

Pierre Eugène du Simitière collection

DuSimitiere

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Summary Information

Repository	Library Company of Philadelphia
Creator	Du Simitière, Pierre Eugène, ca. 1736-1784
Title	Pierre Eugène du Simitière collection
Call number	DuSimitiere
Date [inclusive]	1492-1784
Extent	3.8 linear feet
General Physical Description note	12 containers, 4 volumes
Language	English
Abstract	<p>Pierre Eugène Du Simitière (1737-1784) was a collector, artist, and historian, who opened the first public museum, the American Museum, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At the American Musuem, Du Simitière presented his many materials collected during his travels and from his collections. The Library Company of Philadelphia purchased many of the manuscript materials at an auction in 1785 following Du Simitière's death and the closing of the American Museum. The following collection is Du Simitière's manuscript collection purchased at this auction. The collection reflects his interests and his lifestyle and includes poetry, sketches, watercolors, newspaper excerpts and clippings, treatise, correspondence, lists of nature, historical chronologies, bibliographies, and copies and originals of historical documents. The collection includes compiled information on places such as the West Indies, Pennsylvania, New England, New York, and the Carolinas in the form of historical chronologies, documents, bibliographies, sketches, and narratives. It</p>

includes information, documents, and research on many Native American groups and Creoles. The collection also contains information, documents, and research on historical events in the United States such as the Jacob Leisler case, politics in New York, the American Revolution, the colonization of America, and the Pennsylvania Line Mutiny. With the exception of a few miscellaneous items, the collection's focus is on the years 1720 to 1780.

Cite as:

[Description and date of item], [Box and folder number], Pierre Eugène du Simitière collection, 1492-1784, Library Company of Philadelphia.

Biography/History

Pierre Eugène Du Simitière, collector, artist, and historian, was born in Geneva, Switzerland on September 18, 1737 to Jean-Henri and Judith-Ulrique Cunegonde Delorme Ducimitiere. “Du Simitière was a restless man, forever traveling, forever collecting, forever projecting grand schemes in solitude,” (Library Company of Philadelphia, Introduction).

In 1757, Du Simitière sailed from the port of Amsterdam and arrived on St. Eustasius, a Dutch island. It was during this trip that his collecting began. According to the Library Company of Philadelphia, Du Simitière's collecting, the main purpose of his travels, “cast a very wide net: books, newspapers, manuscripts, broadsides, prints, fossils, coins, medals, Indian artifacts, rocks, plants, and some animals—mostly dried insects and reptiles preserved in alcohol.” Paul Sifton's research indicates that Du Simitière may have served in the military and that he probably had some training in art prior to his travels. He sketched specimens and scenery during his travels. He became a naturalized citizen of New York in 1769 and settled in Philadelphia in 1774.

Early in his collecting career, Du Simitière gathered materials regarding the natural and civil history of the West Indies and North America, however, after approximately 1770, he appears to have narrowed his focus to North America's political history. Indeed, his collection particularly focuses on “relations with the Indians in the settlement of the West; and popular, democratic uprisings, including the Leisler Rebellion in New York in 1688, the Zenger freedom of the press trial, the Paxton Rebellion, the Stamp Act crisis, and finally the American Revolution,” (Library Company of Philadelphia, introduction). His attention to collecting ephemeral documents during the American Revolution was extraordinary and

he “gathered every pamphlet, broadside, and newspaper he could get his hand on which related to the conflict,” (Library Company of Philadelphia, introduction).

Du Simitière attempted to publish “Memoirs and Observations on the Origin and Present State of North America,” which was based upon his gathered material, however, the United States Congress did not provide either approval or financial support. According to the Library Company of Philadelphia, this “rejection was ... a psychological and financial blow from which Du Simitière never recovered.” Painting, instead of serving as a hobby, became his means for supporting himself and he submitted designs for seals for the United States, New Jersey, Delaware, and two other states; painted miniatures; taught drawing; painted portraits; and served as a translator for Congress as he spoke fluent English and several other languages.

Opening the first public museum in Philadelphia, Du Simitière presented his collected gatherings in the form of the American Museum in May 1782 at his home near Arch and Forth Streets. Unfortunately, the cost of upkeep exceeded the proceeds from tickets costing fifty cents. Du Simitiere died in October 1784 at the age of 47. Following his death, the contents of the American Museum were auctioned and the Library Company of Philadelphia purchased the bulk of the manuscript materials in 1785 for 104 pounds.

Du Simitière was “respected and occasionally even honored (Member and Curator of the American Philosophical Society, an honorary Master of Arts from Princeton), but he was never really embraced by his adopted country,” (Library Company of Philadelphia, introduction).

Bibliography:

Library Company of Philadelphia. *Pierre Eugène Du Simitière: His American Museum 200 Years After*, 1985.

Sifton, Paul Ginsburg. *Pierre Eugène Du Simitière (1737-1784): Collector in Revolutionary America*. University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D., 1960.

Scope and Contents

The Library Company of Philadelphia purchased this collection of Pierre Eugene Du Simitière’s manuscripts at the auction of Du Simitière’s American Museum after his death on March 10, 1785. The books and pamphlets bought at the same auction have been dispersed through the Library Company's collections. Du Simitière gathered or copied these manuscripts during his travels in the West Indies, Boston, New York, and while he lived in Philadelphia, where he was a member of and one of the curators of the American Philosophical Society. After the Library Company of Philadelphia purchased the manuscripts, they were bound together. The Historical Records Survey of the Works Progress Administration described the manuscripts in "Descriptive Catalogue of the Du Simitière Papers in the Library Company of Philadelphia" (1940), from which many of the following series and records descriptions have been abstracted. Since the Historical Records survey, many of the bound volumes have been unbound and foldered by the Library Company of Philadelphia. The unbound volumes in the series

descriptions contain folder level description; however, the bound volumes are described only as an overall work. For more detail on the bound volumes, see the "Descriptive Catalogue of the Du Simitière Papers in the Library Company of Philadelphia" (1940). Researchers should be aware that the series titles are drawn from the title of the bound volume. It is important to read the entire scope note for each series, because the volumes often contained additional topics than are listed in the title.

The collection includes information on places such as the West Indies, Pennsylvania, New England, New York, and the Carolinas. It includes information, documents, and research on many Native American groups and Creoles. The collection also contains information, documents, and research on historical events in the United States such as the Jacob Leisler case, politics in New York, the American Revolution, the colonization of America, and the Pennsylvania Line Mutiny. With the exception of a few miscellaneous items, the collections focus is on the years 1720 to 1780.

This collection is divided into thirteen series that were established when the manuscripts were in bound volumes. The titles of the series are also developed from the original titles of the bound volumes. The series are titled: "Papers Relating to Natural History," "Papers Relating to New York," "Papers relating to Pennsylvania, the Carolinas, etc.," "Indian Treaties, 1721-1756," "Original Letters, 1560-1781," "Papers Relating to the West Indies," "Original Journals and Extracts," "Papers Relating to New England and New York," "Papers Relating to Pennsylvania, New England, Etc.," "Miscellaneous Papers from Du Simitière (Scraps)," "Papers Relating to New York politics, 1768-1771," "Prints and artwork, 1758-1790," and "Volume boards, undated." The series are arranged and described in this order.

Administrative Information

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Sponsor

The processing of this collection was made possible through generous funding from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, administered through the Council on Library and Information Resources' "Cataloging Hidden Special Collections and Archives" Project.

Access Restrictions

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Purchased by the Library Company of Philadelphia, 1785.

Processing Information note

The processing of this collection was made possible through generous funding from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, administered through the Council on Library and Information Resources' "Cataloging Hidden Special Collections and Archives" Project.

This collection was *minimally processed* in 2009-2011, as part of an experimental project conducted under the auspices of the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries to help eliminate processing backlog in Philadelphia repositories. A minimally processed collection is one processed at a less intensive rate than traditionally thought necessary to make a collection ready for use by researchers. When citing sources from this collection, researchers are advised to defer to folder titles provided in the finding aid rather than those provided on the physical folder.

Employing processing strategies outlined in Mark Greene's and Dennis Meissner's 2005 article, *More Product, Less Process: Revamping Traditional Processing Approaches to Deal With Late 20th-Century Collections*, the project team tested the limits of minimal processing on collections of all types and ages, in 23 Philadelphia area repositories. A primary goal of the project, the team processed at an average rate of 2-3 hours per linear foot of records, a fraction of the time ordinarily reserved for the arrangement and description of collections. Among other time saving strategies, the project team did not extensively review the content of the collections, replace acidic folders or complete any preservation work.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Microfilmed copy of this collection is available at the Smithsonian Archives of American Art.

Additional information regarding is available at New York University.

Separated Materials note

The last series in this collection, "Prints and artwork," is stored in the Print Department of the Library Company of Philadelphia.

Controlled Access Headings

Form/Genre(s)

- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Minutes

Personal Name(s)

- Leisler, Jacob, d. 1691
- Maylem, John, 1739-1762?

Subject(s)

- Indians of North America
- Native Americans
- Natural history
- New England--History
- New York (State)--History
- Pennsylvania--History
- Poets, American
- United States--History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775
- United States--History--French and Indian War, 1755-1763
- United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783
- West Indies--History

Collection Inventory

Series I. Papers relating to Natural History, circa 1763-1773. [963].

Volume

Scope and Contents note

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The series “Papers relating to Natural History” consists of a bound volume that is composed of thirty-four hand copied manuscripts pertaining to the natural history of North and South America, with a concentration on the West Indies and Santo Domingo, probably dating from 1763 to 1773. Many of the thirty-four manuscripts in the volume are word for word copies of information Du Simitière extracted from books and articles. Du Simitière cites these original works in his manuscripts. The other manuscripts are Du Simitière’s own observations from his travels. The manuscripts include descriptions of various plants and animals, instructions, lists of various forms of life, bibliographies, catalogues, and some papers on archaeological specimens in North and South America. Some topics of the manuscripts include taxidermy, instructions for making cement for the preservation of plants and animals, instructions on making pictures of birds with their feathers, and how to catch and preserve insects and animals.

The language of the records is mostly French and English, but the volume also contains a small amount of Latin and Creole.

Series II. Papers relating to New York, 1644-1770. [964].

Scope and Contents note

The series “Papers relating to New York” documents colonial New York, Dutch colonists in New York, and New York’s position as a British crown territory. Forty-eight of the documents pertain to the case of Jacob Leisler, a militia leader who led an uprising in the lower part of colonial New York in the years 1689 to 1691 against the policies of King James. Other documents include the original petition from the Foot Company, a vow of allegiance to King William and Queen Mary from Captain Charles Lodick and Isaac Lee in 1669, a list of coach owners in New York in 1770, documents relating to New Netherlands’s history from 1644 to 1664, and New York-related watercolors and illustrations done by Du Simitière.

Series II. Papers relating to New York

The material is either hand copies of original documents or documents written by Du Simitière. The date of the copies is unknown, however the original documents were created from 1644 to 1770. The current order of the documents is presumably the order in which the documents were previously bound. Documents appear to be arranged by topic. This series includes correspondence, affidavits, petitions, and depositions. The language of this series is mostly English and Dutch.

	Box	Folder
Complaints of the Dutch West India Company to its government, 1664 February.	1	1
Extract from Beschrijvinghe Van Virginia, 1651.	1	2
Extract from Beschrijvinghe Van Virginia, Nieuw-Nederlande, Nieuw-Nederlande, Nieuw Engelandt, en d'Eylanden Bermudes, Barbados, en S Christoffel., 1658.	1	3-5
Conditions stipulated in the agreement between the burgomasters of Amsterdam and the Dutch West India Company, undated.	1	3-5
Extracts from David Pietersz De Vries' Voyages, 1655.	1	3-5
Jacob Leisler case and depositions, 1689.	1	6-9
Letter from Colonel Nicholas Bayard to Captain Abram De Payster and Captain John De Bruyn, 1689 October 20.	1	6-9
Letter from King William to Captain Francis Nicholson, Lieutenant Governor of New York, 1689 July 30.	1	6-9
Jacob Leigler case depositions, 1690 January 6.	1	6-9
Jacob Leisler order given to Lieutenant William Churcher and his company, 1689 January 17.	1	10-11

Series II. Papers relating to New York

Petition of Colonel Nicholas Bayard to Jacob Leisler, 1690 January 24.	1	10-11
Second petition of Colonel Nicholas Bayard asking pardon of Jacob Leisler and Council, 1690 January 24.	1	12-15
Document in which Jacob Leisler names Abraham Brashor Sheriff of the city and county of New York, 1691 January 9.	1	12-15
Military orders for Albany signed by Jacob Leisler, 1690 May 1.	1	12-15
Commission of Richard Ingoldosby, 1690 September 10.	1	12-15
Letters from Richard Ingoldosby to Captain Samuel Moore, 1690 January 230.	1	16-21
Proclamation of Jacob Leisler to Major Erardus Bookman, et al., 1691.	1	16-21
Outline of documents relating to the Jacob Leisler case, 1691 January-March.	1	16-21
Order to arrest Jacob Leisler, 1691 March 20.	1	16-21
Memorandum of Jacob Leisler's plea, circa 1691.	1	16-21
Anonymous account of the trial, circa 1691.	1	16-21
Jacob Leisler case depositions, circa 1691.	1	22-25
Document "exposing" the case to the House of Commons, according to Du Simitire, circa 1769.	1	22-25
Petition of Jacob Leisler's son to King William, 1691 January 7.	1	22-25

Series II. Papers relating to New York

Petition presented by Jacob Leisler's son to the Lords of the Committee for Trade and Foreign Plantations, circa 1691.	1	22-25
Order of discharge and petition for others imprisoned with Jacob Leisler, 1692 May 13.	1	26-34
Three documents relating to the Jacob Leisler case, 1693-1694.	1	26-34
Petitions relating to the Jacob Leisler case, circa 1691.	1	26-34
Depositions from the Jacob Leisler case, circa 1694.	1	26-34
Information taken by Parliamentary Committee regarding the Jacob Leisler case, 1695 April 24-29.	1	26-34
Answer to objections to Jacob Leisler's bill of attainder, circa 1691.	1	26-34
Act for reversing the attainder of Jacob Leisler, 1696.	1	26-34
Letters sent by Mather Plowman to Halifax, Lord President of His Majesty's Privy Council at Whitehall, 1689.	1	35-37
Letters of Captain Leisler to William III, 1689.	1	35-37
List of papers sent to England relating to Leisler revolt, 1689 August 20.	1	35-37
Order to seize fort in New York for William and Mary, 1689 August 12.	1	38-41
Copy of the dying words of Jacob Leisler and son-in-law Jacob Milborne, 1770.	1	38-41
A Letter from a Gentleman of the City of New-York to Another, Concerning the Troubles which happen'd in That Province in the Time of the late Happy Revolution, 1698.	1	38-41

Series II. Papers relating to New York

Certificate of reburial of Jacob Leisler and Milborne, 1698 October 14.	1	38-41
Account of the Jacob Leisler revolt to the people of Amsterdam, 1698 October 21.	1	42-44
Bill imposing fine for the use of the term "Leislorito", 1698 June 14.	1	42-44
Petition to Richard Earl of Bellemont, Governor of New York, undated.	1	42-44
Deposition of Abraham Gouverneur, 1699 August 21.	1	45-52
Forty-eight petitions relating to Leisler's case, circa 1700.	1	45-52
Abstract of an Act to levy taxes to pay expenses of Province New York, undated.	1	45-52
Statement from Captain J. Mauritz to the Commission, 1689, 1701.	1	45-52
Affidavit of Jacob Mauritz, 1694 July 31.	1	45-52
Petition of Jacob Leisler regarding award payment, 1712 February 18.	1	45-52
Patent for land from Edmund Andros, 1768 September 19.	1	45-52
Map of New York, 1731.	1	53
"View of the City of New York as it was in the year 1673", 1769.	1	54
"Plan of the City of New York as it was about the year 1731", undated.	1	55
"Plan of the City of New York as it was about the year 1731", undated.	1	56
Plan of the City of Albany[?], undated.	1	57-61
View of the City of Albany, circa 1767.	1	57-61

Series II. Papers relating to New York

Drawings of seals, undated.	1	57-61
Article on Evert Duyckinck by Martin Preyser, 1659 December 19.	1	57-61
Sketch of New York City Hall, undated.	1	57-61
Original petition pledging obedience to King William and Queen Mary signed by Captain Charles Lodwick and other soldiers, 1669 July.	1	62
Minutes of the Colonel Sloughter's council relating to Jacob Leisler case, circa 1690.	1	63
Outline plan for a treatise on the lands formerly held by the Dutch Division of the county, undated.	1	64
American chronology of historical events with bibliographical reference, undated.	1	65-67
List of families of Dutch extraction remaining in New York in 1769, 1769.	1	65-67
List of coach owners in New York and Boston, 1769.	1	65-67
Title page of van der Donck's <i>Beschrijvinge Van Nieuw-Nederlandt</i> , 1656.	1	68
Itemized list of original papers relating to public transactions in New York, 1689-1714.	1	69
List of families that owned coaches, chariots, and phaetons in New York, 1770.	1	70

Series III. Papers relating to Pennsylvania, the Carolinas, etc.

Series III. Papers relating to Pennsylvania, the Carolinas, etc., 1753-1778. [965].

Box

Scope and Contents note

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The series "Papers relating to Pennsylvania, the Carolinas, etc.," contains thirty-eight manuscripts relating to a miscellany of topics including research and information on Native Americans, natural history, and descriptions and journals of travels. Despite the title, derived from the original volume title, the documents in this series contain information on Pennsylvania and the Carolinas, but they also contain information about Ohio, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, and other provinces. Travel accounts include a copy of Lewis Evans' letter to Richard Peters about Pennsylvania and a copy from George Croghan's original journal documenting his travels to Ohio in 1748. The documents relating to the Native Americans include list of treaties and conferences between colonists and Native American tribes or the Six Nations; descriptions of Native American culture; and information on Native American languages. This series also includes Du Simitière's and others' meteorological journals, numerous extracts and accounts of the discovery of fossils, and drawings of buildings in Rhode Island and Philadelphia.

Many documents, spanning the years 1738 to 1770, were hand copied by Du Simitière from approximately 1753 to 1778. The current order of the documents is presumably the order in which the documents were previously bound. Documents appear to be arranged by topic. The language of the material is mostly French, Dutch, and English, although there are also some documents in Latin.

	Box	
Indian nations in New England and adjacent countries, 1753-1778.	2	1
New England treaties with Indian nations, 1753-1778.	2	1
Ancient Indian nations in the provinces of New York, New Jersey, and Delaware, 1753-1778.	2	1
Indian names of noted persons, 1753-1778.	2	1
Indian items, 1753-1778.	2	1

Series III. Papers relating to Pennsylvania, the Carolinas, etc.

Indian nations on the East side of North America, 1753-1778.	2	1
Indian tribes of North America, 1753-1778.	2	1
Hudson Bay Indians, 1753-1778.	2	1
Indians trading with the French at the time of de la Potherie, 1753-1778.	2	1
Narrative of a strange old woman with a pair of horns, 1753-1778.	2	2
List of North American Quadrupeds, 1753-1778.	2	3
Land grant from Francis Lovelace to Swen Gonderson, et al., 1741, 1769.	2	4
"The Life and Character of a Strange He Monster", 1753-1778.	2	5-7
Account of the Funeral of Andrew Hamilton copied from the <i>Pennsylvania Gazette</i> , 1741 August 6.	2	5-7
Elaboration on "The Life and Character of a Strange He-Monster", 1753-1778.	2	5-7
"Labour in Vain or an Attempt to wash Black Moore white, humbly inscribed to the author of the <i>Chronicle</i> ", 1753-1778.	2	8
Resolutions of a mass meeting of Freeholders and Freemen of Philadelphia (copy), 1774 June-July.	2	9
Letter from Cariolanua to Charles Jenkins, 1775 October 1.	2	10
Meteorological journal kept in Philadelphia, Boston, Newport, New York, and Burlington, New Jersey, 1766-1778.	2	11
Chronological chart of North America, 1512-1656, 1753-1778.	2	12

Series III. Papers relating to Pennsylvania, the Carolinas, etc.

Chart of Dutch, English, Swedish, and Indian names of colonial towns and places, 1753-1778.	2	13
Brief account of Pennsylvania by Lewis Evans (copy), 1753-1778.	2	14-16
Statement of John Patten (copy), 1753-1778.	2	14-16
George Croghan's journey to the Ohio, 1748-1751 (copy), 1753-1778.	2	14-16
Dunkers. Extract from the <i>Monthly Review</i> of February 1778 regarding letters from the Reverend Jacob Duché to George Washington, 1753-1778.	2	17-18
Carolina. Extract from John Lawson's <i>A New Voyage to Carolina</i> , 1753-1778.	2	17-18
A catalog of Carolina birds described by Mr. Robert Stevens, 1753-1778.	2	19
Short Account of South Carolina, 1753-1778.	2	20
Plan of Charles-town, 1753-1778.	2	21
Plan of Boston, 1729, 1753-1778.	2	22
Sketch of the Harbour of Charles Town, South Carolina, 1753-1778.	2	23
Treaty of Peace between William Bull and Chief Attakulla Kulla, et al., 1761.	2	24
Discovery of Florida by Ponce de Leon, 1753-1778.	2	25
Newspaper clippings from the <i>South Carolina Gazette</i> , 1706.	2	26-28
Materials for a history of South Carolina, 1753-1778.	2	26-28

Series III. Papers relating to Pennsylvania, the Carolinas, etc.

List of books and pamphlets on South Carolina, 1753-1778.	2	26-28
Account written by William Hunter in <i>Philosophical Transactions</i> about fossils being found that belong to an elephant, 1753-1778.	2	29a
Extract from William Robertson's <i>The History of America</i> about animal bones, 1753-1778.	2	29b-30
Extract from M. Bossu's <i>Travels through Louisiana</i> about finding elephant skeletons, 1753-1778.	2	29b-30
Rough draft of a memorandum given to Lieutenant Robert Douglass, 1753-1778.	2	29b-30
Extracts from de Boffun and Daubenton's <i>L'Histoire Naturelle</i> about elephant bones found in America, 1753-1778.	2	31
"Longevity of the people in North America and the West Indies", 1669-1779.	2	32
Graveston inscriptions, 1753-1778.	2	33
Extracts from <i>Gentleman's Magazine</i> , <i>American Weekly Mercury</i> , and the <i>Pennsylvania Gazette</i> , 1734, 1738, 1737.	2	34
Drawings of Redwood Library and Old Academy and Charity School, 1753-1778.	2	35
Watercolor of the bay of Newport, Rhode Island, 1753-1778.	2	36
Etchings of unidentified buildings, 1753-1778.	2	37
Extracts from public records of New Haven, Connecticut, 1753-1778.	2	38

Series IV. Indian Treaties, 1721-1756

Impressions of coins, 1753-1778.	2	39
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Series IV. Indian Treaties, 1721-1756. [966].

Box

Scope and Contents note

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The series "Indian Treaties, 1721-1756" contains sixty documents that relate to colonists' affairs with Native Americans prior to the Revolution. Heavily documented in the series are the minutes of councils; correspondence; and treatise between the English in Philadelphia and New York and the Five Nations, and later the Six Nations. Included in the series are treaties and their relevant correspondence from Conrad Weiser, William Shirley, James DeLancey, Robert Hunter Morris, and others. These documents reveal remarkable agreements between the Native Americans and the colonists, including numerous agreements involving the trade of goods and land, and agreements on the hunting of game. Also included are the testimonies of two traders describing French mistreatment of Native American traders, correspondence and other documents relating to the French and Indian Wars, and documents about Native American and colonist conflicts. An interesting document about an English and Native American conflict is the Petition to Lieutenant Governor Robert Morris of Pennsylvania from October 20, 1755, in which settlers petitioned the governor for aid and ammunition as a result of Native Americans attacks. The petition also contains testimonies from settlers who had been involved in the attacks.

The documents in this series are originals and copies. While the dates that the copies were made is unknown, the dates of the original documents from which copies were made span the years 1721 to 1756. This series is arranged in chronological order.

	Box	
Minutes of Council held at Philadelphia, 1721 March 6.	3	1
Transcript of testimony given in the Philadelphia Court regarding an Indian killed by Edmund Cartlidge, 1722 March 10.	3	2
Address of Governor Sir William Keith to Council, 1722 April 16.	3	3

Series IV. Indian Treaties, 1721-1756

Minutes of councils with Indians at Conestoga, 1722 April 6-7.	3	4
Report made to Council in Philadelphia regarding a message sent to the Five Nations, 1722 July 30.	3	5
Minutes of a council at Philadelphia, 1723 January 25-28.	3	6
Treaty with Five Nations made at Philadelphia, 1727 July 3-5.	3	7
Minutes of the Council at Philadelphia, 1728 April 18.	3	8
Two Indian Treaties (pamphlet), 1728.	3	9
Minutes of a council at Philadelphia, 1728 October 10.	3	10
Treaty made at Philadelphia, 1729 May 26-27.	3	11
Petition to the Governor of New York, 1731 September 25.	3	12-14
Minutes of the Commission for Indian Affairs, Albany, 1731 September 25.	3	12-14
Testimony of Jonah Davenport, an Indian trader, before Lieutenant Governor Gordon in Philadelphia, 1731 October 29.	3	12-14
Testimony of James Letort, an Indian trader, before Lieutenant Governor Gordon in Philadelphia, 1731 November 20.	3	15
Treaty made with Six Nations at Philadelphia, 1732 August-September.	3	16
Treaty between Shawnee Indians and Pennsylvania made in Philadelphia, 1732 September 30-October 7.	3	17
Treaty with Six Nations made at Philadelphia, 1736 September 28 October 14.	3	18

Series IV. Indian Treaties, 1721-1756

Minutes of meeting of Council and chiefs of the Cayuga Indians, 1741, October 14.	3	19
Minutes of conference between Council and Six Nations, 1742 June 30-July 12.	3	20
Treaty made at Lancaster, Pennsylvania with Six Nations, 1744 June 22, 25-30 and July 2-4.	3	21
Minutes of council held at Philadelphia, 1744 August 21.	3	22
Petition by Sheridan, a trader in Loogane, to the General Intendant of the French Islands of America, undated.	3	23
Letter from Conrad Weiser, Heidelberg, 1746 January 24.	3	24
Minutes of council held at Philadelphia in the Supreme Court, 1749 July 1-6.	3	25
Three letters from Conrad Weiser to Richard Peters regarding his trip to meet various tribes of Indians, 1744 August 6-12.	3	26
Journal of Conrad Weiser's journey to Albany with a message from the Governor of Pennsylvania to the Six Nations, 1751 June 10-July 27.	3	27
Letter from Richard Peters to Pennsylvania Assembly, 1752 February 6.	3	28a
Report of Committee of Representatives in Philadelphia, 1752 February 25.	3	28b
Instructions of Governor James Hamilton to John Patten, 1753 December 8.	3	29
Extract from letter of Mr. Smith to Governor [William] Shirley, Cape Cod, 1753 December 24.	3	30

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Scope and Contents note

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The series “Original Letters, 1560-1781” contains eighty letters relating to a miscellany of topics and persons, including Scottish poet Tobias Smollett, natural history, the Colonial Committee of Correspondence, the Revolutionary War, and the Pennsylvania Line Revolt of 1781. The most heavily documented topic in this series is the Pennsylvania Line Revolt, a Revolutionary War rebellion in which the Continental Army soldiers rebelled against the Continental Army because of grievances pertaining to poor conditions and supplies. The Pennsylvania Line revolt began on January 1, 1781 and ended on January 29, 1781. The documents include correspondence relating to the mutiny, propositions from the Continental Army for redressing the soldiers’ grievances, proposals from the British Army asking for allegiance from the Pennsylvania Line, trial accounts, and other documents about potential and realized spies for the British.

The documents are arranged by topic. Many documents were hand copied by Du Simitière from originals. While the date that all of the copies were made is unknown, the dates of the original documents from which copies were made span the years 1560 to 1781. The language of the Du Simitière materials in this series are in English and French.

It is essential for researchers to know that the first seven letters in the volume were mistakenly bound in this volume and do not belong in the Du Simitière collection. Instead, these letters belong to the Henry Cox collection, which no longer resides at the Library Company. These letters are in Italian.

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Box

Scope and Contents note

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The series "Papers relating to the West Indies" contains thirty-nine items about the history of the West Indies, particularly Jamaica and Santo Domingo. The documents within this series contain information on African slave uprisings, rebellions, conspiracies, and the slave trade. There are watercolors and sketches done by Du Simitière in Kingston, Jamaica that include musicians, scenic views, and a street view of two black slaves on the gallows. Other documents of interest include information on the Jamaican-Creole vocabulary, including translations of vocabulary; proverbs in Creole, English, and French; and descriptions, in French, of Java, Batavia, Jamaica, St. Eustatius, Cuba, and Santo Domingo. There are also extracts of many works and letters, lists, maps, sketches, and notes.

Presumably, this material was collected for a history of the West Indies, and this material is potentially an extension of the series "Papers relating to Natural History." Many original documents were hand copied by Du Simitière. While the date that the copies were made is unknown, the dates of the original documents from which the copies were made span the years 1748 to 1773. Also included are some of Du Simitière's original works regarding his personal travels to the West Indies.

The current order of the documents is presumably the order in which the documents were previously bound. Documents appear to be arranged by topic, including, in this order, descriptions of various islands and voyages, information and history on Jamaica, information and history on Santo Domingo, and general histories of the West Indies. The documents are mostly in French, but some documents are in Jamaican-Creole and English.

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"De la ville and du quartier de Léogâne", circa 1775.	4	28
"Fragment d'une Chanson faites sur les officiers qui qui était dans le Fort St. Louis a St. Domingue," 1748, circa 1775.	4	29-30

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Series VII. Original Journals and Extracts. [1411.Q].

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Scope and Contents note

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The series "Original Journals and Extracts" contains twenty items relating to a miscellany of topics including journals of expeditions and travels to the Susquehanna and Ottawa, notes and accounts of General John Sullivan's Western expedition, extracts from travel accounts of Captain Cook in the Pacific and Thurberg's account of Japan, documents about a variety of expeditions, and extracts from newspapers, poems, and documents relating to or by the poet John Maylem. The journals of the John Sullivan expedition document the expedition, but they also include several wash drawings of Indian dwellings and writings. Other poets included in this series are Nicholas Skull, a Pennsylvania surveyor, and Reverend Thomas

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Hopkinson. Some curiosities in this series include two extracts from the *Mercure de France*, one about a woman with a horn on her hand and another about a woman who apparently spontaneously combusted.

Many documents are extracted copies or full copies of original documents done by Du Simitière. While the date that the copies were made is unknown, the dates of the original documents from which the copies were made span the years 1629 to 1782. The current order of the documents is presumably the order in which the documents were previously bound. Documents appear to be arranged by topic.

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"Journal of a trading expedition up the Roiviere des Lievres, or Riviere des Outaovais in Canada," 1775, undated.	5	2
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"Curious Account of the inhabitants of the Empire of Japan, their Government, Manners, and Customs," 1775, 1780, undated.	5	8c-9
"New Voyages," brief extract from <i>Mercure de France</i> , 1782 August 10.	5	8c-9
"Account of the Royal Cabinet of Natural History at Madrid," extracted from John Talbot Dillon's <i>Travels through Spain</i> , 1780, undated.	5	8c-9
"Peinture Etudorique," extract from <i>Gazette d'Agriculture, Commerce, Finances, et Arts</i> , 1782 April 9.	5	10a-11b
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"On seeing a wedding at the revd. Mr. Com--s on Monday last" comic verse from <i>American Weekly Mercury</i> , 1729 June 19.	5	12a-12e
"The Sorrowful Lamentation of Samuel keimer, printer of the <i>Barbados Gazette</i> ," extract from the <i>Pennsylvania Gazette</i> , 1734 September 25.	5	12a-12e
"The Poet's lamentation for the Loss of His Cat, whom he us'd to call his Muse", undated.	5	12a-12e
"On Mr. B____s's Singing a Hymn of His Own Composing," by Jo. Green, 1756 April 1.	5	12a-12e
"The Taking of Montreal" by Mr. Gamble, undated.	5	12a-12e
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Series VIII. Papers relating to New England and New York, circa 1774. [1412.Q].

Volume

Scope and Contents note

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The series "Papers relating to New England, New York, etc.," contains materials Du Simitière gathered and copied for a history of New York. The materials are mostly written and drawn by Du Simitière and they are gathered in a bound volume with an index on the first few pages. The material includes tombstone engravings, burial records, chronologies, death and marriage records, and Du Simitière's sketches, including a sketch of the New York state house. There are also various newspaper clippings throughout the volume. The volume contains some notes on Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New England. The materials are recorded in Italian and English and were probably compiled around 1774.

Series IX. Papers relating to Pennsylvania, New England, Etc., circa 1780. [1413].

Volume

Scope and Contents note

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The series "Papers relating to Pennsylvania and New England" contains information gathered by Du Simitière about the history and current state of affairs in Pennsylvania and New England. The volume includes a table of contents and an index. Of special interest are the several bibliographies of the books available to Du Simitière about the colonies, Native Americans, Pennsylvania, the West Indies, and New England. Other documents include chronologies, catalogs, copies of historical documents, newspaper clippings, and lists of families with chariots and coaches in Pennsylvania in 1782. The material in this series was probably compiled during the 1780s, Documents are in English.

Series X. Miscellaneous papers from du Simitière (Scraps), 1740-1783.

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Scope and Contents note

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The series "Miscellaneous papers from Du Simitière (Scraps)" consists of three boxes containing a variety of materials that pertain to numerous topics, some of which are covered in other series. Many of the documents are copies of original documents done by Du Simitière. The collection includes drawings, journals, poems, newspaper clippings,

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vocabularies, and notes on North American Indians. The order created by the first survey was maintained, and the series appears to be arranged by topic. The series dates from 1740 to 1783 with the exception of ten medieval Latin manuscripts. The collection is written in Latin, French, Chinese, and English. This series contains some material relating specifically to Philadelphia.

Researchers who have not located a document or topic they are seeking elsewhere in the collection should browse this series.

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This series dates from February 8, 1768 to October 1, 1770. The documents are mostly arranged in chronological order. Their quantity and arrangement make them an excellent starting point for anyone studying this period of New York politics. All the materials are in English.

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This material is located within the Print Department at the Library Company of Philadelphia. The Print Department also houses cartoons, created by and collected by du Simitière, which are not catalogued in this finding aid.

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