 June 27 ALS, 1p. B F85.7-6  
to Mary [Stevenson], New York

**Bibliography**

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1763 June 27 ALS, 3p. B F85.99  
Letter to Mr. [John] Waring

School for Negro children in Philadelphia; similiar institutions in New York, Williamsburgh, New York, and proposed one in Newport, R.I.

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1763 July (sic) 23 Photostat of B F85.61  
Letter to [Catherine Greene] newsclipping.

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

From the Boston Post, ca. Jan.10, 1850.

The text of this letter is the same as that from Franklin to caty of Jan.23, 1763 (of. B:F85.86 and Smyth, v.4,188)

Contains also portions of letters from Franklin to caty or William Greene Feb.15. 1764 and Feb. 28, 1778.

Letter printed also in Littell's living age,p.80,no.308,Apr.1850.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1763 July 19	ALS, 1p.	B F85.307
Letter to [William Greene]			

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1763 July 25	ALS, 1p.,	B F85.393
Letter to Jared Ingersoll, New Haven		add., end.	
		9x7-1/4.	

Informs Ingersoll that "I shall ...call on my way home... about the Beginning of September."  
Mentions his daughter Sarah.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1763 Sept. 5	ALS, 1p.	B F85.51
Letter to [Catherine Greene]			

With this came a water color of the Franklin residence at Ecton, and a copy of T.B. Welch's engraving of the "thumb portrait" of Franklin owned by the APS.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1763 November 28	Photostat,	B F85.23
Letter to Jonathan Williams [sr.]		1p.F.	

domestic affairs.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1763 December 17	ALS, 2p.	B F85.100
Letter to Mr. [John] Waring			

Reports on school for negro children in Philadelphia. Desires to be remembered to the Associates [of Dr. Bray].

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<b>Eldridge, Samuel</b> Letter to Messrs Baynton, Wharton and Morgan, Philadelphia; Montreal	1764 March 13	Photostat of L.S.: Samuel Eldridge and Will[ia]m Long. 3p., end. by B. Franklin.	B F85.327
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Concerning business affairs in Canada.

**Acquisition Information**

(from original document in Penna. Hist.and Museum comm. Public records division, Baynton,Wharton and Morgan papers.)

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to Mary Stevenson	1764 March 14	ALS, 2p., end.	B F85.161
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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to Cadwalader Evans	1764 May 18	Facsimile of ALS, 1p. 6x3-3/4.	B F85.407
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Thanks for plan of a furnace which should be published. Introduces Benjamin Rush.

From Sotheby Parke Bernet Inc. catalogue Sale no. 3813B November 25, 1975, item 359.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Mary Stevenson, Philadelphia	1764 May 4	ALS, 1p.	B F85.7-7
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<b>Moore, Samuel Preston</b> Certification of sale of stock by the Phiadelphia Linen Manufactory to Charles Thomson	1764 Aug. 13	D.S. 1p. 12x8.	B F85.x3
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This company was formed by B.F. et al.



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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1764 Sept. 24 Typed L. 1p. B F85.357  
 Letter to [Peter Collinson] Extract.

**Acquisition Information**

Presented by Francis D. West, 1953, from original in Royal Society, London.)

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1764 November 8 LS Cy 3p. B F85.319  
 Letter to Sally [Franklin]; Reedy Island

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** [1764 December] ALS, 1p. B F85.7-8  
 to [Mary Stevenson]

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** [ca. 1764.] Photostat, 1p. B F85.12  
 [Plan for an American colonial paper  
 currency.]

Photostat of document sold at the Gribbel sale on October 31, 1940; of. Parke-Bernet catalogue no. 223, item 252.

Cf. W.R. Riddell, Benjamin Franklin and colonial money in *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, v. 54, 1930, pp. 52-64.

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**Franklin, Deborah Read Rogers,** 1765 Jan. 8 ALS, 1p B F85.x23  
**1708-1774**

Letter to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin, Jan. 11, 1765 Answd. (BF's hand)

Cold weather. Work on the house [in Franklin court]. News of family and friends.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1765 January 9 ALS, 2p. B F85.7-9  
 to [Mary Stevenson]

**Bibliography**


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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1786** 1765 Mar. 25 D.S. 1p. B F85.x5

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Philadelphia contributionship for the insurance of houses from loss by fire

Received contents, March 29, 1765, by Franklin and Hall.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1765 July 13	ALS, 1p.	B F85.48
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Letter to Dr.[Cadwalader] Evans

"The proceedings of those mad people on the frontier."

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1765 July 8	ALS, 1p.	B F85.58
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Letter to [John] Morgan

Establishment of medical school in Philadelphia.

Paid Morton's admission fee to the [Royal] Society.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1765 August 29	Typed L. 1p.	B F85.353
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Letter to Keziah Folger Coffin

With copy of note by Thomas F. Wood describing the document and giving its history.

Sends gift.

Micr. of copy, inserted in letter from W.C.Folger to J.Sparks;July 30,1838 (see Sparks papers... ; reel 2, no.114.)

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1765 Sept. 14	Photostat, 2p.	B F85.22
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Letter to David Hall

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1765 November 9	ALS, 1p.	B F85.16
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Letter to David Hall

Purchased from W. B. Ingham, March 1941.

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<b>Franklin, Deborah Read Rogers, 1708-1774</b>	1766 Jan. 12,13	ALS, 3p.	B F85.x24
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Letter to [Benjamin Franklin]

Franklin's lands in Chester Co. and Nova Scotia. Appreciation for things received from Franklin.

News of family and friends.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1766 January 16 Photocopy of B F85.433  
 Letter to [Joseph] Galloway ALS, (in BF's  
 hand?)

Discusses political relationship between Britain and the colonies; Stamp Act. Mentions Mr. Pitt,  
 Messrs. Wharton, Mr. Hughes.

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1766 March 1 Enlargement B F85.303  
 Letter to Joseph Fox of ALS, 1p.

Repeal of the Stamp Act.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in possession of Mr. Logan Fox, 1956.

**Free, John, 1711-1791** 1766 Mar. 4 A.L. in 3rd. B F85.x65  
 Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin, New York P. 2p. , end.  
 7-1/2x6.

Forwards books for Dunscomb. but he may keep them if Dunscomb is dead. [Edwin Wolf 2nd  
 identifies 4 of the 5 items as in B. Franklin's Library.]

Presented by Morris Duane; Dec.1964.

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1766 March 19 Photostat, 1p. B F85.181  
 Letter to M[atthew] Boulton

Experiments in connection with steam engine.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in Assay office, Birmingham, England.

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1766 June 10 Photostat. 3p. B F85.304  
 Letter to the Committee of Correspondence

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1766 June 6 Printed L. 1p. B F85.390  
 Letter to [Francois Ulrich Théodore]  
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From article in: Akademiya Nauk SSSR, Amerikanskiy Ezhegodnik, article by  
 Bolkhovitinov. Original of letter in Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Thanks for his book on electricity. Praises it.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1766 June 6	Photocopy,	B F85.416
Letter to [François Ulric Theodore] Aepinus		1p.	

Thanks for his work in electricity and magnetism.

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<b>Hughes, John. -1772</b>	1767 February 18.	Photocopy,	B F85.401
Letter to Benjamin Franklin		1p.	

Needs help due to results of "the Stamp Act Affair," and relies entirely upon Franklin.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1767 February 22	Photostat of	B F85.189
Letter to Benjamin Gale		printed L.	

Relates to a mistake in the Gentleman's magazine about Gale's success in inoculation. (APS has Gale's letter of November 15, 1766, to which this is a reply.

Photostat of *Connecticut Courant*, June 26, 1769, presented by James Brewster, State Librarian, Connecticut State Library.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1767 February 28	ALS, 3p.	B F85.395
Letter to A[nn Vaux] Penn, Dublin			

Concerns Thomas Penn's proposed purchase of house and 500 acres of the land which belonged to his father. Refers to Pennington (sic), Mrs. Stevenson and her daughter.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1767 March 2	ALS, 2p.	B F85.170
Letter do "Dear sister" [Jane Mecom]		slightly mutilated.	

His reaction to abuses he meets with "I number them among my Honours." Sends box of millinery bought for her by Mrs. Stevenson

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1767 March 26	ALS, 1p.	B F85.7-10
to [Mary Stevenson]			

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1767 May 16	ALS, 1p.	B F85.7-11
to Mary [Stevenson]			

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	[1767?] May 16	ALS, 1p.	B F85.7-12
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to Mary [Stevenson]

(Same idea as previous letter, but worded differently)

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1767 July 17	Photostat, 1p.	B F85.64
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Letter to Samuel Franklin

Contains also copies of letters from Franklin to Sam. Franklin of June 8, 1770, July 12, 1771, July 7, 1773.

**Original Location**

From copy in New England Historic Genealogical Society.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1767 October 14	ALS, 1p.	B F85.274
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Letter to [Peter Collinson ?]

Arrangements for a visit to Mill Hill to see him and Dr. Solander.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1768 March 14	ALS, 2p.	B F85.338
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Letter to [Jean Baptiste] LeRoy

12-1/4x8.

Thanks for his civilities. Concerning APS astronomical observations to be made in Philadelphia and difficulties involved. Refers to Julien LeRoy and his time piece.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1768 August 9	ALS, 1p.	B F85.158
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Letter to [Deborah Franklin]; Pensilvania  
Coffee house

Is extremely well. He must have patience about returning.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1768 October 20	ALS, 1p.	B F85.7-13
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to Mary [Stevenson]

**Bibliography**

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**Thomson, Charles, 1729-1824** 1768 Nov. 6 Photostat of B F85.x61  
Letter to [Benjamin Franklin] A.L. 3p.

Positive and negative.

Concerning the American Society, and the election of Franklin as president.

**Original Location**

From original in L.C.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1769 February 13 ALS, 1p. B F85.40  
Letter to Smith, Wright and Gray; [London]

Asks that a letter of credit be procured for Benjamin Rush; instructions regarding his [Franklin's] finances.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1769 July 3 ALS, 1p. B F83.6  
Letter to Messrs. [Samual ?] Wharton and  
[William] Trent, dated  
0. End: "Dr.  
Franklins card,  
July 3, 1769."

on advice of Mr. Mildred and his solicitor, Mr. Lane, concluded to withdraw the petition presented to the king in council on behalf of Messrs. Warder, Mitchel, etc.

Purchased from F.G. Sweet, Sept.15, 1939, \$67.50.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1769 July 9 Photo. of B F85.148  
Letter to Humphrey Marshall ALS, 1p.  
(photo.  
contains also  
engraving)

Presented by Mrs. William K. du Pont through P.S. du pont, November 1949.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1769 October 4 ALS, 1p. B F85.250  
Letter to Jonathan Williams [sr.], Boston

His add to Mrs. Williams' kin, the widow Johnson and her family. Public affairs.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** [ca.1769 November]. Photocopy of B F85.430  
 Letter to Adolf Berzel[ius]; Saturday AL in 3rd p.  
 evening 1p.

Franklin presents respects; will see Mr. Berzel. and friend tomorrow.

**Acquisition Information**

Original in Kungliga Universities bibliotek, Uppsala.

**Bibliography**

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1770 December 30 LS Cy, 4p. B F85.314  
 Letter to [Jane Mecom]

"True copy from the original by Rebecca Burroughs, November 21, 1833"

**Bibliography**

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1770 March 18 T.C. of L. 2p. B F85.127  
 Letter to [Humphry Marshall]

Presented by Ed. Bury Jan.1947.

**Bibliography**

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1770 April 14 ALS, 1p.and B F85.326  
 Letter to Capt. [Timothy] Folger end. Enc.  
 wanting.

Encloses map of the island of St. John's and business of the island.

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1770 April 20 Photostat, 1p. B F85.235  
 Letter to [Deborah] Franklin

Introduces Miss Farquarson and Miss Smith who go to Philadelphia to ply their trades of milliner and mantuamaker.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in possession of the Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Utica, N.Y.

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1770 May 7 Photo.of B F85.415  
 Agreement to Form the Ohio Company A.D.S. 1p.

**Acquisition Information**

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(from catalogue of Robert F. Batchelder, Ambler, Pa.)

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1770 June 11	ALS, 1p.	B F85.370
Letter to David Hall, Philadelphia			

Wishes to be in Philadelphia before final settlement of partnership is done.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1770 June 8	Photostat of copy of L.	B F85.64
Letter to S[amuel] Franklin			
Portion of p.			

From copy in New England Historic Genealogical Society. On same sheet with letter of July 17, 1767.

### Bibliography

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1770 July 18	ALS, 1p.	B F85.7-14
to Mary [Hewson Stevenson]			

Mary Stevenson had married William Hewson

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1770 July 26	ALS, 3p.	B F85.207
Letter to Lord Le Despencer			

Entreats him to urge the plan of reconciliation between the two countries. Enclosed letter from Col. Bouquet shows Franklin's influence in America for his Majesty's service. Plea for continuance in his present office.

Presented by Lessing J. Rosenweld, May 1953.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1770 July 6	ALS, 1p.	B F85.175
Letter to N.W. Jones			

Sends mace and gowns ordered [for Georgia Assembly ?].

APS has Jones's reply of Oct.9, 1770 acknowledging above.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1770 October 10	ALS, 1p.	B F85.203
Letter to N. W. Jones			

Amount of bill for gowns and mace. Duty of American agents.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1770 November 7,9	ALS, 2p.	B F85.125
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Letter to Dear Sister [Jane Mecom]

Hopes to return early in summer. Death of Mr. Whitefield. Arrival of Kinsmen [Jonathan, jr., and Josiah Williams]. Advises her not to be concerned about any abuses he receives in the English press.

### Bibliography

<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	ca. 1770	ALS, 1p.	B F85.173
Letter to Deborah Franklin			
Acknowledges her letter of October 14 [1770 - in APS].			
<b>Franklin, Deborah Read Rogers, 1708-1774</b>	1771 Mar. 30	ALS, 1p.	B F85.x25
Letter to Benjamin Franklin			
News of family and friends, especially of Benny Bache.			
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1771 April 22	L. Facsimile.	B F85.44
Letter to Humphry Marshall			
Facsimile made by Thomas Fisher, Philad., (n.d.). For other facsimiles of another edition. see: F.P.,v.69,no.1: and B: F85Le. copy 2. 14x8-1/2.			
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1771 April 22	TL Cy, 2p.	B F85.128
Letter to [Humphrey Marshall]			
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1771 May 17	ALS, 2p.	B F85.202
Letter to M. Le Roy			
Introduces Mr. Smith, a young American. Sir John Pringle and he frequently recollect their visits with M. Le Roy in Paris.			
<b>Miller, Peter, 1710-1796</b>	1771 June 12	ALS, 3p.	B F85.x53
Letter to Benjamin Franklin; Ephrata		Bound volume.	
This is followed by an introduction(pp.1-4); an elaboration of Conrad Beissel's Dissertations on Mans Fall (printed in Ephrata 1765) (pp.4-117);Supplement to the antecedent (pp.119-127); translation of Beissel's Ninety nine mystical sentences (pub. by B. Franklin, 1730) (pp.127-136); Appendix			

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to the foregoing sentences, containing a collection of apothegms taken from the Father's writings (pp.137-147).

Inscription - inside front cover: These letters and manuscript belong to Doctor Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania who gave them to me - probably in the hand of Jonathan Shipley, the Bishop of St. Asaph.

**Bibliography****Other Descriptive Information**

See Franklin's letter to Deborah Franklin, Jan 28, 1772 (APS collection, and Smyth 5, 372)

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to Samuel Franklin	1771 July 12	Photostat of copy of L. Portion of 2p.	B F85.64
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From copy in New England Historic Genealogical Society. On same sheet with letter of July 17, 1767.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to [Charles Willson] Peale	1771 July 4	ALS, 2p.	B F85.47
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Compliments him on the success of his business in his native country. "The arts have always travelled Westward, and there is no doubt of their flourishing hereafter on our side the Atlantic..."  
Reproduced: APS *Library Bulletin* for 1946, p.15.

Printed: C. Sellers' "The Peale portraits of Benjamin Franklin in APS *Library Bulletin* for 1950-p.252.

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<b>Cushing, Thomas, 1725-1788</b> Letter to Benjamin Franklyn (sic)	1771 July 20	ALS, 1p.	B F85.x47
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At the desire of the House of Representatives sends copy of commissioners' taxes in various towns.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to William Strahan; Edinburg	1771 November 17	ALS, 1p.	B F85.101
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**Drummond, Agatha, Lady Kames, 1711-95** 1771 November 19 Photocopy of B F85.420  
A.L. 3p.

Letter to [Benjamin] Frankland;Edinburgh

To send portrait of Penn to Franklin. Mentions Marchant.

**Acquisition Information**

[From original in the His. soc. of PA.]

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1771 November 25 ALS, 2p. B F85.142  
Letter to [Mary] Hewson; Preston  
Contains  
a P.S. to  
Dorothea  
Blunt.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1771 December 10 ALS, 1p. B F85.280  
Letter to Smith, Wright and Gray  
Order to pay Josiah Williams 10 guineas.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1771 December 16 A.N.S. 1p. B F85.321  
Order to Messrs. Smith, Wright and Gray, to  
pay Mr. Zumpe 18 guineas  
[Mr. Zumpe is probably Johann Zumpe, a celebrated maker of small pianos in London during this  
period]

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**Library Company of Philadelphia.** 177[1] 1p. B F85.226  
Forms of notes, used in the publick Library  
at Philadelphia

Ms. D. in handwriting of Benjamin Franklin.

**Acquisition Information**

Found originally in Library Co. Charter, laws...Phila., 1770: 027:L62ch

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1772 January 12 ALS, 1p. B F85.258  
Letter to Jonathan Williams, jr., Boston

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Settlement of accounts with Mr. Warren.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1772 January 13	ALS, 2p.	B F85.20
Letter to Jona[than] Williams [sr.]			

has just returned from a journey through Ireland and Scotland; personal financial matters.

Purchased at Morley sale, May 29, 1942; cannot find in print.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1772 February 11	ALS, 1p.	B F85.115
Letter to Revd. [Richard] Price			

A.P.S. has draft: F.P.45,54.

### Bibliography

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<b>U.S. Commissioners to France</b>	1772 February 2, 5	Photostat, 2p.	B F85.193
Resolutions..			

Concerning the attitude of the U.S. towards France or Spain, In case either of these nations should conclude a Treaty of Amity and Commerce with the U.S., and in consequence enter into a war with Great Britain. Also a resolve to defend the support the public cause at all hazards...risk their liberty or life (Hays Cal., v. 4,475).

With this is what appears to be a preliminary draft of the Feb. 2nd document - Photostat, 1p.

### Original Location

From original in University of Pennsylvania.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1772 February 5	ALS, 3p.	B F85.103
Letter to Dr. Thomas Bond			

### Bibliography

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1772 February 5	Enlargement print of ALS, 1p. , end.	B F85.123
Letter to [John] Morgan			

Is "pleased to see their college begin to make some figure as a school of physic."

### Acquisition Information

From original in possession of the University of Pennsylvania.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1772 March 20	T.C. of L. 1p.	B F85.129
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## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Letter to Humphrey Marshall

Presented by Ed. Bury, Jan. 1947.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1772 June 2	ANS, 1p.	B F85.176
Letter to My dear Child [Deborah Franklin]			

Is well; promises to write fully by Osborn.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1772 July 8	ALS, 1p.	B F85.7-15
to Mary [Hewson], Birmingham			

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1772 August 1	Photocopy, 4p. end. 12-3/4x8.	B F85.418
Letter to Erasmus Darwin			

Discusses his alphabet. Difficulty of pronunciation. Talks of his bad health. Mr. Walsh's experiments on the torpedo fish. Letters being sent.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1772 August 12	A.D.S. 2p.	B F85.178
[Document in re stroke of torpedo (fish) being electrical] London			

End: Franklin's instructions to try if the stroke of the Torpedo be electrical.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1772 August 22	Drafts of 11 ALS,'s [3 leaves]	B F85.56
Letterbook			

Contains letters addressed to: Messrs.Towers and Leacock, the Library Co., Mr. Tyler, Sam. Rhoads, Dr. Evans,John Bartram,Dr. Smith, Messrs. Reynell, Rhoads and Pemberton, Anth Benezet,Dr. Rush, and Rev. Mr. Coombe.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1772 August 22	ALS, 1p.	B F85.68
Letter to Dr.[William] Smith			

For draft of same letter see in his Letter book for same date.

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1772 October 30                      Photostat, 2p. B F85.215  
Letter to [William] Hunter

Relative to disagreement between Dr. Hunter and Mr. Hewson.

**Acquisition Information**

(from original in the Royal College of Surgeons of England: presented by William R. LeFanu, librarian, November 1952)

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1772 October 7                      ALS, 1p.                      B F85.333  
Letter to "My dear Child" [Deborah Franklin]

Franked: B Free Franklin.

Is well except for several recent touches of the gout. Sends remembrances from English friends to her and Sally. Sends love to "Benny boy."

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1772 November 16                      Photocopy,                      B F85.398  
Letter to the Royal Academy of Sciences, Paris

Acknowledges election to membership.

**Acquisition Information**

(From the Hotel Drouot Salle No. 8, le mercredi 20 fevrier 1974 a 14 heures 30 precises.)

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1772 November 26                      ALS, 1p.                      B F85.325  
Letter to unidentified recipient

Recommends Sir John Pringle for the presidency of the Royal Society.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      ca. 1772                      A.D. 1p.                      B F85.276  
Musical expression; [passions and sentiments] capable of expression by musick;

Along side the terms in Franklin's hand are corresponding words in French and notation in handwriting of the Abbé Morellet.

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Reproduced in LB 1955,378.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1773 May 21	Photocopy, B F85.427
Letter to [Edward] Bancroft, [London]; Craven St		1p.add.end.

Congratulations on Bancroft's election to Royal Soc.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1773 July 7	Photostat of B F85.64
Letter to S[amuel] F[ranklin]		copy of L. Portion of p.

From copy in New England Historic Genealogical Society. On same sheet with letter of July 17,1767.

### Bibliography

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1773 July 7	LS Cy, 1p. B F85.233
Letter to "My dear child" [Deborah Franklin]		

Presented by Mr. Dayton Kohler, March 1954.

### Bibliography

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1773 July 7	Photocopy, B F85.408
Letter to Samuel Franklin		1p.

Friendly letter, holding promise of wellbeing, due to the "constant Growth of the Country."

### Acquisition Information

From original in possession of Mrs. J. H. Bradshaw, Lahaska, Penna.; Jan. 1976.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1773 November 24	Photocopy, B F85.414
Letter to Lord Le Despencer		1p.

Concerning an estate in Canada and cites Maseres' opinion of it.

### Original Location

From copy in possession of Sir Francis Dashwood, bart. West Wycombe Park, Bucks.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1774 February 20	Typed extract B F85.374
Letter to [Deborah Franklin]		of L. 1p.

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Note that he has written more fully by other ships.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1774 April 14	Photocopy,	B F85.412
Letter to [Sir Francis Dashwood, baron Le Despencer]		1p.	

Concerning carving below sculptured work.

**Original Location**

From original in possession of Sir Francis Dashwood, bt., West Wycombe Park, High Wycombe, Bucks.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1774 May 7	Fragment of	B F85.278
Letter to [Deborah Franklin]		A.L. 1p.	

In Jared Sparks' hand. See letter in *Franklin Papers*, May 5, 1774 - Vol.46(2) 90.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1774 May 9	ALS, 1p.	B F85.336
Letter to [David] Williams, Chelsea			

"Presented to Mr. Franklin W. Smith... [signed] Joseph Evans, 1878. Neither Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Hewson, nor he can visit as invited. Sends their regrets.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1774 June 30	ALS, 1p.	B F85.366
Letter to Samuel Rhoads, Philadelphia			

Forwards pamphlets for distribution among the committee.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1774 July 25	ALS, 2p.	B F85.104
Letter to [Benjamin] Rush			

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<b>Howe, Richard Howe, Earl, 1726-1799</b>	1775 Feb. 20	ALS, 2p.	B F85.x50
Letter to Benjamin Franklin			

Lord Hyde is of the opinion that Franklin's principles and Parliament's concerning the American contest are so far apart that a meeting to discuss them would only give Dr. Franklin unnecessary trouble.

For Dr. Franklin's reply, see his letter of same date.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1775 Nov. 30 A.L. 3d B F85.256  
Letter to Israel Pemberton person, 1p.

Accompanied by note by E.D. Gillespie  
Concerning ground rent.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1775 February 20 ADr, 1p. B F85.241  
Letter to Lord Howe

Having nothing further to offer on the American business will not visit Lord Hyde.

**Other Descriptive Information**

(see Lord Howe to BF of same date, to which this apparently is a reply)

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1775 March 13 TL Cy 1p. B F85.130  
Letter to Humphry Marshall

Presented by Ed. Bury, Jan. 1947.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1775 May 8 Photostat, 1p. B F85.279  
Letter to Joseph Galloway

Concerned at Galloway's resolution to quit public life. Proposed visit. Mentions William Franklin.  
Presented by Mrs. Arthur Loeb, Jan.1995.

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**Mecom, Jane Franklin, 1712-1794** 1775 May 14 Photostat, 3p. B F85.x15  
Letter to Benjamin Franklin

Franklin's safe arrival in America. Evacuation of Boston. Is with Mr. and Mrs. Greene. News of family and friends.

Contains also a letter from Caty Greene to [Dr. Franklin]; [apparently same date]

**Acquisition Information**

From original in Yale university.

**Bibliography**

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1775 July 5 Facsimile of B F85.53  
Letter to [William] Strahan ALS, 1p.

Facsimiles of this letter are found also in:

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

B. Franklin. *Memoirs of the life and writings...* ed. by W.T. Franklin. v.2, London, 1818 - facing p.1.

---- *Memoirs of the life and writings...* v.1, Philadelphia, Duane, 1818 - between pp.356 and 357.

---- *Correspondence inedite et secrète...*

v.2, Paris, 1817. Frontispiece.

Reproduced: *APS Library Bulletin* for 1845 - fig.17

Facsimile also in: Gloason's pictorial drawing-room companion, see *Collection of Broad-sides* no.134;

Also printed in: *Pamphlets on Franklinina* no 62; Austen-Leigh, R.A. *The story of a printing house*, p.21;

### Bibliography

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1775 July 5 Photostat, 1p. B F85.55

Letter to [William] Strahan

### Acquisition Information

From original in Library of Congress; contains also photostat of facsimile of letter in same collection.

**Massachusetts Colony. General court** 1775 August 14 LS, 2p. B F85.11a

Letter to Nicholas Cook[e]; Watertown

Pertaining to the interception of mail by a man of war at Conanicut ferry and requesting a change in the route.

### Acquisition Information

Purchased at the sale of John Gribbel's library, October 31, 1940; of. Parke-Bernet catalogue, no.223, item 253.

### Bibliography

**Cooke, Nicholas, 1717-1782** 1775 August 15 ALS, 1p. B F85.11b

Letter to B. Franklin

informs him of the interception of the post rider by a ship of war at the ferry to Newport; recommends a different route.

### Acquisition Information

Purchased at the sale of John Gribbel's library, October 31, 1940; of. Parke-Bernet catalogue, no.223, item 253.

### Bibliography

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1775 August 26 Photostat, 1p. B F85.219

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Recommendation to the Associators to make  
use of pikes

In connection with this document see article by William A. Hunter, "Two 'new' Franklin manuscripts,".

Photostat presented by Mr. Hunter, 1953.

### Acquisition Information

From original in the Pa. State Archives, Papers of the Provincial Council, Harrisburg.

### Bibliography

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1775 August 27	ALS, 1p.	B F85.11c
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Letter to [Nicholas] Cooke

acknowledges letter of August 15 re the loss of the mail and suggests that he "take the advice... of the principal people in your government."

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<b>Read, John</b>	1775 Oct. 8	Pr.DS, 1p.	B F85.x7a
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[Power of attorney to Benjamin Franklin; particularly with respect to wages due him as wagon master during the Braddock campaign]

With this are: E. Braddock to [John] Read; May 21, 1755 - appointment as waggonmaster. (B:F85.x7b)

Certification by Thos. Scott that wages are due John Read, waggon master; Oct. 1, 1755. (B:F85.x7c)

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1775 October 26	ALS, 1p.	B F85.262
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Letter to Jos. Greenleaf; Cambridge

Postal affairs. Presented by Mr. Samuel H. McVitty, March 1955.  
Facsimile.

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<b>Committee of safety. Pennsylvania</b>	[1775]	Pr.DS	B F85.209
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Commission to George Taylor, to serve as Colonel, 1st battalion of Pennsylvania Associators, Northampton Co

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For account of printing of this form cf. Col. Rec.. 10,295.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1776 February 11	Photostat, 2p.	B F85.213
Letter to Charles Lee			

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**Acquisition Information**

From original in possession of Justin G. Turner presented by Mr. Turner, Sept. 1953.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1776 March 29	ALS, 1p.	B F85.35
Letter to Jonathan Williams			

Personal letter.

Paper contains interesting watermark.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1776 March 29	Copy of L.	B F85.71
Letter to [William] St[raha]n		2p.	

On his way to Canada. Breach between England and America grows wider. Barbarities on the part of the British.

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<b>Pennsylvania. Committee of Safety</b>	1776 March 6	PrDS, 1p.	B F85.210
Commission to Joseph Willson to serve as 1st Lieutenant of the armed boat, Congress: Phila			

Certification of induction on May 21, 1776 on reverse.

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<b>U.S. Congress</b>	1776 April 3	D. 3p.	B F85.403
Instructions to privateers and vessels of war			

Contains note by W.T.Franklin. In hand of Franklin's French secretary(?)

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1776 May 1	Photocopy,	B F85.396
Letter to [John Philip] Schuyler; Montreal		1p., enc. wanting	

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Express appreciation for Schuyler's "Kind Attention" in aiding their journey. Mention John Carrol (sic).

Presented by Robert B. Gillespie; January 1973.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1776 June 3	LS, 2p.	B F85.10
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Letter to William Bingham

orders of the Secret committee to procure arms for America. Purchased at the sale of John Gribbel's library, November 1, 1940; of Parke-Bernet catalogue, no.223, item 651.

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<b>U.S. Continental congress. Committee of secret correspondence</b>	1776 June 3	DS, 1p.	B F85.287
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Letter to Messrs. Richd. Harrison and Adrien Le Maitre

In hand of Robert Morris (?). On reverse is letter of same date to Le Maitre and Harrison, signed by B.Franklin, Benj. Harrison, Robt. Morris, John Dickinson, 1p. Instructions regarding cargo of Sloop Fanny.

In connection with this document see another letter of same date from the Committee to William Bingham - B:F85 October

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1776 August 26	ALS, 1p.	BF85.309
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Letter to col. Bull

The convention has granted his leave.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	[1776] August 27.	Photo., 1p.	BF85.309a
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Letter to Col. [John] Bull, Perth Amboy

"B. Free Franklin" manuscript frank as continental Postmaster General.

Presented by Richard C. Frajola,9/30/83. (See letter to W. Spawn, APS Archives.)

For sale catalog (Frajola sale, 10 Sept. 1983) see card cat. for printed works.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1776 Sept. 10	Photocopy D. B F85.426	
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Letter to W[illiam Temple] Franklin;  
Brunswick

1p.

Concerns a letter and meeting with Lord Howe. Adams and Rutledge are with Franklin.

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**Pennsylvania. Constitutional convention,** 1776 Sept. 14 1p. B F85.171  
**1776**

Commission to William Lowder to server  
 as ensign of a Company of Foot in Col.  
 Richard MCalister's batallion from York  
 county, in the Flying Camp for the Middle  
 States of America;

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1776 October 1 LS. B F85.106  
 Letter to unidentified recipient-

Authorization to make application for all arms, ammunition, clothing, etc., that may arrive in  
 Martinique for the U.S. Mentions M. Hortalez [Beaumarchais]

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1776 October 14 D.S. 1p. B F85.302  
 Receipt for payment of mortgage from Mary  
 Pitts (or Pills)

Appears to have been cut from the records of William Parr, Recorder of Deeds

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1776 October 21 LS, 1p. B F85.138  
 Letter to William Bingham

Instructions relative to material which is to be shipped by M. Hortalez.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1777 January 14 - December Photostat of B F85.83  
 [Extracts of correspondence relating to loans 18 D. 4p.  
 to the U.S., by the U.S. Commissioners -  
 Franklin, Deane, and Lee]

**Acquisition Information**

From original in the Library of Congress.

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**Williams, J** 1777 June 30 D.S. 4p. B F85.x41

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Letter to the Commissioners of the United States

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1777 July 9	ALS, 2p.	B F85.151
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Letter to unidentified recipient

Notice from the Minister of Marine to give orders to armed vessels to depart the ports in 24 hours. Encloses instructions for Capt. Wilkes.

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<b>Mecom, Jane Franklin, 1712-1794</b>	1777 Aug. 18	Photostat, 2p.	B F85.x12
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Letter to Benjamin Franklin

Writes this for her son-in-law [Peter collas] recently exchanged for another prisoner of war. Death or Mrs. [William] Franklin.

**Acquisition Information**

Original in Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1777 Sept. 12	Transcript of	B F85.221
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Letter to Richard Peters

L. 1p.

Transcript made by D.H. Wallace, March 1952.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in Vail mss., Geneva, Switzerland, Miscellaneous.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1777 Sept. 18	Photostat of	B F85.24a
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to [Benjamin] Vaughan

A.L. 1p.

Not printed in Smyth. Makes an appointment to meet Mr. Vaughan at "Les Bains de Poitevin" at six that evening.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1777 October 19	ALS, 1p.	B F85.149
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Letter to Capt. John Folger; Passy near Paris

Approval of his proposition to return in case of accident on coast.

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<b>U.S. Continental Congress</b>	1777 October 8	Photostat, 2p.	BF85.358
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Letter of marque to Stephen Marchant

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with certification of authenticity by Stephen Marchant. Copy.

**Acquisition Information**

(From original in public records office, London.)

**Other Descriptive Information**

Presented by William Bell Clark.

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1777 November 17 Photostat, 1p. B F85.67

Letter to [Due de La Rochefoucauld  
d'Enville ?]

Returns the Carolina constitution. News of the Amphitrite.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in the Bibliothèque Municipale, Besancon, France, Collection J. Droz, T. 1.

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1777 November 21 DS, 3p. B F85.404

Letter to captains of all ships of war and  
privateers on the rights of neutrals; Paris

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1777 November 30 Photostat, 2p. B F85.13

Letter to [Jonathan] Williams [jr.]

Pertains to Mr. Williams's accounts with M. Chaumont.

**Acquisition Information**

Presented by Mr. Frederic R. Kirkland, April 1940.

Cf. Parke-Bernet catalogue for sale on March 27-28, 1940, item no. 270 - sold for \$160.

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1777 December 18 LS, 2p. B F85.217

Letter to John Ross, Nantes; Paris

Orders for a convoy. Requests money as soon as possible, due to their dire need.

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1777 December 4 Photostat, 4p. B F85.92

Letter to Count de Vergennes from  
Benjamin Franklin, Silas Deane, Arthur Lee

**Acquisition Information**

From Facsimile L.C.



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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	ca. 1777-1778	ADr, 2p.	B F85.72
Letter to his Excellency [Comte de Vergennes ?			
Assures him that they have no account of any treaty on foot between America and England. Requests loan of two millions sterling.			
Probably draft of letter sent to Vergennes by the U.S. Commissioners.			
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1778 March 10	ALS, 1p.	B F85.359
Plat-pays de Paris, France. Permit for Benjamin Franklin to take wine through customs			
French.			
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1778 March 13	ALS, 1p.	B F85.249
Letter to A[rthur] Lee			
Rumor that Adams is to replace Deane.			
Presented by Arthur Bloch, Dec.1936.			
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1778 March 23	L. 2p.	B F85.382
Letter to Don Juan Emery, Bilbao			
Prizes have been confiscated by France and returned to England. France and the U. S. now have a treaty, and France will aid the U. S.			
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1778? April 18	ALS, 3p.	B F85.33
Letter to [Jonathan Williams;			
(Latter is badly stained)			
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1778 April 28	ALS, 1p.	B F85.244
Letter to M. Genet			
British finances. Sends resolution of Congress in re Burgeyne's army.			
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1778 April 5	ALS, 1p.	B F85.66
Letter to Arthur Lee			

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Demand for money to aid some prisoners in their journey from Dunkirk.

Contains draft of Lee's reply, of same date.

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<b>Genet, Edme Jacques , d.1781</b>	1778 April 10	Photostat, 2p. B F85.x29
Letter to Benjamin Franklin		

In French.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in possession of the University of Pennsylvania; cf. Franklin calendar, v.4,407.

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<b>Mecom, Jane Franklin, 1712-1794</b>	1778 May 5	Photostat, 3p. B F85.x13
Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin; Wanwick		

Report of Franklin's death. Fears he suffered severe loss during British occupation of Philadelphia.

News of family and friends; mentions Mrs. Green.

**Original Location**

Original in Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

**Bibliography**

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<b>Genet, Edme Jacques , d.1781</b>	1778 May 9	Photostat, 3p. B F85.x30
Letter to [Benjamin Franklin]		

**Acquisition Information**

From original in possession of the University of Pennsylvania; cf. Franklin calendar, v.4,408.

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<b>Genet, Edme Jacques , d.1781</b>	1778 June 5	Photostat, 1p. B F85.x31
Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin		

**Acquisition Information**

From original in possession of the University of Pennsylvania; cf. Franklin calendar, v.4,411.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1778 June 17	Photostat, 2p. B F85.283
Letter to [Benjamin] Rush		

Introduces Mr. [H.] Archer who goes to America as a volunteer in the cavalry.

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<b>Genet, Edme Jacques , d.1781</b>	1778 June 17	Photostat, 1p. B F85.x32
Letter to Benjamin Franklin		

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In French.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in possession of the University of Pennsylvania;cf. Franklin calendar,v.4,412.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to [Benjamin] Rush	1778 June 17	Photocopy of B F85.413 printed L. 1p. 9-3/4x6-1/2.
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Introduces Henry W. Archer.

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<b>Genet, Edme Jacques , d.1781</b> Letter to [Benjamin Franklin]	1778 June 24	Photostat, 2p. B F85.x33
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In French.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in possession of the University of Pennsylvania; cf. Franklin calendar, v.4,413.

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<b>U.S. [Continental] Congress</b> Commission to Peter Colomb to serve as captain in the U.S. Army beginning April 6, 1778	1778 June 30	PrDS, 1p. B F85.157
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Seal.

Issued in lieu of torn document dated April 6, 1778.

Contains certification signed by B. Franklin as to authenticity of the document; December 20, 1780.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to [David Hartley]	1778 June 8	Facsimile F B85.406 of ALS, 1p. 3-3/4x3-3/4.
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Proposed exchange of prisoners.

From Gotheby Parks Bernet Inc. Sale catalogue Sale no. 3813B November 25, 1975, item 360.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to "Dear Sir"	1778 June 8	Photocopy, B F85.424 1p.
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Refers to earlier letter of May 25. Concerns exchange of 200 English prisoners.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1778 July 2	ALS, 1p. B F85.119
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## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Letter to unidentified recipient

Acknowledges the plan of the hydraulic machine at Chatou.

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<b>Genet, Edme Jacques , d.1781</b>	[1778] July 10	Photostat, 4p.,B F85.x34
Letter to [Benjamin Franklin]; Vers		end.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in possession of the University of Pennsylvania; cf. Franklin calendar,v.4,415.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1778 July 22	LS Cy, 7p. B F85.25
Letter to James Lovell		

**Bibliography**

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1778 Sept. 9	LS, 1p. B F85.26
Letter to the Council of Massachusetts Bay		

Encloses a letter from [Thomas] Hutchinson to Dr. Lloyd which they have opened.

Text of letter probably in the hand of John Adams.

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<b>Bache, Sarah Franklin, 1743-1808</b>	1778 Oct. 22	ALS, 4p. B F85.x16
Letter to [Benjamin Franklin]		

Family news. High cost of living. Mr. Bache has brought back papers Dr. Franklin left with Mr. Galloway. Trustees of Academy almost all Tories.

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<b>U.S. Continental Congress</b>	1778 October 27	Photocopy of B F85.405
Resolution in re Lt.-Col. Touzard [Louis de Tousard]		ADS, Charles Thomson. 1p.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1778 November 26	ALS, 1p. B F85.206
Letter to M. [James ?] Leveux, Calais		

Warns of an English cutter off Dieppe which pretends to be American. Asks that Mr. Collas's things be forwarded to him.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** [1778] December 4 ALS, 1p. B F85.27  
Letter to M. de Chaumont

In French. Transcribes news from America relative to the movement of the British fleet.

**Genet, Edme Jacques , d.1781** 1778 Dec. 4 Photostat, 1p. B F85.x35  
Letter to Benjamin Franklin

**Acquisition Information**

From original in possession of the University of Pennsylvania; cf. Franklin calendar, v.4,417.

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1778 Copy of D. B F85.232  
Les Ephemerer [The story of the ephemera,  
in a letter to Mme. Brillon, summer of] 4p., docketed  
by BF

In French. For two other copies, of. FP 50(1), 39 a and b.

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**Other Descriptive Information**

see also Livingston, Franklin end his press at Passey p.28.

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** ca. 1778 ADr, 4p. B F85.223  
Letter to [Mme. Helvetius]

**Bibliography**

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** ca.1778 A.L. 3p. B F85.339  
Letter to Anne Catherine (de Ligneville  
d'Autricout) Helvetius

(Bound with this are engravings of Franklin and Mme. Helvetius and reprints from Livingston).

Contemporary copy, in another's hand. with interlineations in Franklin's hand.

For facsimile and study of this bagatelle, see: *APS Library Bulletin*, 1959, G.Chinard. "Random notes on two "Bagatelles." pp.727-760.

**Bibliography**

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1779 January 14 Photostat, 1p. B F85.227  
Letter to Capt. Benjamin Gunnison

In re cargo of the Morris.

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Presented by Mrs. William Ernest Smith, Sept. 1953.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in National Archives, Records of the Veterans admin. Doc. from Revolutionary war pension file of James Brown, S 12 282.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to [Charles Guillaume Frédéric] Dumas	1779 February 19	L.S. 3p.and end. Fragments. Various sizes.	B F85.384
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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> To all Captains and Commanders...	1779 March 10	D.S. 2p. 12-1/4x7.	B F85.394
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Instructs captains of American vessels not to obstruct but rather to facilitate in any way the scientific expedition of Captain Cook.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to "the Representatives of the Author of Experiments on the igneous Fluid	1779 March 13	Copy of ALS 1p.	B F85.429
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Is honoured by invitation and shall endeavour to be present at "the farther Exhibition of those ingenious Experiments."

**Other Descriptive Information**

(see also *Franklin Papers*, vol.44, folios 152, 155, 168.)

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to David Hartley	1779 March 21	Facsimile 3p. 9x6-3/4.	B F85.417
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Deceived about "affair of the prisoners." Refers to Dr. Bancroft. Hopes for Peace. Gen. Lincoln and Thompson's southern campaign. Strength of America.

**Acquisition Information**

(From the Rendells, Inc., Cat. 126, May 1977.)

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to Comte de Vergennes	1779 March 27	L.S. 2p. In French.	B F85.28
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## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Sends a letter from M. Gratiem reprints.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1779 March 29	ALS, 1p.	B F85.90
Letter to [Jean Paul Maras ?]			

Regrets that he could not be present at his curious experiments on Saturday: suggests another date.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1779 April 3	ALS, 1p.	B F85.324
Letter to Arthur Lee			

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<b>Lafayette, Marie Jean Paul Joseph Roch Yves Gilbert du Motier, marquis de 1757-1834</b>	1779 April 14	ALS, 2p.	B F85.x55
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Letter to [Benjamin Franklin]; Paris

Arrangements for arms and troops. Mentions Mr. Martel.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1779 May 22	L.S. 3p.	B F85.383
Letter to [Charles Guillaume Frédéric] Dumas			

Lack of value of American money.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1779 May 4, 5	L.S. with A. postscript. 3p.	B F85.152
Letter to D. [Johannes] Ingenhause			

Desires to be brought up-to-date with the volumes of the Transactions [of the Royal Society].

Encloses his thoughts on the Northern Lights, a translation of which was read before the French Academy. Mentions Benjamin Vaughan and Dr. Priestley.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1779 August 5	L.S. (?) 1p.	B F85.29
Letter to M. Le Ray de Chaumont			

Regarding orders for Capt. Jones.

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<b>Bache, Sarah Franklin, 1743-1808</b>	1779 Sept. 14	ALS, 6p.	B F85.x8
Letter to Dr. Franklin			

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1779 October 4	Photocopy, B F85.425
Letter to [William] Bingham		1p.

Thanks for sending newspapers. Unable to authorize payment of bill. He is limited to drafts made by Congress. Most important to "keep up their Credit line."

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1779 October 11	Print of A.Dr. B F85.74
Letter to [Elizabeth] Partridge		of L. 2p.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in University of Pennsylvania.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1779 October 27	LS, 1p. B F85.191
Letter to J[oseph] Palmer		

Relative to Mr. Palmer's nephew who has gone to England. Lafayette is bearer of this letter.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1779 October 28	L.S. 3p. B F85.255
Letter to [Robert] Montgomery		

Will intercede on his behalf with the Spanish ambassador; is surprised at treatment he receives from the Speniards. Mentions Mr. Adams.

---- Bloch film, fr.

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<b>Digges, Thomass</b>	1779 Nov. 15	Photocopy, B F85.431
Letter to Benjamin Franklin, Passy: London		1p.

Introduces Mr. Fabroni, "a young Gentleman of distinguished worth from Italy," who "has been some time travelling with His ingenious Friend and Companion Mr. Fontana."

**Original Location**

Original in Univ. of Pennsylvania Library.

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<b>Bache, Sarah Franklin, 1743-1808</b>	1779	A.L. 4p. B F85.x68
Letter to Benjamin Franklin		Draft. 11x9.



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Forwards silk for the Queen. Concerning B.F.Bache. Social life. Linens and wool spun. Family news. Refers to Duffield.

<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Brown, Collinson and Tritton	1780 January 10	A. Dr. of L.S. B F85.7-16
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to ---- Woodmason	1780 January 10	A. Dr. of L.Signed with initials. B F85.7-16
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [Mary] Hewson	1780 January 10	A.Dr. of L.S. B F85.7-16
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to [William] Strahan	1780 January 24	3 ADr.s, 2p. B F85.49
Letter as actually sent is in the Morgan Library; APS has photostat.		
<b>Bibliography</b>		
<b>Lee, Stephen</b> Letter to Benj[ami]n Franklin, Paris; Dunkirk	1780 Feb. 1	ALS, 2p. B F85.x67
Complains of ill-treatment from John Paul Jones. Wishes payment for his services.		
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Promissory note to Ferdinand Grand	1780 February 15	D.S. 1p. B F85.409 c 8x13.
750,000 livres @5%/year, payable 1 January 1785.		
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to Sally Bache	1780 March 16	L.S. 2p. B F85.144
Silk sent for the Queen is damaged. Sends some of Ben's letters; thinks he is better at Geneva.		
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to unidentified recipient	1780 April 1	Transcript of L. 1p. B F85.220
Delivery of arms and gunpowder. Advance of 100,000 livres to be made for Americans of the Alliance and the Bonhomme Richard.		

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Transcript made by D.H.Wallace, March 1952.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in Vail mss., Geneva, Switzerland, v.1.p.19.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1780 April 23	A.L. in 3d P. B F85.120
Letters to Mme. la presidente du Meinieres		1p.

Has promised Mme. Helvetius that he will accompany her on Wednesday next to the Pavillions de Chaillot.

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<b>ZrenC?, baron</b>	1780 June 7	ALS, 7p. B F85.x56
Letter to M. [Benjamin] Franklin; Bude		

In French.

Transcribes his views on the war in America; offers his services.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1789 June 23	D.S. 11p. B F85.212
Will, July 17, 1788; [and] Codicil		

most of which carry signature of B. Franklin on bottom marginal [in red leather slip case]

Transferred to custody of APS from Philadelphia Register of wills, by decres of Orphans' Court, June 9, 1953; of.

Will, July 17, 1788; [and] Codicil, 1789 June 23

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1780 July 10	Photostat of B F85.204
Letter to S. Huntington		L.S. 2p.

Presented by Arthur Bloch, Dec.1952.

**Acquisition Information**

Original in APS, F.P. v.69, no.6.

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<b>Richard, Bache. 1737-1811</b>	1780 July 22	ALS, 3p. B F85.x38
Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin		

Heard from him last by Marquis de la Fayette. News of family. Inquires about Ben's schooling. Work of women for American army. Proposal to establish bank.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1780 July 25                      Photostat, 1p. B F85.180  
Letter to [James] Woodmason

Acknowledges receipt of proposals relating to the new-invented art copying; has distributed specimens; and has practised it.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in Assay office, Birmingham, Eng.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1780 July 26                      L.S. 3p.  
Letter to [C.W.F. Dumas]

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**Lavoisier , Antoine Laurent, 1743-1794**    1780 July 26                      Photostat, 3p. B F85.x21  
Letter to Benjamin Franklin; Paris

In French.

Relative to S.Fouquet, maker of gun powder, who has been in America.

-----Typed c.of L. cc.

Presented by P.S.duPont, June 1947; from original in Harward univ. library

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1780 July 31                      L.S. 1p. , end. B F85.305  
Letter to J[ohn] Jay, Madrid

Has given orders for a credit of£1,000 to be divided between him and Mr. Carmichael. Makes similar advance to Messrs. Adams and Dana. Congratulations on birth of a daughter.

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**Logan, George, 1753-1821**                      1780 Sept. 20                      Typescript    B F85.x46  
Letter to Benjamin Franklin                      (c.c.) of ALS,  
3p.

Appreciation for Franklin's attention during his stay in Paris. Affairs in America slowly improving. Is at present librarian of the Loganian library. Presented by Whitfield J. Bell, jr., May 1954.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in Ms. Collection, Richmond Academy of Medicine, Richmond, Va.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1780 October 2                      L.S. 3p.        B F85.306  
Letter to M. Dumas

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1780 November 24	Photo.of	B F85.380
Letter to [Jean Paul Marat]		ALS, 1p.	

Has the gout and cannot come to Paris to view the "curious Experiments."

**Acquisition Information**

(from original in Koninklijke Bibliotheek, 'sGravenhage.)

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1780 December 7	L.Signed with B F85.7-17	
to Mrs [Margaret] Stevenson and [Mary] Hewson		initials. 2p.	

(Text of letter in W.T.Franklin's hand)

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1781 January 15	Facsimile. 1p.	B F85.419
Letter to John Jay		5-1/2x4-1/2.	

[From Robert F. Batchelder, Cat. no. 21, March 1978.]

Franklin has been ill. Has accepted Jay's "bill." Mentions Mr. Carmichael. Franklin sending Jay some packets.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1781 Jan. 27	L.S. 2p.	B F85.315
Letter to John Jay			

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1781 January 28	Photocopy of B F85.409	
Letter to [James] Searle		A.L.in 3rd P.	
		1p.	

Will dine with him Tuesday.

From Charles Hamilton auction catalogue, No. 98, New York, July 29, 1976, item 119.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1781 Feb. 1	ALS, 1p.	B F85.285
Letter to Chere Amie [Mme. Golowkin]			

Transcribes paragraph from a Philadelphia newspaper relating to the Chev. de Chastellux.

**Other Descriptive Information**

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

See Gilbert Chinard, B. Franklin and the mysterious Mme. G, *APS Library Bulletin*, 1946,p.49.

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<b>Huntington, Samuel , 1731-1796</b>	1781 Mar. 2	Photostat of	B F85.x42
Letter to Benjamin Franklin		L.S. 1p.	

Encloses resolutions of the Congress pertaining to John Paul Jones.

Presented by Arthur Bloch, Dec.1952, who received photostat from F.B. Huntington.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1781 April 12 - July 27	D.S. 3p.	B F85.318
Account with John Jay			

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1781 May 21	L.S. 1p. , end.	B F85.263
Letter to Col. Lawrens (sic)		Mutilated.	

Mr. Necker replaced by M. Joly de Fleury. Has been applied to for expenses on the Alliance.

Presented by Mr. Samuel H. McVitty, March 1955.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1781 July 2	D.S. 2p.	B F85.410;
Receipt for advance, 28 February 1778 also		7-1/2x9.	See: February
signed by Gilas Deane; Promissory note			28, 1778

750,000 livres @5%/year the 1 January 1788, from date of advance, to French Royal treasury.

Receipt for advance, 28 February 1778 also signed by Gilas Deane; Promissory note., 1781 July 2

[\[http://diglib.amphilsoc.org/fedora/repository/text:2207\]](http://diglib.amphilsoc.org/fedora/repository/text:2207)

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1781 July 6	Copy of D.	B F85.428
Letter to [Charles Gravier] Comte de Vergennes		1p. 14x8-1/2.	

Asks Vergennes to extend credit to U.S. for payment of debts. "...if we cannot go on with our Payments we are ruined."

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<b>Fox George, d.1828</b>	1781 Sept. 28	DS, 3p. In	B F85.349
Power of attorney to his brother. Joseph M. Fox: Paris		French.	

### Other Descriptive Information

Translation. 2p.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1781 October 25 L.S. 1p. , end. B F85.225  
Letter to [John] Bondfield

Has sent commission for the Brig Sally. Orders claret sent to Richard Bache.  
(In reply to Bonafield's of October 20 - F.P. 23,19)

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1781 November 16 Photo. B F85.364  
Letter "To all Captains and Commanders [of  
the United States]"

Copy of D. and Italian translation of D. 3 items. Asks them to respect passports for ships travelling  
between Dover and Calais. Presented: A. pace; May 1961

**Original Location**

From originals in Biblioteca Estense of Modena, Codici e Mss Campori, Busta 209.

**Bache, Benjamin Franklin** 1781 Nov. 20  
to Benjamin Franklin

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1781 December 4 Photo, 1p. B F85.432  
Promissory note

In French. [Passy, B. Franklin.]

For 816,000 livres, to be repaid with interest by the U.S. to his majesty's royal treasury by Jan. 1,  
1788.

Photograph gift of Joseph Rubinfine, March 24, 1983.

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1781 December 31-1782 Typescript B F85.84  
Liste des livres de M. Franklin apportés de January 8 3p.  
la chambre dans le bureau le 31 Dbre 1781  
[and] Liste des livres apportés au bureau le 8  
Jr 1782

In French.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in University of Pennsylvania.

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** ca.1781 D. with ms. B F85.93  
Notes, 1p.

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

[Specimen sheet of various fonts in the collection of brass stencils bought from Bery in 1781.]

Found in secret drawer of box containing brass stencils bought in Bache sele, June 1947.

Reproduced in A.P.S. Proceedings, v.92,no.2,p.93; Library bulletin for 1948, p.93.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1782 January 24	L.S. 1p.	B F85.150
Letter to Capt. [John] Berry			

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1782 January 25	L.S. 2p.	B F85.143
Letter to Benny [Bache]			

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1782 January 25	A.L. 1p.	B F85.381
Letter to Master Johannot [Cooper]		Draft.	
		12-1/4x8.	
		(see <i>Franklin Papers.</i> )	

Hopes he is happy at school and does not want to change schools, for "A rolling Stone gathers no Moss."

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1782 January 6	A.L. 3p.	B F85.194
Letters to Mme. Brillon		In French.	
		"No.7"	

Replies to letter from Brillon family December 1781

**Other Descriptive Information**

(see FP 56, no.79)

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<b>Hewson, Mary</b>	[1782 May 1 ?]	Fragment of	B F85.7-30
to B. Franklin		an A.L.	

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## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1782 May 13                      ALS, 1p.      B F85.7-18  
to [Mary] Hewson

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1782 May 13                      L.S. 2p. , end. B F85.160  
Letter to D[avid] Hartley                      seal.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1782 May 24                      Photostat, 1p. B F85.91  
Letter to Mme. A[nna] Ogle

**Acquisition Information**

From original in possession of Mrs. F.G. Richards of Princeton; presented by Julian P. Boyd, March 1948.

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**Strahan, William, 1715-1785**                      1782 May 27                      ALS, 3p.      B F85.423  
Letter to B[enjamin] Franklin                      8-7/8x7-3/8.

Interest in printing art, on continent, Eng. pressmen are "spoilt." Comment on war, Bill allowing King to conclude peace. Wants B.F. to help Sally Beckwith (daugh. of Gen.Beck.) Mentions Mr. Becket, Mrs.Strange, Dr. Wishart.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1782 June 26                      ALS, 1p.      B F85.376  
Letter to [Richard and Sarah Bache]

News of Benny Bache in Geneva. Refers to Temple.  
Presented by Mrs.Elizabeth Du Bois Bache;  
Aug. 4, 1924.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1782 July 10                      T.c. of L. 3p. B F85.132  
Letter to B[enjamin] Vaughan

The peace commission.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in the possession of the Marquess of Lansdowne.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1782 July 15                      Copy of ALS, B F85.391  
Letter to James Bowdoin                      1p 9-1/4x6.



## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Introduces William Jones and John Paradise.

**Acquisition Information**

(From Charles Hamilton Auction No. 57(April 20,1972).

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1782 August 16	ALS, 1p.	B F85.177
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Letter to [John Jay]

Encloses copy of extracts from Gen. Carleton's instructions received from Lord Shelburne through Mr. Vaughan. [Peace negotiations]

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1782 Aug. 27	L.S. 2p.	B F85.155
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Letter to M. [Pierre] Colombe

In French. Acknowledges Colombe's letters of July 19 and August 19 relative to his return to America. Exchanges such as he desires are made in America.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1782 Sept. 11	ALS, 1p.	B F85.362
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Letter to [Bartolemeo(?)] Mesny

Concerning books sent him for sale.

For additional information pertaining to Franklin-Mesny correspondence, see: Kirkland. "A Franklin Footnote", Penna. Mag.of Hist.and Biog., vol. 73, 80-81.

Additional correspondence on the books may be found in *Franklin Papers* in U. of P.

**Other Descriptive Information**

See *Franklin Papers*, IX.186 for letter from Mesny to B.Franklin; May 20,1778.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1782 Sept. 20	L.S. 1p.	B F85.379
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Letter to [Philippe Denis] Pierres

In French. Thanks for the publications as examples of his "Beautés Typographiques."

**Acquisition Information**

Presented by Alice Bates through Charles W. Bates; June 1967.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1782 Sept. 7	PrDS, 1p.	B F85.57
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Passport issued to Elkanah Watson

Passy press imprint. In French.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1782 November 16	D.S. 1p.	B F85.18
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## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Order to "All captains and commanders of vessels of war, privateers and letters of marque belonging to the United States of America" to respect passports of certain English vessels which were to carry mail between Dover and Calais

Contains fine example of Franklin's seal. Right hand margin bedly trimmed.  
Purchased from the American Autograph Shop, January 1939.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1782 November 26	T.c. of L. 1p. B F85.134
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Letter to the Earl of Shelburne

Acknowledges a remedy for his "gravel" brought by Mr. [Benjamin ?] Vaughan.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in the possession of the Marquess of Lansdowne.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1782 November 26	Photostat of B F85.355
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Letter to R[ichard] Oswald L. 13p.

**Acquisition Information**

(From original in possession of Ohio historical society).

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<b>Greene, Catherine Ray</b>	1782 Dec. 26	Photostat of B F85.x9
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Letter to Dr. Franklin; Warwick A.L.S: Caty  
Greene 2p.

Learned from the Court Segur that his wife often plays chess with Dr. Franklin. Sends letter by President Wheelock.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in possession of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

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<b>Mecom, Jane Franklin, 1712-1794</b>	1782 Dec. 26	Photostat, 3p. B F85.x14
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Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin; Cambridge

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Concerned about Franklin's health. Desired a copy of his Philosophical and political papers. New of family and friends.

**Acquisition Information**

Original in Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Mary Stevenson Hewson?	[1782???	A.L. 2p.	B F85.7-28
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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to [Gaetano Filangieri]	1783 January 11	Photostat of L.S. 3p.	B F85.139
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**Acquisition Information**

From original in Archive del Museo Civico Gaetano Filangieri, Naples.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to [Richard Oswald]	1783 January 14	Photostat of L. 2p.	B F85.356
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**Acquisition Information**

From original in possession of Ohio historical society.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> [Note on the case of his nephew, Jonathan Williams, respecting the Brig Trio]	1783 January 15	T.c. of D. 1p.	B F85.136
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**Acquisition Information**

From original in the possession of the Marquees of Lansdowne.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [Mary] Hewson	1783 January 8	ALS, 2p.	B F85.7-19
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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to Chev. Rulhiere	[1783?] March 2	A.L. in 3d P. 1p. In French. Seal.	B F85.270
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Invitation for a visit that evening.

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## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1783 March 23 Photostat, 1p. B F85.24b  
to B. Vaughan

Not printed in Smyth.  
Sends newspapers containing articles relating to the barbarities exercised by the British in America;  
suggests they might be used for propaganda purposes.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1783 March 28 L.S. 1p. In B F85.199  
Letter to M. Lotbiniere French.

Contains a [P.S.] in French in Franklin's hand.  
Replies to letter from M. Lotbiniere of March 26, 1783 which is in *Franklin Papers* - APS.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1783 March Transcript of B F85.222  
Letter to [Philip] Mazzei L. in 3d P. 1p.

Invitation to dinner.  
Transcript made by D. H. Wallace, March 1952.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in Vail mss., Geneva, Switzerland, Miscellaneous.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1783 April 21 L. in 3d P. 1p. B F85.254  
Letter to [Alice De Lancey] Izard

Probably written by W.T. Franklin.  
Sends passport desired by Mrs. Izard.

**Bibliography****Other Descriptive Information**

(see F.P. 74,3 for Mrs. Izard's letter)

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1783 May 2 Enlargement B F85.32  
Letter to Benj[amin] F[ranklin] Bache print of ALS,  
2p

Personal letter to grandson.

**Acquisition Information**

Print made from original in possession of Mrs. Edward W. Smith, April 1943.

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1783 June 1                      ALS, 1p.                      B F85.118  
Letter to Dr. Ingenhauss

Introduces Mr. S. Vaughen who travels with a view of improving himself in mineralogy.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1783 July 12                      ALS, 1p.                      B F85.7-20  
to Mrs [Margaret] Stevenson

(This Letter is apparently dated wrong as Mrs. Stevenson died in January 1783; Franklin knew of this as he wrote to Mary Stevenson Hewson on January 27, 1783 and spoke of her mother's death)

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1783 July 29                      Enlargement B F85.272  
Letter to W[illia]m Strahan                      of ALS, 1p.

Information about Miss Beckwith.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in possession of Mrs. Arthur Loeb, April 1955.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1783 August 6                      D.S. Portion B F85.185  
Certification in re Col. Du Bouchet                      of 3p. doc.

In French. Certifies as to the correct transcription of copies of various document by Horatio Gates, George Washington, and others.

See letter from Bouchet to W.T. Franklin, 1783- ( *Franklin Papers*, v.108, 85)

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1783 Sept. 11                      ALS, 4p.                      B F85. 228  
Letter to Josish Quincey (sis)

"there never was a good war, or bad Peace."

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1783 Sept. 12                      ALS, 1p.                      B F85.346  
Letter to [Mme de Meinieres]                      9x7-1/4.

Will Visit her on Sunday if able. Refers to Mme. Helvetius.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1783 Sept. 2                      TL Cy, 1p.                      B F85.368  
Letter to [Johannes Ingenhousz]

Concerning the peace treaty. Forwards letter of Banks on balloons.

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Presented by W.J.Bell,Jr., July 1962.

**Acquisition Information**

From original owned by Mrs.J.A. de Rothschild.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1783 October 8	Enlargement	B F85.172
Letter to Benjamin Vaughan		print of ALS,	
		1p.	

Has on hand 4 copies of volume on electricity, but none of Vaughan's collection [Political...pieces], of which he desires additional copies. Inquires about family.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in possession of Mrs. Frances Vaughan Finletter, March 1951.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1783 December 14	LS, 1p.	B F85.197
Letter to Count de Vergennes			

Introduces Mr. Nesbitt, an American merchant settled at L'Orient.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1784 January 1	ALS, 1p.	B F85.7-21
to [Mary. Hewson]			

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1784 January 14	Photocopy,	B F85.377
Invitation to [Daniel L.] Coit to dinner		1p.	

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1784 February 15	ALS, 1p.	B F85.200
Letter to H[enry] Laurens			

Mr. Grand will honor his bills. Regrets that their "employers...have forgotten...to contrive means of decent return for their ministers."

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1784 March 1	ALS, 1p	B F85.52
Letter to [William] Withering			

Dr. Withering's letter on calculous complaints and the remedies.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1784 March 19	A.L.	B F85.337
Letter to [Mary Stevenson] Hewson		1p.and end.	

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Mutilated-  
signature has  
been cut off.  
9x7-1/4.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to Henry Laurens	1784 March 31	ALS, 1p.	B F85.39
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Announces arrival of ratification of definitive treaty; has notified Mr.Hartley.

<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to M. LeVeux, Calais	1784 March 8	L.S. 2p. , end. In French. 9x7-1/4.	B F85.347
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Thanks him for what he has done for Jay and American prisoners. Explains that consuls will be U.S. citizens. when they are appointed for France.

<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to Dr. Ingenhauss [sic]	1784 April 23	Repro. of ALS. 1p.	B F85.436
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Sends seeds to Ingenhousz.

From Hudson Rogue autograph catalog#13, 1986 [?], p. 10.

<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [Mary] Hewson	1784 April 29	ALS, 1p.	B F85.7-22
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(On the inside of this letter is a letter from Mary Hewson to Mr. Viny)

<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to Felix Frecon (?)	1784 July 3	Photostat of L.S. 3p.	B F85.330
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Replies to queries in his letter of June 29 (in APS collection) relative to American regulations of exchange - money merchandise, weights and measures.

Presented by W.J. Bell, from photostat in Library of Congress.

<b>Born, Ignaz, Edler von, 1742-1791</b> Letter to [Benjamin Franklin]; Vienne	1784 July 17	Photocopy, 1p.and end.	B F85.402
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## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

In French.

8x7-1/2.

Presents his Joannis Physiophili Opuscula.

Presented by Ellen Gantrell.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

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<b>Franklin, Williem, 1731-1813</b>	1784 July 22, Aug. 6	ALS, 3p.	B F85.x22
Letter to Benjamin Franklin			

Letter of reconciliation. Mentions W.T. Franklin.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1784 August 13	Photocopy, 1p.and end.	B F85.386
Letter to [Mary] Hewson			
11x7-1/2.			

**Acquisition Information**

From original in possession of Miss Katherine M. Bradford, Phila. (1969).

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1784 August 2	ALS, 1p. S.	B F85.2
Letter to [Richard] Price			

pertains to Dr. Price's pamphlet of advice to the Americans [Observations on the importance of the American revolution...] and the Turgot letter which it contains. Positive print.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1784 August 25	T.c. of L. 1p.	B F85.135
Letter to Lord Shelburne			

Introduces the bearer, his grandson William Temple Franklin. Sends pamphlet on animal magnetism.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in the possession of the Marquess of Lansdowne.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1784 Sept. 7	ALS, 1p.	B F85.344
Letter to [Richard] Price			
9-1/4x7-1/4.			

Introduces Count Mirabeau and recommends him.

**Other Descriptive Information**



## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

For similar letter, see B.Franklin to B.Vaughan; Sept.7,1784, Smyth, 9, 269-270.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to Mr. Anisson	1784 November 10	Enlargement B F85.116 of reproduction 1p.
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New manner of printing. Press for Anisson, bought by William Franklin in London, will be sent to Rouen.

From reproduction in Le manuscrit autographe, An 8, no.41, 1993, p.21

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to Messrs. Witel [and Pauche]	1784 November 15	L.S. 2p., end. B F85.195 In French. "No.7"
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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Certification in re Capt. Lewis Joseph de Beaulieu, late of Gen. Count Pulaski's corps	1784 December 17	Photostat of B F85.145 D.S. 1p.
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### Acquisition Information

From original in Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale of Florence.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to the Abbé [Morellet]	ca.1784	LS Cy, 3p. B F85.224
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In French. Typed translation.

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### Other Descriptive Information

See BfF85.1 for another copy of the translation with different illustrations.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> [Letter to the Abbé Morellet]	[1784?]	3 typed leaves B F85.1 and plate
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Copy of a translation of a letter written by Benjamin Franklin and printed in the Memoirs of the Abbé Morellet, Paris 1821.

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to M. de Mayer	1785 January 3	Typescript 1p.	B F85.179
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Acknowledges piece entitled Asgill. Sends copy of Book of Constitutions.  
Presented by Antonio Pace; June 1951, from original in Biblioteca Civica of Turin.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to Richard Price	1785 March 18	ALS, 1p.	B F85.269
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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to B. Vaughan.	1785 March 5	Photostat of ALS, 3p.	B F85.24c
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Not printed in Smyth.

This letter is in reply to one written to Franklin by Benjamin Vaughan, Feb. 23, 1785, which the A.P.S owns. Mentions fabricated accounts in British papers which are intended to give unfavorable ideas of America.

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<b>Franklin, William Temple</b> to B. Vaughan.	1785 April 21	Photostat of L.S with initials. 3p.	B F85.24d
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Pertains to recommendations desired by Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan for Mr. Manning.

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<b>Adams, John, 1735-1826</b> Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin	1785 April 26	A.L. in 3d P. 1p.	B F85.x36
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Asks that Mr. Jefferson inquire for mail for American ministers.  
Framed with engravings and medals of B. Franklin and J. Adams.

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<b>Roberts, Hugh, ca. 1706-1786</b> Letter to B. Franklin	1785 June 24	LS Cy, 2p.	B F85.x6
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Comments on old age, and the fact that Philip Syng is the only other living member of the old Junto.  
"Copy of a letter from Hugh Roberts to Benjamin Franklin, - taken from the original now in the possession of the Roberts family, and placed in the hands of R.M. Patterson by Richard Vaux, esq., June 22, 1843."

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## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

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**Jonathan, William, 1750-1815**                      1785 June 27                      Photo. of                      B F85.x37  
Letter to Benjamin Franklin                      ALS, 2p.

Negotiations about a ship calling at Havre fro Dr. Franklin unsuccessful.  
Presented by C.F. Jenkins, 1948.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1785 July 16                      ALS, 2p.                      B F85. 229  
Letter to Ferd[inan]d Grand

Preparations for voyage to America for himself and party, including Mr. Houdon. Transcribes copy of agreement with Messrs. Wallace, Johnson and Muir in repayment of passage, July 8, 1785.

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**Crawford, Adair, 1748-1795**                      1785 July 22                      Photostat, 2p. B F85.24f  
to unidentified recipient

Pertains to Dr. Franklin's case of the "stone".

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1785 July 24                      Photostat, 1p. B F85.343  
Letter to [Ferdinand] Grand

Is better than he had thought, due to traveling. Concerning his luggage. Friendly letter.

**Acquisition Information**

(from reproduction in J.A. Stargardt Autographen...siche No.12,p.7.)

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**Franklin, William Temple**                      1785 July 26                      Photostat, 1p. B F85.24g

Note regarding 48,000 livres borrowed from Benjamin Franklin with which to buy his father's [William Franklin] lands in New Jersey and New York.

Contains an autograph note signed by B. Franklin, to Mr. Vaughan.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1785 July 28                      ALS, 1p.                      B F85.245  
Letter to Nathaniel Falconer

With this is a news clipping (n.d.) transcribing the letter and stating that it was then in the possession of G.W. Childs.

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"Opinions of some of the Faculty on the                      1785 July                      Photostat of                      B F85.24e  
case of Dr. Franklin: viz. Drs. Heberden                      document. 4p.

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Watson, J. Hunter, Crawford and Mr. J. Hunter."

Pertains to Franklin's trouble with the "stone."

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1785 Sept. 19	Repro., 1p. B F85.435
Letter to [Jane] Mecom		

Safe arrival in America.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1785 Sept. 20	Photostat, 1p. B F85.73
Letter to William Greene and Catherine Ray Greene		

**Original Location**

From original in Library of Congress.

**Bibliography**

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1785 Sept. 21	ALS, 2p.and B F85.334 end. 12-1/2x8.
Letter to J[ohn] and [Sarah Van Brugh Livingston] Jay		

**Bibliography**

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1785 Sept. 26	Enlargement B F85.33 print of ALS, 1p.
Letter to Charles Thomson		

Acknowledges congratulations on his return home.

**Original Location**

Print made from original in possession of Mrs. Edward W. Smith, April 1943.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1785 Sept. 27	A.D. 1p. B F85.198
Address to the American Philosophical Society		

In Sam. Magaw's hand. Dr. Franklin's answr to ye Address of the Amer. Ph. Socy. soon after he arrived from France.

**Acquisition Information**

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Presented by Mrs. Edward W. Smith.

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<b>Houdon, Jean Antoine 1741-1828</b>	1785 Oct. 4	D.S. 1p.	B F85.x20
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Order to T. Jefferson to pay B. Franklin  
3600 livres tournois

Received by B. Franklin, Oct. 25, 1785.

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<b>Jay, John, 1745- 1829</b>	1785 Oct. 4	ADrS, 2p.	B F85.x54
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Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1785 October 8	ALS, 2p.	B F85.328
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Letter to Patrick Henry

Printing type sold to the state of Virginia.

Photostat presented by Thomas F O'Donnel, March 1953.

**Acquisition Information**

from original which was then in the possession of the Thomas R. Proctor collection of the Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Utica, N.Y.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1785 October 20	A.L. 2p. (incomplete)	B F85.30
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Letter to M. de Chaumont

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1785 November 14	ALS, 1p.	B F85.54
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Letter to William Ellery

Acknowledges letter of October 10 [in APS collection] enclosing one from Mr. Vernon.

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<b>Pennsylvania. Supreme Executive Council</b>	1785 November 23	DS, 1p.	B F85.137
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Deed for portion of land on which the old  
goal and workhouse stood, Third and High  
streets, issued to John Hubley

Seal Parchment Recorded on April 27, 1786.

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## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

**Smallwood, William, 1732-1792** 1785 Nov. 27 L.S. 1p. B F85.x64  
Letter to [Benjamin Franklin]

**Bibliography**

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** [1785?] December 14 ALS, 1p. B F85.159  
Letter to unidentified recipient Wednesday mornng.

Will search for letters as soon as he returns from the state house.

**Ruston, Thomas, ca. 1739-1804** 1786 Jan. 12 A.Dr. of L. B F85.x1  
Letter to Benjamin Franklin; dated 6p. F.  
Philadelphia

Re: smoky chimneys.

Purchased from the American Autograph Shop, April 1939, \$25 and a set of the Franklin calendar.

**Bibliography**

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1786 January 19 ALS, 2p. , BF85.310  
Letter to Jonathan Williams, jr., Boston end.

**Bibliography**

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1786 January 24 L.S. 3p. B F85.168  
Letter to John Hyacinth de Magellan

The APS and the Magellanic premium.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1786 February 16 ALS, 2p. B F85.311  
Letter to Jonathan Williams, jr., Boston

**Bibliography**

**Pennsylvania. Supreme Executive Council** 1786 April 27 PrDS, 1p. B F85.291  
Warrant to John Lukens to have surveyed  
plot of ground in Westmoreland Co. for  
John Davis

**Pennsylvania. Supreme Executive Council** 1786 May 8 PrDS, 1p. B F85.282

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Order to David Rittenhouse to pay the estate  
of William Wilson £5.16.10

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**Pennsylvania. Supreme Executive Council** 1786 May 9 1p. B F85.266  
Patent issued to John Cornman, for a tract of  
land in Westmoreland

Presented by Mr. Samuel H. McVitty, March 1955. A similar patent for another piece of ground  
exists for this day to the same person.

**Bibliography**

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**Pennsylvania. Supreme Executive Council** 1786 May 9 Photostat, 1p. B F85.351  
Order to David Rittenhouse to pay Francis  
Allison [sic]

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1786 May 25 ALS, 3p. B F85.231  
Letter to J. Sargent

Suggestions concerning collection of debts due Mr. Sargent from Americans. Is under obligations to  
Mr. Sargent for many kindnesses.

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**Mecom, Jane** 1786 May 29  
to Sarah Bache

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1786 August 15 ALS, 2p. B F85.107  
Letter to M. [Jean Baptiste] LeRoy

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1786 August 24 ALS, 1p. B F85.322  
Letter to John Jay

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**Pennsylvania. Supreme Executive Council** 1786 Sept. 19 D.S.: B. B F85.348  
Order to David Rittenhouse to pay David  
Evans Franklin.  
1p. John  
Nicholson

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

and D. Evans.  
9-1/2x8.

Forgery

Presented by J. Bennett Nolan.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1786 Sept. 4	Photostat of B F85.63
Certification in re character of Josiah Flagg		A.D.S. 1p.

---- photostat of typed c. in New England Historic Genealogical Society.

#### Acquisition Information

From original in possession of the Harvard school of business administration.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1786 Sept. 7	Photostat. 1p. B F85.341
Order to David Rittenhouse to pay James Worthing; In Council, Philadelphia		Forgery.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1786 October 7	ALS, 2p. B F85.31
Letter to M. de Chaumont		

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1786 November 21	ALS, 1p. 3x7. B F85.205
Letter to the Secretary of Council		

Requisition for commission for Edward Shippen and others.

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<b>Falconer, Nathaniel</b>	1786 Dec. 13	L.S: Nath B F85.x39
Letter to the President...Supreme executive council [Benjamin Franklin]; Wardens office		Falconer, John Hazelwood, Joe: Bullock. 1p. , end. in B.F.'s hand.

Send certain information [ in re Spanish man of war]

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<b>Otto, Lewis William</b>	1786 Dec. 19	ALS, Cp. , B F85.x66
Letter to Benjamin Franklin, Pennsylvania		end. In French with translatin



## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

in red ink,  
in hand of  
B.Franklin,  
12-1/2x7-3/4.

Concerning the extradition of a French witiser . De Bressines.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	[1786?]	Copy of D.	B F85.165
An account of the highest court of Judicature in Pennsylvania, viz. The court of the press		7p.	

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<b>Adams, John, 1735-1826</b>	1787 Jan. 27	ALS, 2p.	B F85.x26
Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin; Grosvenor Square			

Sends copies of his work [Defence of the Constitution] for Dr. Franklin and the Philosophical Society. Dilly's desires to publish a new edition of Franklin's works with the addition of a sketch of his life.

### Other Descriptive Information

See 342.73:Adld volume presented.

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<b>Pennsylvania. Supreme Executive Council</b>	1787 January 30	Photostat of D.S: B. Franklin (president) 1p. Seal.	B F85.239
Patent issued to Baltzer Knertzer for a tract of land called "Fortune" in Newberry township, York county			

Presented by Dr. John Witthoft, from original owned by Mr. Fredericks, Harrisburg, Pa June 1954.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1787 February 13	Photostat of L.S. 1p.	B F85.21
Letter to Gen. [Arthur] St. Clair			

introduces the bearer, M. de Chaumont. Presented by M.Dumont.

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<b>Bond, Thomas</b>	1787 Mar. 2	D.S. 2p.	B F85.x2
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## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Petition to Benjamin Franklin, president of the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, for a bankruptcy commission against Charles Young, sworn before B. Franklin

Contains also appointment of commission signed by B. Franklin. F.  
Purchased from F.G. Sweet, September 1939, \$37.50.

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<b>Balliet, Stephen</b>	1787 Mar.	ALS, 3p.	B F85.x51
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Letter to Benjamin Franklin [President of Pennsylvania]

Observations on the Lehigh river; the advantages which would result to the city of Phila., the counties of Northumberland... from the navigation thereof... roads to the Suequehanah.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1787 April 12	DS, 1p.	B F85.117
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Order to David Rittenhouse to pay John Baird 45£ for his attendance in Council...and mileage; In Council, Philadelphia

Receipted by Jno. Baird.

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<b>Pennsylvania. Supreme Executive Council</b>	1787 April 12	DS, 1p.	B F85.373
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Deed to Daniel Hartung for a tract of land called "Daniels fancy" in Northumberland County

Presented by Morris Duane; December 28, 1962.

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<b>Sybert, Sebastian</b>	1787 May 14-July 5.	D. 2p.	B F85.x60
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Account with Benjamin Franklin

Contains receipt written in Franklin's hand; July 7, 1787. Photostat obtained when the document was in the possession of Mr. Loeb, 1953.

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## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1787 May 18 Photo.of B F85.363  
 Letter to [Sir William] Herschel ALS, 1p.

**Acquisition Information**

(from original in Biblioteca Estense of Modena, Codici e Mss Campori ,Busta 209)

**Bibliography****Other Descriptive Information**

Presented by Antonio Pace; May 1961.

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**Pennsylvania. Supreme Executive Council** 1787 May 21 Photostat B F85.238  
 Patent issued to Samuel Titmus for a tract of of D.S: B.  
 land called "the Folly" in Northumberland Franklin  
 county; (president) 1p.  
 Seal.

Accompanying this document is an enlargement of a survey of the tract, made by John Lukens, Feb.26,1787.

**Acquisition Information**

From the original owned by T. Kenneth Wood, Williamsport, Pa.

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**Pennsylvania. Supreme Executive Council** 1787 June 13 DS, 1p. B F85.166  
 Order to David Rittenhouse to pay Edward  
 Burd for travelling expenses as judge of the  
 Supreme court

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**Pennsylvania. Supreme Executive Council** 1787 June 16 DS, 1p. B F85.317  
 Patent issued to John McKee for tract  
 of land called "Allegany Tract" in  
 Westmoreland co

Inrolled in Patent book...June 18, 1787.

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**Pennsylvania. Supreme Executive Council** 1787 June 28 PrDS, 1p. B F85.95  
 Deed for lot No. 1983 at 8th and Chestnut  
 streets, to John Steinmetz

"Disposing of...lots...late of the estate of Joseph Galloway...forfeited to this Commonwealth."

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

"Inrolled in the Rolls office... August 4, 1787."

<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Account with Christian Sybard [Seybert]	1787 June 30-July 18	D.S. (in German): Christian Seybert. 1p. 8-1/2x6-1/2. (see <i>Franklin Papers.</i> )	B F85.352
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For hauling dirt.

<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to D[avid] Hartley	[1787? ca.] June	Typed c. of L.B F85.81 1p.	
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**Acquisition Information**

From original in possession of Stanley Neyhart.

<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Petition by Ann Bell with notation by Franklin	1787 August 20	D.S. 2p. 8x13.	B F85.411
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Concerns bankruptcy commission of Clarkson, Hughes, Baynton, and Bacher in case of Joseph Page; Petition for same by Ann Bell; directed so by Franklin in appended note.

**Other Descriptive Information**

(See. Franklin papers.)

<b>Supreme executive council, Pennsylvania</b> Order to David Rittenhouse to pay Samuel Hill £20.5 for services rendered	1787 Sept. 2	DS, 1p.	B F85.242
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Presented by Mrs. Arthur Bloch as a forgery from her husband's estate, July 1954.

<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Order to David Rittenhouse to pay Samuel Hill £20.5sh for services in Council	1787 Sept. 2	DS Cy, 1p.	B F85.268
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**Acquisition Information**

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Presented by Mr. S.H. McVitty, March 1955.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1787 Sept. 20	Photostat	B F85.340
Order to David Rittenhouse to pay Silas Curtis; In Council, Philadelphia		of D.S. 1p.,end. by D.Rittenhouse.	

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<b>Pennsylvania. Supreme Executive Council</b>	1787 Sept. 29	With this was B F85.94 a picture of B. Franklin by St. Aubin after Cochin.	
Grant of land in Westmoreland County to John Beatman Webster..			

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1787 October 14	Photostat, 1p.	B F85.140
Letter to [Gastano] Filangieri;phila			

**Acquisition Information**

From Original in Archivo del Musec Civico Gaetano Filangieri, Naples.

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<b>Lea, Thomas</b>	1787 Oct. 18	ALS, 2p.	B F85.x58
Petition to Benjamin Franklin, president, Supreme Executive Council		Contains A.N.S. by B. Franklin to the Secretary of Council.	

Petition in the case of Peter January, a bankrupt.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1787 October 22	ALS, 1p.	B F85.80
Letter to M. de Chaumont; Philad			

Partly in French.

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<b>Supreme executive council, Pennsylvania</b>	1787 October 7	DS, 2p.	B F85.243
Order to David Rittenhouse to pay David hanna £20.10 for services rendered			

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Presented by Mrs. Arthur Bloch as a forgery from her husband's estate, July 1954.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1787 December 5	ALS, 1p.	B F85.211
Letter to Thomas Short, Edinburgh			

On same sheet with letter from Theodotia Short to BF; Sept.13, 1787  
Sends letter from Mrs. Theodosia Short about her family.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1787 December	Cy, 1p. and 2 illus.	B F85.124
Description of the tapid bath made use of by his Excellency Benjamin Franklin, Governor of Pennsylvania..			

#### Acquisition Information

From original in Robert R. Logan family papers, deposited 1949 at the Library Co. of Philadelphia.  
Permission required for reproduction.

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<b>Willing, Thomas, 1731-1821</b>	1787	DCy, 3 leaves	B F85.x27
Petition on the part of Thomas Willing, as president of the Bank of Norht America, to Benjamin Franklin, President of the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, against Joshua Pusey, a bankrupt..			

Contains copy of portion of bankruptcy proceedings against Samuel Garrigues.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1788 February 12	ALS, 1p.	B F85.332
Letter to Charles Vaughan			

Settlement of Dr. Ingenhousz's account with John Williams. Comments on the Opposition to the Constitution - "America is too Enlightened to be enslav'd... the happiness of its People is less in canger from an Excess of Power in the Governors, than from the Defect of due Obedience... in the Governed.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1788 February 16, 17	Photostat, 2p.	B F85.89
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## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Letter to St. John Crevecoeur

Portion dated Feb. 16 printed in Smyth, v.9, 636. The P.S. dated Feb. 17 comments on Fitch's steamboat and Mr. Rittenhouse's opinion of it.

**Acquisition Information**

From film in L.C. Original in volume of letters to St. John de Crèvecoeur owned by M. Louis St. John de Crèvecoeur, La Plagne, Moncesquiour Lesse (Gers), France.

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<b>Phetty, Philip</b>	1788 Mar. 10	DS, 4p.	B F85.x62
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Petition to Benjamin Franklin, asking for a pardon so that he might emigrate "to the back Countrys"

Not in *Pennsylvania Archives* of above date. With 34 signatures asking that the petition be acted upon favorably; end: "Read in Council June 4th 1788..."

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<b>Pennsylvania. Supreme Executive Council</b>	1788 March 13	DS, parchment seal.	B F85.292
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Patent issued to Matthias Dibler for tract of land in Dauphin co

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<b>Craig, Thomas</b>	1788 May 5	ALS, 2p.	B F85.x57
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Letter to Benjamin Franklin, president, Supreme Executive Council

Disputes the fact that he opposed the execution of a criminal named John Brown.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1788 May 7	TCy, 1p.	B F85.240
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Letter to Mr. Wilcke

Sends Vol.1 and 2 of the Transactions of the APS.

Presented by I.B. Cohen, March 1954.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in possession of the Royal Swedish academy of sciences.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1788 May 13	Photostat. 1p.	B F85.109
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Letter to Secretary of Councils

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## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

**Pennsylvania. Supreme Executive Council** 1788 August 20 1p. Seal B F85.286  
 Commission to Peter Stephen DuPonceau as  
 notary, tabellion and interpreter of foreign  
 languages for the Commonwealth

Attached to this document are certifications to the fact that E. Dutilh and Co of Philadelphia have  
 been appointed attorneys for Mr. Gaspard Solicoffre in a suit against Messrs. Zolikoffer and  
 Messonnier of Baltimore; Feb. 28,1788, August 18,1788.

French and English translation. 8p.

**Bibliography**


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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1789 January 17 Letterpress B F85.105  
 Letter to Mr. [Robert] Aitken Cy, 2p.

Relative to Vol. 1 of A.P.S. Transactions.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1789 February 9 AL, 1p. B F85.41  
 Letter to Matthew Carey

Encloses Remarks on the Albany Plan which he may publish in the Museum, but not under Franklin's  
 signature.

The Remarks were published in Carey's *American Museum*, v.5, April 1739, p.368.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1789 March 2 Letterpress B F85.59  
 Letter to [Catherine Ray] Greene Cy, 2p.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1789 April 27 Photo., 1p. B F85.434  
 Letter to [Jane Mecom]

Concern about reliability of post, health and finances of Mecom. Mentions C. Greene.

1. Greene, Catharine Ray, 1731-1794. 2. Postal service - U.S. I. BF chron. II. [Mecom, Jane],  
 1712-1793.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1789 October 23 ALS, 1p. B F85.146  
 Letter to unidentified recipient



## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Relative to settlement on bond entered into with Mr. Grace in 1748.

(The letter may be Written to Thomas Franklin, Phila. merchant; see letters in *Franklin Papers*)

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**Wistar, B** 1790 Aug. 10  
to Catharine Wistar

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** ca. 1793-1794 D. 1p. B F85.190  
[Epitaph, in German]

Not same translation as used in the 1780 Dresden edition, nor the 1794 and 1802 Weimar editions of the Works.

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**Wistar, Caspar** [1797]  
to Catharine Bache

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**Wistar, Caspar** 1815 Mar. 18  
to Catharine Bache

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n.d. Photostat, 3p. B F85.24h

"A discussion of that interesting question whether if the United States should be compelled to choose its side in ye present European contest, on which side its interest would require it should engage? To which is added, some impartial thoughts upon the rights of neutrals and the history of the conduct of belligerents on this subject. Notes by B.F."

All in B. Vaughan's hand.

Consists of answers (?) to nine questions.

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Graphic chart showing the Eighteenth Century events, with special reference to Benjamin Franklin D. 1p. B F85.x4  
12-1/2x21.

**Other Descriptive Information**

(see Franklin pamphlets, no.4.)

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**Cramer, Mme Delon(?)** n.d. (Aug 20) ALS, 3p. B F85.x69  
Letter to [Benjamin Franklin]

In French.

Is taking care of B. F.Bache, due to the death of her husband's brother.

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## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Epitaph	n.d.	Photostat 2p.	B F85.409 b
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> The Character of Charles the 12th of Sweeden	n.d.	Photocopy, 1p.	B F85.422
<b>Acquisition Information</b> From originals in the Julia Rush Biddle Henry Coll., Rosenbach Foundation			
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> [Shorthand notes]	n.d.	D. 2p.	B F85.257
May be handwriting of William or William Temple Franklin			
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Cupid and Zephyr. On the breaking of the seventh commandment and wind	n.d.	D. 56p.	B F85.342
Contains copies of letters: Franklin to a young man; June 25, 1743; and, Franklin to the Royal Society of Brussels.			
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Drawings of the Franklin [electrical?] machine, presented by Franklin to Capt. [Isaac] All	n.d.	Photo, 7 leaves	B F85.360
Minutes of Committe on Library; Oct. 17 and Dec. 12, 1957. Presented by Charles T. Henry; Nov. 1960.			
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Epitaph	n.d.	AMs. 1p.	B F85.192
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Marginalia in Affaires de l'Angleterre et de l'Amerique; Nos. 36 and 38	n.d.	Photocopy of D. 11 leaves.	B F85.389
In French.			

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

Presented by owner: Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Mills Library; March 1971.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	n.d.	Photocopy of B F85.388
Moyens pour d'un grand Empire en faireun petit		D. 14p.

In French.

Photocopy copy presented by owner, Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Mills Library; March 1971.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	n.d.	Photocopy of B F85.387
Observations sur l'origine de la Guerre Civile des Colonies Américaines		D. 19p.

In French.

Presented by owner, Eleutherian Mills, Hagley Library; March 1971.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790 and J. Osborn</b>	n.d.	DS	B F85.154
Recommendation of Pierre Sonnerat for membership in the Royal Society;			

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	June 15.	A.N. in 3d P. B F85.7-27
to unidentified recipient		Card.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	n.d. (Friday)	Photostat of B F85.182
Letter to [Matthew] Boulton		L. in 3d P. 1p.

Wishes to consult with Mr. Boulton about a copying press and writing desk.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in Assay office, Birmingham, England.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	n.d. (Monday)	Photostat of B F85.183
Letter to [Matthew] Bolton (sic)		A.L. in 3d P. 1p.

Invitation to dinner. Mentions Abbé Morellet.

**Acquisition Information**

From original in Assay office, Birmingham, England.

## Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection

<b>Rivington, James, 1724-1802</b> Letter to W[illiam] Bradford	n.d.	ALS, 2p.	B F85.350
Wishes to forward books for sale in Pennsylvania. Names authors and terms which he says would be advantageous to each.			
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to [Mme Helvetius ?]	n.d.	LS, 2p.	B F85.320
In French. Accepts an invitation for himself and grandson for a visit on Sunday.			
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [Mary Stevenson] Hewson	n.d.	Fragment of an A.L	B F85.7-29
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to [Philip] Mazzei	Sunday	A.L. in 3d P. 1p.	B F85.253
Unable to be in Versailles on Tuesday.			
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Mary [Stevenson]	Friday Morng.	ALS, 1p.	B F85.7-24
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [Mary Stevenson?]	Friday, 2 P.M.	A.L.Signed with initials. 1p.	B F85.7-26
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [Mary Stevenson]	Wednesday morning.	ALS, 1p.	B F85.7-25
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Mary Stevenson	Wednesday P.M.	ALS, 1p. (About some of her translations)	B F85.7-23
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> Letter to William Stille:	Sunday. October 1 1786	ALS, 1p. Mutilated.	B F85.316
In re western wall of house next to Mr. Stille's property.			

**Benjamin Franklin Miscellaneous Collection**

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**Franklin, Deborah Read Rogers,**  
**1708-1774**

n.d.

Photostat, 1p. B F85x

Letter to "My Very good friend"

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**U.S. Board of War**

n.d.

ADS

B F85.156

Deposition in re Major Peter Colombe

Certified by Franklin

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## Benjamin Franklin Account Books

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**Mss.B.F85.f6.numeral Benjamin Franklin 1730-1874 33 volumes**  
**Account Books**

Thirty-three complete volumes portraying Franklin's business and personal concerns as well as his work with the Post Office in Philadelphia. These volumes also include a partial account of Franklin's estate and records maintained by Deborah Read Franklin and William Temple Franklin.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1757-1761	1 vol.	B F85f6.1
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Account of Expences of my Voyage to  
England

This volume contains the records of Franklin's expenditures in going to England in 1757 as well as his expenses while living in London. Some receipts are included herein as are some entries for bills of exchange received. Even more, there are entries for receipt of funds from Speaker Isaac Norris, of Philadelphia, which Franklin invested in government stocks and annuities, etc. This was printed by G. S. Eddy, "Account Book of Benjamin Franklin kept by him during his First Mission to England as Provincial Agent 1757-1762," Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, volume LV (1931), 97-133. The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, volume VII, 164-5.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1742-1764	1 vol.	B F85f6.2
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Receipt Book

This is a typical receipt book for payments made to various persons for generally unnamed services or materials. Either Franklin, his wife, or the person receiving payment, wrote that he had received so much money on a given date, and signed the entry. The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, volume II, 351-352.

The last eight pages contain a record of Franklin's income from his business partner, David Hall. Included in the entries is income of money and occasionally the value of books received in lieu of money. The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, volume III, 276.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1764-1774	1 vol.	B F85f6.3
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Journal

"The Journal of Benjamin Franklin after his leaving Philadelphia Nov[embe]r. 7. 1764 and during his Residence in London" is a chronological listing of expenses and receipts. This "Journal" is to be used in conjunction with "Ledger; 1764?1776, for they were "put in order" by Jonathan Williams,

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Jr., Franklin's grandnephew and Franklin, kept both volumes thereafter. The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, volume XI, 518-520.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1777	1 vol.	B F85f6.4
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Account of Money, received from the Commissioners of the United States for their Use; Paris.

This volume of 47 pages was kept by William Temple Franklin, grandson of Benjamin Franklin, and parts were audited periodically by Benjamin Franklin and John Adams, who signed the pages audited. Entries are for expenditures such as laundry; shoe buckles; "Wheel Wright for Work done for Mr. Deane;" wages for servants; "Nine hundred Glass Bottles for the Burgundy Wine;" blacksmith work; "Dinner for some Americans at Versailles when Mr. Adams was presented to the King;" etc.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1730-1740	1 vol.	B F85f6.5
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Ledger A and B

This is the earliest known surviving Franklin account book. It was kept by Franklin and his wife, Deborah, and very few entries are in other hands. Paper was expensive and ruled books were especially dear: therefore, Franklin used the last half of this volume for Ledger B. "Ledger A" (Journal) is the front half of the book and the entries are records of sales, purchases, printing expenses, bills, etc., under the date of the transaction, and then they were posted under the name of the customer in "Ledger B" (Ledger). Beginning with page 169 the Ledger entries follow, recording individual customers' accounts. There is an eight page index which precedes this Ledger and Franklin, by November 1736 had used all of the pages in the back of the book, so he then used the blank pages between the Journal and the Ledger, and numbered the pages from front to back. Franklin noted that he had cancelled all of the accounts by March 5, 1757, that were either "settled or not like to be recovered." Some of these were "Carried to Ledger E" See: George Simpson Eddy, Account Books Kept by Benjamin Franklin: Ledger 1728-1729, Journal 1730-1737. The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, volume I, 172-175.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1739-1748	1 vol.	B F85f6.6
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Ledger D

This large (ca. 400 page) volume contains entries for credit sales but few payments, for legal forms, paper, ink, quills, etc., much like Ledgers A and B. Also, it contains records of dealings with many

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public officials of Philadelphia and the governors of Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey. See: G. S. Eddy. Account Books Kept by Benjamin Franklin. Ledger D, 1739-1747. New York: 1929. The Papers, of Benjamin Franklin, volume II, 232-234.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1757-1776	1 vol.	B F85f6.7
Memorandum book			

This volume was kept by Deborah Franklin to record her expenditures while Franklin was overseas. After his return in 1762 Franklin kept the entries in this volume. He listed, generally, his major transactions and did not include his petty cash payments. She listed everything she could recall spending. The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, volume VII, 167-168.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1748-1752	1 vol.	B F85f6.8
Post office book			

"Post Office Book, 1748, May 25" This volume of 372 pages records receipt and dispatch of all mail in the Philadelphia Post Office between May 25, 1748 and July 23, 1752. Deliveries into the Post Office from out of town were listed, letter by letter, by the names of the addressees, weight and amount due, paid or free. Outgoing mail was simply listed by number of sheets and weight, not by individual letters. The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, volume II, 182-183.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1752-1766	1 vol.	B F85f6.9
Account book, Franklin and Hall			

This volume contains four separate lists pertaining, to David Hall's management of the Franklin & Hall partnership. Three of these lists are of cash payment for publishing and the fourth is an inventory of Franklin's shop at the commencement of the partnership. 1.) Record of Money received by Hall for advertisements In the Gazette [Jan. 26, 1748-Jan. 17, 1766]. 2.) Record of advertisements, blanks, &c. , printed for ready cash [Jan. 26, 1748]-Jan. 28, 1766. 3.) Accounts of Money received by David Hall for printing work... commencing Jan[ua]ry. 21st. 1748. 4.) Invoice of Books &c. left in my Hands by Mr. Franklin, taken January 23d. 1748. The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, volume III, 270-271.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1820-1874	1 vol.	B F85f6.10
Account of Administration of Benjamin Franklin's Property in Philadelphia, by his great grandson Dr. Franklin Bache, and his			



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great great grandson Dr. Thomas Hewson

Bache

This large, thick volume of ca. 400 pages contains entries of rents from tenants of the houses which Franklin built facing Market Street in Philadelphia; interests on mortgages; repairs to houses; payments to heirs; etc.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1737-1742	1 vol.	B F85f6.11a
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"Post Office Ledger No. 1"

This volume of less than 100 pages is an index of names under their initial letter and dated entries following each name showing charges and payments received. The unpaid accounts were "Carry'd to New Ledger." - Ledger No. 2. The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, volume II, 178-179.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1742-1753	1 vol.	B F85f6.11b
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Philadelphia [Post Office Ledger, No.2]

The balances due Franklin from unpaid postage in "Ledger No. 1" are entered here and many people owed Franklin money. Some of the accounts are marked "Paid" and some have a line drawn through them, possibly indicating "Paid." Such outstanding entries due Franklin were entered in "Ledger E." This Post Office Ledger, No. 2, is a large ledger of ca. 325 pages. The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, volume II, 179-180.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1743	1 vol.	B F85f6.11c
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Philadelphia Post Office Record Books. No. 3.

"Post Office Accounts drawn out Nov. 1743" is a small volume of ca. 50 pages. It contains a list of names with amounts due with notes as to letters delivered, paid, etc. The names are abstracted from Post Office Ledger, No. 2.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1748	1 vol.	B F85f6.12
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Post office account book, wrapped in vellum

"Post Office Accounts" May 18, 1748, is the continuation of the above ledger. It contains 68 pages. The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, volume II, 180-181.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	March 30, 1757-October	1 vol.	B F85f6.13
Post office book	1764		

Franklin, in 1757, appointed his wife's nephew-in-law, William Dunlap, to succeed William Franklin as the Philadelphia postmaster. This volume of ca. 90 written pages lists the letters received at the post office and may well supply a fair picture of the colonial postal system with Philadelphia as a focal point. The Papers of Benjamin Franklin., volume VII, 158-160.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	[ca.1741]	1 vol.	B F85f6.14
Post office book, (list of names)			

"List of Lettars in the Post Office," lists unclaimed letters which were, most probably, the dead letters found in any post office. This volume is ca. 50 pages. The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, volume II, 181.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1737-1739	1 vol.	B F85f6.15
Shop book			

This volume contains the same kind of entries as "Leidger A" (Journal) and most of the entries herein were made by Deborah Franklin. Since these entries overlap with those in "Leidger A" (Journal), it is sensible to assume that the entries were made in whichever volume proved more convenient at the time, with Franklin more likely to use the Journal and his wife the Shop Book. Most entries appear under date of transaction. From the Shop Book and "Leidgers A & B" a good picture of Franklin's business activities emerges. His printing ventures, goods sold over the counter in the shop and items for his business use or resale give an insight to the struggles to get ahead in the world, for he sold everything from ink and quills to printed legal forms and books. The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, volume II, 127-128.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1734-1774	1 vol.	B F85f6.16
Bank deposit book with Smith, Wright, and Gray, Bankers, London			

This volume contains Franklin's account with the London banking firm of Smith, Wright & Gray. It is a small volume which lists his deposits, withdrawals and drafts during his second mission to England as agent for Pennsylvania. The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, volume XI, 179-180.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1764-1775	1 vol.	B F85f6.17
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## Ledger

"The Ledger of Benjamin Franklin containing Accounts of such Transactions only as have pass'd since his leaving Philadelphia Nov[embe]r 7. 1764 and during his Residence in London" is a volume of 71 facing pages of debit and credit entries with individuals or businesses, etc., and contain the date, a brief description of the transaction, and the amounts of each. This "Ledger" is to be used in conjunction with the "Journal; 1764-1776," for they were "put in order" by Jonathan Williams, Jr., Franklin's grandnephew and Franklin kept both volumes thereafter. The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, volume XI, 5-8-520.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1772-1778	1 vol.	B F85f6.18
Cash book			

This is a cash book, with a title page: A Petty Cash-Book, (Properly Ruled, Titled, and interleaved with blotting Paper) for Compact Accounts, or Minutes, of Receipts and Payments of Money, for Housekeeping, Pocket-Expences, or Any other Family or Personal Concerns, which require A small and cheap Book: To which are prefixed Necessary Explanations and Directions for such Persons as are not conversant in Accounts. London: n.d.

Franklin entered herein freight of books from Edinburgh, charcoal, frame-maker, coach hire, letter, telescopes, messengers, "To a poor Artist who offer'd some Machines which he thought useful to America," etc. on the credit side and the debits are listed as "Cash in hand," "Received on Saturday....," "Rec'd of V. T. Franklin the Ballace of the Money furnish'd by Mr. Adams for the Expencc of his Journey to Dieppe for which I am Dt to Congress," etc.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	December 3, 1776-March	1 vol.	B F85f6.19
Waste Book. Account of Money			
Transactions, Receipts and Disbursements			
In France			

This small volume of 11 pages was kept by Benjamin Franklin and his grandson and secretary, William Temple Franklin. The old gentleman listed his expanses from landing in France to his arrival in Paris; money sent to his friend, Samuel Vaughan, of London; carriage rentals; advances to "a German Officer to help him on to one of the sea Ports;" "laundry;" "cleaning the Rooms;" etc.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1777	1 vol.	B F85f6.20
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Account of Money received from the  
Commissioners of the United States for their  
use

This volume was kept by someone other than William Temple Franklin, although some entries are in his hand and he examined it, Sept. 14, 1778 and wrote: "Delivered a Copy of the Above Accounts to Mr. J. Adams this Day to be examined and settled." Adams, B. Franklin and Silas Deane's accounts for wine, "Coffee House for Letters, &c," servants wages, blacksmiths, "expenses when at Versailles," laundry, etc.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1779	1 vol.	B F85f6.21
Account of family expenses			

This vellum bound volume, which contains ca.30 pages of writing, was kept by William Temple Franklin for his grandfather, Benjamin Franklin, while they were in France. Benjamin Franklin examined it occasionally and signed it as being correct. These are purely personal expenditures for laundry, dinners, stationery, servants wages, "Paid for Musick (being the Day the Declaration of American Independence was celebrated)" pocket umbrella, books, cords of wood, etc. This is a copy, in part, of No. 22. It is not the account book containing Benjamin Franklin's signature, but his signature is copied on the correct pages.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1779	1 vol.	B F85f6.22
Account of family expenses			

This vellum bound "Account of Monies received from Benjamin Franklin Esquire (for the purpose of paying the Family Expenses) of ca.55 pages was kept by William Temple Franklin. The expenses included tavern accounts, books, coachmens wages, servants wages, stationers accounts, etc.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1782	1 vol. (on floor C)	B F85 f6.23
Account book			

This list is arranged by date of receipt and the entries are arranged by the line on the page (there are 12 numbered double pages); number; where drawn; date drawn; term; tenor; in whose favor; dollars; livres; by whom drawn; by whom countersigned; check letters; when accepted; and by whom presented. Most of these bills were drawn by Francis Hopkinson and John Adams. This volume was kept by the Franklins when in France.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1782	1 vol. (on	B F85 f6.24
Account book		floor C)	

Ledger containing a list of loan office bills. This list is arranged by date of receipt and the entries are arranged by the line on the cage (there are 67 numbered double pages); number; where drawn; date drawn; term; tenor; in whose favor; dollars; livres; by whom drawn; by whom countersigned; check letters; when accepted; and by whom presented. Most of these bills were drawn by Michael Hillegas and Francis Hopkinson. This ledger was kept by the Franklins when in France.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1785-1787	1 vol.	B F85f6.25
Wastebook			

This volume was kept by Benjamin Franklin and there is a small notice, in his hand, pasted to a page: "B.F.s Private Acc[oun]ts." It consists of 18 pages recording payment of taxes, purchase of stockings, hats, bookcases, thermometer, hams, etc., servants wages, etc. Franklin's French expenses are on the first two pages under dates of December 1776-April 1777. At the end of the volume is an index and several pages of accounts with the Congress, William Temple Franklin, Caffieri, etc.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1714-1746	1 vol.	B F85f6.26
Receipt book of Sarah Read (Franklin's mother-in-law)			

The book of ca. 25 pages contains the occasional receipts written and signed in different hands, acknowledging receipt of funds from Mrs. Read. Benjamin Franklin signed one such receipt.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1743-1762	1 vol.	B F85f6.27
Ledger book of Peter Franklin			

This volume consists of 137 numbered double pages (debit and credit sides) of sales from 1741 to 1761. Peter Franklin entered sales from a general store, with certain extraordinary items sold: fish, beeswax, onions, "Delph" plates, black beads, fans, shoe buckles, fabrics, tea, nails, wood, planks, etc., to different people, among whom are names such as Governor Ward, John Banister, John Mecom, Sarah Gould "of the Vinyard," Ephraim Brown, John Franklin, etc.

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<b>Franklin William Temple</b>	1786	1 vol.	B F85f6.28
Account book			

## Benjamin Franklin Account Books

"Advances, on Account of the Sum Stipulated to be furnish'd, in his Agreement with Mr. W[illia]m. Pyne;" February 27-November 16, 1786. This vellum bound volume of ca.100 leaves, of which 8 contain writing, consists of the account of the tenant who farmed W.T.Franklin's "Farm in the Jersies," listing payments to Pyne and payments made by Franklin for ploughing;, seeds, horse, smith work, farming implements, etc.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1786	1 vol.	B F85f6.29
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Account book, family

"William T. Franklin's Advances for the Family. - being on Account of the Sum stipulated to be furnish'd in his Agreement with Mr. Pyne;" March 23, 1786-Nov. 27, 1786. This vellum bound volume of ca.100 leaves, of which 10 contain; writing, consists of entries of barrel of pork; killing a calf; candles; soap; mustard; china; coffee pot; tea kettle; buckets; cheese; salt; etc., for use on W.T.Franklin's farm by the tenant family.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1767-1768	1 vol.	B F85f6.30
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Post office book, letters received

These printed forms were filled in in manuscript and list the letters received from other colonial post offices or from ships in the Philadelphia Post Office by Postmaster Thomas Foxcroft. The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, volume XIV, 147-148.

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<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1764-1767	1 vol.	B F85f6.31
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Post office book, letters received

This is not, strictly speaking, a volume of accounts. It consists of a series of loose printed sheets, filled in in manuscript, under the headings of: Date of the Bills sent; To what Office the Letters were sent; Number of unpaid Letters, Single, Double, Treble, Pacquet, Sums unpaid, Dwt., Gr.; Number of paid Letters [broken down as the unpaid letters above]; Free Letters, Single, Double, Treble, Pacquet.

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## Benjamin Franklin Estate Records

<b>Mss.B.F85.h Benjamin Franklin Estate</b>	<b>1788-1797</b>	<b>31 items</b>
<b>Records</b>		
Two account books kept by Henry Hill (1732-1798), one of Franklin's executors and miscellaneous related material. Included are copies of Franklin's will, an inventory of the estate (copy), letters relating to claims on the estate, and recordings of receipts and disbursements made. The miscellaneous items include an interesting account with Robert Bass, Franklin's druggist, and a listing of medicine and surgery books belonging to Franklin.		
<b>Franklin Benjamin</b>	1788 July 17-1798 Jan. 28	B F85h.1
Bound Volume 1: Letterbook		
Includes copy of will and codicils, an estate inventory, correspondence relating to decedents, information on heirs, and some accounts.		
Franklin Estate Inventory		
Franklin Estate Inventory , 1788 July 17-1798 Jan. 28		
<a href="http://diglib.amphilsoc.org/fedora/repository/text:2208">[http://diglib.amphilsoc.org/fedora/repository/text:2208]</a>		
<b>Franklin, Benjamin</b>	1790 April 29-1791	B F85h.2
Bound Volume 2: Receipt book	December 23	
Records expenditures by Henry Hill and other executors on behalf of the Franklin estate		
<b>Pennsylvania Hospital</b>	1790 July 13	Folder 1
Extract of minutes		
<b>Hill, Henry, 1732-1798</b>	1798 January 28	Folder 1
to Nathan Jones		
<b>Rogers, John</b>	1791 July 10	Folder 1
to Executors of B. Franklin		
List of Bonds, etc., of B. Franklin by Richard Bache	1790 May 12	Folder 2
	1790 April 29-1791 June 11	Folder 2

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Estate of Benjamin Franklin with Thomas Seddon, et.al		
Estate of Benjamin Franklin with Thomas Seddon, et.al	1790 April 29-1791 Dec. 23	Folder 2
Estate of Benjamin Franklin with Thomas Seddon, et.al	1790 April 29-[1792] May 15	Folder 2
Estate of Benjamin Franklin with E. Mecom	1791 June 29 - Dec. 23	Folder 2
Estate of Benjamin Franklin. Statement	1790 May-1791 Sept. 15	Folder 2
Calculations for payment of 2,000	1790 Oct. 18	Folder 2
<b>Corkrin, James</b> Statement to Henry Hill	1796 Sept. 18,22	Folder 2
<b>Hovey, Ebenezer</b> to H. Hill	n.d.	Folder 2
Rechts. Accts. of the Estate of Benjamin Franklin  including title page	7p.	Folder 3
<b>Febiger, Christian, 1746-1796</b> Certification that Henry Hill received sums for B. Franklin's account	1791 Sept. 22	Folder 3
B. F. Bache account with Executors of the Estate of Benjamin Franklin	1797 July 24-1793 August 4	Folder 3
<b>Hill, Henry, 1732-1798</b> Account with B.F.Bache	1797 April 1-1793 February 4	Folder 3
<b>Miles, Samuel, 1740-1805</b> to Executors of the Estate of Benjamin Franklin	1790 July 20	Folder 3



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<b>Griffith, John, et al</b> Affidavit..	1791 April 30	Folder 3
<b>Philadelphia Common Council</b> Extract from the Minutes	1790 July 12	Folder 3
<b>Greene, Elihu</b> affidavit..	1790 July 3	Folder 3
<b>Carlile, John</b> to Andrew Dexter	1791 June 21	Folder 3
<b>Estate of Benjamin Franklin</b> Account with Robert Bass	1791 April 15	Folder 3
<b>Franklin, William Temple</b> to Benjamin Franklin Bache  Extract	1797 April 8	Folder 4
<b>Franklin, William Temple</b> to Henry Hill  6pp. considered	1790 Oct. 28	Folder 4
<b>Franklin, William Temple</b> Observations on letter of Jonathan Williams	1790 Oct. 24	Folder 4
<b>Franklin, William Temple</b> to Jonathan Williams  with J.Williams to W.T. Franklin 24 Oct.1790 on same leaf	1790 Oct. 23	Folder 4
<b>Franklin, William Temple</b> Receipt for books and manuscripts  Copy	1790 Oct. 28	Folder 4
<b>Franklin, William Temple</b>	1790 Nov. 2	Folder 4

**Bejamin Franklin Estate Records**

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Statement of Medical and Surgery books in  
B. F's Library

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List of Medicine and Surgery books in  
Franklin's Library

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## Mme Brillon Collection

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**Mss.B.F85.br Mme Brillon Collection**                      **1778-1788**                      **19 items**

**Background note**

A neighbor of Benjamin Franklin's when he lived at Passy, the French harpsichordist and composer Anne Louise Brillon became an intimate friend. Franklin attended the salon run by Mme Brillon and corresponded with her regularly when they were apart. Her best known composition, "Marche des Insurgents," celebrated the American victory over the British at Saratoga in 1777.

Correspondence written by Benjamin Franklin to his French confidante, Anne Louise Boyvin d'Hardancourt Brillon de Jouy.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1778 March 10	AL, 2p.	B F85,br
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Letter to [Mme. d'Hardancourt Brillon]

French translation, 3p. For copy in French, see *Franklin Papers*, vol.43, no. 19-1/2.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	[ca.1778] May 10	A.L. 2p. In	B F85.br
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Letter to [Mme. d'Hardancourt Brillon]                      French.

See *Franklin Papers*, vol. 46, no.43; Smyth, X, 411f.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	[ca.1778] July 27	A.L. 3p.	B F85.br
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Letter to [Mme.d'Hardancourt Brillon]

----French translation in another's hand. 4p. For copy, see *Franklin Papers*, vol.46, no.47.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	[ca.1778]	A.L. 2p. In	B F85.br
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Letter to [Mme. d'Hardancourt Brillon]                      French. 9x7  
Enc. wanting.

For copy, see *Franklin Papers*, vol.43, no.87 and 87-1/2.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	[ca. 1779? May]	A.L. 2p.	B F85.br
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Letter to [Mme. d'Hardancourt Brillon]                      In French.  
8-1/2x6-1/2.

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Accepts her proposal to become her father.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1780 July 10	A.L. 1p. In	B F85.br
Letter to [Mme. d'Hardancourt Brillon]		French.	

Inquires after her health. Suggests exercise.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1780 Nov. 17	A.L. 2p. In	B F85.br
Letter to [Mme. d'Hardancourt Brillon]		French. Enc.	
		wanting.	

For copy, see *Franklin Papers*, vol. 46, no.44, enc. wanting.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1780 Nov. 23	A.L. 3p. In	B F85.br
Letter to [Mme. d'Hardancourt Brillon]		French.	

Feminine intuition superior to reason.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1780 Nov. 29	A.L. 2p. In	B F85.br
Letter to [Mme. d'Hardancourt Brillon]		French.	

Thanks her for correcting his French. Will bring her more of his writings.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1780 Dec. 10 Sunday	A.L. 2p. In	B F85.br
Letter to [Mme. d' Hardancourt Brillon]		French.	

Will visit her next week. Speaks of his illness.

For copy, see *Franklin Papers*, vol. 46, no.42

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1781 Jan. 11	A.L. 1p. In	B F85.br
Letter to [Mme. d' Hardancourt Brillon]		French.	

Reminds her that he never failed to visit her at least twice a week for four years.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1781 Feb. 16	A.L. 1p. In	B F85.br
Letter to [Mme. d' Hardancourt Brillon]		French.	

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1781 Oct. 1	A.L. 2p.	B F85.br
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## Mme Brillon Collection

Letter to [Mme. d'Hardancourt Brillon]

Worries about her journey and wishes he could carry her to Nice on wings. Mentions W. T. Franklin.  
In French.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	[ca. 1781?] Oct. 12	A.L. 2p.	B F85.br
Letter to [Mme. d'Hardancourt Brillon]		"No.2."	

Concerning travel at his age and in his youth. Mentions LeRay de Chaumont. Mme. Veillard, Mme. Helvetius, and Abbé Morellet.  
In French.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1781 Oct. 30	A.L. 3p.	B F85.br
Letter to M. [and Mme.] Brillon, Nice			

Birth of the dauphin. His thoughts of her. Mentions W.T.Franklin.  
In French.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1781 Dec. 12	A.L. 2p.	B F85.br
Letter to [Mme. d'Hardancourt Brillon]		"No.4." In French.	

Hopes her trip is improving her health. Mentions Mme. Helvetius, comte d'Estaing. Speaks of great victory.

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1782 Dec. 25	A.L.	B F85.br
Letter to Mme. Brillon, Nice		3p."No.6." In French.	

For copy, see *Franklin Papers*, vol. 43, no.44-1/2.

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## Benjamin Franklin-Francis Childs Collection

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**Mss.B.F85.ch Benjamin Franklin-Francis 1783-1795 19 items**  
**Childs Collection**

**Background note**

Francis Childs established himself as a printer with the assistance of Benjamin Franklin and became a pioneer in publishing daily newspapers in both Philadelphia and New York ( *Daily Advertiser*). Childs became the public printer in New York in 1790.

Miscellaneous correspondence between Benjamin and William Temple Franklin and the newspaper publisher Francis Childs.

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**Jay, John** 1783 May 11  
to F. Childs

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**Jay, John** 1784 Dec. 20  
to F. Childs

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1785 April 22  
to Francis Childs

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1786 Feb. 5  
to Francis Childs

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1786 Feb. 25  
to Francis Childs

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1786 March 26  
to Francis Childs

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1786 April 22  
to Francis Childs

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** [1786] 1785 May 1  
to Francis Childs

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1786 June 4  
to Francis Childs

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1786 June 18

**Benjamin Franklin-Francis Childs Collection**

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to Francis Childs

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1786 June 28  
to Francis Childs

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1786 July 27  
to Francis Childs

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1786 Sept. 25  
to Francis Childs

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1787 Jan. 15  
to Francis Childs

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1788 Nov.19  
to Francis Childs

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1789 April 27  
to Francis Childs

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1790 Feb. 22  
to Francis Childs

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**Franklin, William Temple** 1790 Oct. 25  
to F. Childs

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**Freneau, Peter** 1795 Jan. 11  
to F. Childs

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## Catherine Ray Greene Collection

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**Mss.B.F85.g Catherine Ray Greene**                      **1751-1784**                      **27 items**  
**Collection**

**Background note**

A Rhode Islander, Catherine Ray Greene met Franklin in Boston in 1754 and remained a constant correspondent until his death. She became wife of William Greene, governor of Rhode Island from 1778-1786, with whom she had six children.

Miscellaneous correspondence between Benjamin Franklin, his sister Jane Mecom, and their friend Catherine Ray Greene.

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**de el Castillo, Laureano Donado**                      1751 June 7  
to Catharine Ray

In Spanish.

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**de el Castillo, Laureano Donado**                      1751 June 7  
to Catherine Ray

English translation in B. Franklin's hand.

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**de el Castillo, Laureano Donado**                      1751 n.d.  
to Thomas Hubbart

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1755 September 11  
to Katy [Ray]

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1755 October 16  
to Catherine Kay

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      [ca. 1755-1756]  
to Katy Ray

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1756 August 26  
to Catherine Ray

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1763 January 23  
to [Catharine] Greene

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**                      1763 August 1

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to Cath[arine] Greene

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** [1763 November 10]  
to Katharine Greene

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1764 February 15  
to Catherine Greene

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1778 February 28  
to Cath[arine] Ray [Greene]

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** [1778] June 4  
to William Greene

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1783 May 20  
to Gov. [William] Green[e]

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**Franklin, Sally** 1764 June 14  
to Catharine Green[e]

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**Mecom, Jane** 1775 November 24,  
to [Catharine] Greene December 2

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**Mecom, Jane** 1776 May 8  
to W[illiam] Green[e]

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1762 November 25  
to Catharine Greene

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1763 June 6

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1776 June 17

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790** 1789 March 2  
to [Catharine Greene]

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**Greene, Catharine** 1776 February 20, February  
to Jane Mecom 7

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**Greene, Catharine** 1784 January 16

Catherine Ray Greene Collection

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**Greene, Catharine**  
to Jane Mecom

[1784?] February 12

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**Greene, Catharine**  
to Jane Mecom

1776 June 21

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[1776?] March 12

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[1784?] After August 22

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## Benjamin Franklin-Richard Jackson Collection

**Mss.B.F85.j Benjamin Franklin-Richard Jackson Collection**      **1753-1767**      **41 items**

**Background note**

A member of Parliament and colonial agent for Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts, Richard Jackson met Benjamin Franklin through their mutual friend Peter Collinson. The two shared a number of interests, including scientific interests in agriculture and natural history and politics. Jackson worked with Franklin in opposing the Stamp Act.

Letters from Benjamin Franklin to Richard Jackson, and two letters from Samuel Finley, a minister and central figure in the Great Awakening.

<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Richard Jackson	1753 Dec. 6	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [Richard] Jackson	1754 Dec. 12	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Richard Jackson	1755 Oct. 7	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Richard Jackson	1762 Dec. 2	ALS, 2p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Richard Jackson	1762 Dec. 6	ALS, 3p. Also copy of same L.S(?) 3p. and enc.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Richard Jackson	1763 March 8	ALS, 3p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to R[ichard] Jackson	1763 April 11	ALS, 2p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Rich[ar]d Jackson	1763 April 17	ALS, 4p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1763 June 6	ALS, 1p.

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to Richard Jackson

<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1763 June 10	ALS, 2p.
to R[ichard] Jackson; Woodbridge, N.J		
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1763 June 27	ALS, 3p.
to R[ichard] Jackson		
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1763 Aug. 8	ALS, 2p.
to R[ichard] Jackson		
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1763 Sept. 22	ALS, 2p.
to Richard Jackson		
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1763 Dec. 19	ALS, 2p.
to R[ichard] Jackson		
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1763 Dec. 24	ALS, 2p.
to Rich[ar]d Jackson		
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1763 Dec.	D. 10p.
Argument for making the bills of credit bear interest		
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1764 Jan. 16	ALS, 1p.
to Richard Jackson		
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1764 Feb. 11	ALS, 3p.
to R[ichard] Jackson		
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1764 March 8	ALS, 1p.
to R[ichard] Jackson		
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1764 March 14	ALS, 4p.
to R[ichard] Jackson		
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1764 March 29	ALS, 2p. and enc. - 3p.
to [Richard Jackson]		

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to R[ichard] Jackson	1764 March 31	ALS, 3p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to R[ichard] Jackson	1764 May 1	ALS, 3p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Richard Jackson	1764 June 1	ALS, 6p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Richard Jackson	1764 June 18	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to R[ichard] Jackson	1764 June 25	ALS, 4p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Richard Jackson	1764 July 12	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to R[ichard] Jackson	1764 Aug. 9	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to R[ichard] Jackson	1764 Sept. 1	ALS, 7p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Richard Jackson	1764 sept. 20	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to R[ichard] Jackson	1764 Sept. 25	ALS, 2p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Richard Jackson	1764 Oct. 11	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Rich[ar]d Jackson	1764 Nov. 7	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [Richard] Jackson; [London]	1767 Feb. 13	ALS, 1p.

## Benjamin Franklin-Richard Jackson Collection

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<b>Jackson, Richard</b> to Benjamin Franklin; Inner Temple	1764 Aug. 11	Copy of L. 3p.
<b>Hughes, John</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1762 Nov. 29	ALS, 1p.
<b>Finley, Samuel</b> to [Benjamin] Franklin; Princeton	1763 March 17	ALS, 1p.
<b>Finley, Samuel</b> to [Benjamin Franklin]; Princeton	1763 March 21	ALS, 1p. in B.F.'S hand.
<b>Lyon, James</b> to B[enjamin] Franklin; Brunswick, N. Jersey	1763 April	ALS, 3p.
<b>Whick</b> to Benj[ami]n Franklin; Lancashire Furnace	1763 May 23	ALS, 2p.
<b>Hall, David, 1714-1772</b> to Benjamin Franklin	1763 June 23	ALS, 2p.

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**Mss.B.F85.m Jane Mecom Collection****1728-1789****65 items**

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**Background note**

The youngest and favorite sibling of Benjamin Franklin, Jane Mecom married the Boston saddler Edward Mecom in 1727. A constant correspondent of Franklin's, Mecom lived out the revolutionary years in Rhode Island (staying with Catherine Ray Greene) and Philadelphia (staying with Richard Bache), where she kept Franklin apprised of current events and public opinion on the course of the war. Mecom bore more than her share of hardships in life. Only nine of her eight sons and four daughters survived infancy, and two of them, including her son Benjamin, went insane in later life. Correspondence from Benjamin Franklin to his sister Jane Mecom written throughout his life.

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**

ca. 1728-1730

ALS, 1p.

to [Sister Davenport]

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**

1743 July 28

ALS, 1p.

to Jenny [Mecom]

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**

1744 Sept. 6

ALS, 2p.

to his father and mother [Josiah and Abiah Franklin]

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1752 Sept. 14

ALS, 2p.

to his brother and sister [Edward and Jane Mecom]

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**

1756 June 10

ALS, 1p.

to Jane Mecom

**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**

1756 June 28

ALS, 4p.

to his sister [Jane Mecom]



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to his brother and sister [Edward and Jane Mecom]		

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1757 April 19, 25	ALS, 3p.
to Jane Mecom		

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1758 Nov. 11	ALS, 2p.
to his sister [Jane Mecom]		

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1759 July 14	ALS, 1p.
to his sister [Jane Mecom]		

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1760 Jan. 9, March 26	ALS, 2p.
to his sister [Jane Mecom]		

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1762 Nov. 11	ALS, 1p.
to Jane Mecom		

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1762 Nov. 25	ALS, 1p.
to Jane Mecom		

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1763 Feb. 21	ALS, 1p.
to his sister [Jane Mecom]		

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1763 May 20	ALS, 1p.
to Jane Mecom		

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1763 June 19	ALS, 1p.
to Jane Mecom		

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b>	1763 Nov. 7	ALS, 1p.
to his sister [Jane Mecom]		

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## Jane Mecom Collection

<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to his sister [Jane Mecom]	1763 Dec. 15	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Jane Mecom	1764 (?) July 24	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Jane Mecom	1765 Aug. 29	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to his sister [Jane Mecom]	1766 March 1	ALS, 2p.
<b>Bibliography</b>		
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to his sister [Jane Mecom]	1767 Dec. 24	ALS, 2p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to his sister [Jane Mecom]	1768 Feb. 21	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [Jane] Mecom	1768 Sept. 20	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [William Franklin; London]	1768 ?? October	L. 3p. Extract from letter.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [Jane] Mecom	1768 Nov. 20	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to his sister [Jane Mecom]	1769 Feb. 23	ALS, 2p.
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<b>Acquisition Information</b> Printed in part: Smyth, v.5,206.		

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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to his sister [Jane Mecom]	1771 July 17	ALS, 4p.
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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to his sister [Jane Mecom]	1772 April 13	ALS, 1p.
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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to his sister [Jane Mecom]	1773 Oct. 9	ALS, 1p.
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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to his sister [Jane Mecom]	1773 Nov. 1	ALS, 2p.
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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to his sister [Jane Mecom]	1774 March 23	ALS, 1p.
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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to his sister [Jane Mecom]	1774 July 28	ALS, 2p.
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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to his sister [Jane Mecom]	1774 Sept. 3	ALS, 1p.
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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [Jane] Mecom	1774 Sept. 26	ALS, 2p.
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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to his sister [Jane Mecom]	1775 Feb. 26	ALS, 1p.
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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Jane Mecom	1775 June 17	ALS, 2p.
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## Jane Mecom Collection

<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [Jane] Mecom	1775 Aug. 2	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [Jane] Mecom	1775 Oct. 16	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [Jane] Mecom	1776 Dec. 8	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [Jane] Mecom	1777 Oct. 5	ALS, 2p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [Jane] Mecom (sic)	1779 April 22	L.S. 3p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [Jane] Mecom (sic)	1779 Oct. 25	L.S. 4p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [Jane] Mecom	1784 June 17	A.L. 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Jane Mecom	1785 July 13	L. 1p.
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<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Jane Mecom	1785 Oct. 1	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to [Jane] Mecom	1785 Oct. 27, 29	ALS, 3p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to Jane Mecom	1786 Jan. 1	ALS, 1p.
<b>Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790</b> to his sister [Jane Mecom]	1786 Jan. 24	ALS, 4p. and 3 end. - 2p.

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to [Jane] Mecom

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to his sister [Jane Mecom]

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to Jane Mecom

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to [Benjamin Franklin]

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**Shipley, Jonathan** [1774?] Jan. 12 ALS, 3p.  
to [Benjamin Franklin]

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**Shipley, Georgiana, d.1806** [ca. 1773] ALS, 3p.

Jane Mecom Collection

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to [Benjamin] Franklin

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**Shipley, Jonathan**

[ca.1773]

ALS, 1p.

to [Benjamin Franklin]

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**Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790**

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**Franklin, William**

17[61] Oct. 10

L. 2p

to his sister [Sally Franklin]

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## Ledgers and accounts of Benjamin Franklin's legac...

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<b>Mss.B.F85.ledgers Ledgers and accounts of Benjamin Franklin's legacy to the city of Philadelphia.</b>	<b>1791-1870</b>	<b>4.0 Volume(s) 757 p.</b>
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These four volumes include an account ledger (1791-1870), a bond account ledger (1791-1861), and two bond books (1791-1826), relating to the administration of Franklin's bequest to the city of Philadelphia of a fund to provide financial aid to young married artificers.

**Acquisition Information**

Presented by Philadelphia Mayor Joseph Clark, 1954.

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Dr. Franklin's Legacy Bond Book No. 1	1792-1828	1.0 Volume(s)
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## Diplomas

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**Mss.B.F85.di Diplomas** **1753-1786**
**Acquisition Information**

Presented by Charles B. and Mary Fox

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Padova

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American Academy of Arts and Sciences 1781

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Profondervinderlyke Wysbegeerte  
Rotterdam

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City of Edinburgh [Scotland] 1759

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Harvard University 1753

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Royal Medical Society 1787

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**Address of Earl of Macclesfield to Royal Society**

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**Mss.B.F85.m3 Address of Earl of Macclesfield to Royal Society 1753**

Original manuscript of the address declaring the designation of Sir Godfrey Copley's Medal to Benjamin Franklin.

**Acquisition Information**

Presented by A.D. Bache, 1882

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**Photostats of Franklin papers not held at APS**

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**Mss.B.F85.pd Photostats of Franklin papers  
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Photostats of microfilm copies of Franklin papers not held by APS. They are arranged chronologically.

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