

# **Breneman Family Collection of Early American Manuscripts**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Breneman Family Collection of Early American Manuscripts

**Inclusive Dates:** 1755-1825

**ID No.:** MSS85973

**Collector:** Breneman, Franklin

**Extent:** 18 items

**Extent:** 1 container

**Extent:** .2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm2015085973>

**Summary:** Correspondence, oath of allegiance, notes, certificates, and other papers pertaining to early American and Pennsylvania history.

**Online Content:** The Breneman Family Collection of Early American Manuscripts is available on the Library of Congress Web site at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/collmss.ms000055>.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Braddock, Edward, 1695?-1755.

Breneman family.

Breneman, Franklin, Breneman family collection of early American manuscripts. 1755-1825.

Butler, Richard, 1743-1791.

George II, King of Great Britain, 1683-1760.

Harris, John, 1726-1791.

Lafayette, Georges Washington Louis Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1779-1849.

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834.

Marsteller, Phillip, 1742-1803.

Morris, Robert Hunter, approximately 1700-1764.

Morris, Samuel, 1734-1812.

Muhlenberg, Henry Melchior, 1711-1787.

Penn, Thomas, 1702-1775.

Pickering, Timothy, 1745-1829.

Porter, George B. (George Bryan), 1791-1834.

Reinick, Christian, -1777.

Smith, William, 1727-1803.

St. Clair, Arthur, 1734-1818.

Stiegel, Henry William, 1729-1785.

Washington, George, 1732-1799.

### Subjects

German Americans--Pennsylvania.

### Places

Pennsylvania--History--1775-1865.

Pennsylvania--History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775.

United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783.

### Titles

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## Acquisition Information

The Breneman Family Collection of Early American Manuscripts was given to the Library of Congress by Margaret Hey, Helen Mallon, and Sylvia Ross in 2015.

## Processing History

The Breneman Family Collection of Early American Manuscripts were arranged and described by Karen Linn Femia in 2016. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

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## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Breneman Family Collection of Early American Manuscripts, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The Breneman Family Collection of Early American Manuscripts spans the years 1755-1825. The manuscripts were collected by Franklin Breneman of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, a late-nineteenth century ancestor of the donors. The documents pertain to colonial Pennsylvania, the American Revolution, and the experiences of German immigrants in the mid- to late-eighteenth century Pennsylvania.

The documents are arranged alphabetically, primarily by the name of the author of each document. Under the folder heading is a short description of each manuscript.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent or by type of material.

# Container List

Digital content online at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/collmss.ms000055>.

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BOX 1	<p>Braddock, Edward, Mar. 10, 1755 Letter to Pennsylvania deputy governor Robert Hunter Morris from General Braddock, commander of the British forces in the colonies</p> <p>Harris, John, Oct. 31, 1763 Letter to Edward Shippen, member of the Philadelphia Common Council, concerning the route of a new road</p> <p>Lafayette, Georges Washington Louis Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, Sept. 2, 1825 Letter to General Porter concerning a letter to be forwarded to Colonel John Jacob Lehmanowsky</p> <p>Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Mortier, marquis de, Sept. 21, 1824 Letter to adjutant general of the Pennsylvania militia, "J. P. Porter" [George B. Porter], concerning Lafayette's tour of the United States (1824-1825)</p> <p>Morris, Samuel, circa 1776 Certificate concerning a sorrel horse on the night of the Battle of Trenton, N.J., signed by Morris, the captain of the Troop of Philadelphia Cavalry, 1st, Light Horse</p> <p>Muhlenberg, Henry Melchior, Mar. 6, 1755 Muhlenberg, a leader of the Lutheran church in America, writes to William Smith, an Anglican clergyman in Philadelphia, concerning a conflict between Calvinist and Lutheran congregations in New Hanover, Pa., over a school for poor German immigrant children</p> <p>Oath of allegiance to George II of England, circa 1757 Document with list of signatures renouncing allegiance to the "Pretender," James III of England and James VIII of Scotland (Prince of Wales, 1688-1766), and swearing fealty to George II</p> <p>Penn, Thomas, Mar. 22, 1755 Letter from Penn, colonial proprietor of Pennsylvania, writing from London to lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania, Robert Hunter Morris, asking consideration of Peter Frazer for employment</p> <p>Pickering, Timothy, Nov. 12, 1780 Letter from Pickering, quartermaster general of the Continental Army, to Phillip Marsteller, colonel in the 1st Battalion of Lancaster County militia, Camp Totowa, N.J.</p> <p>Reinick, Christian, 1783(?) - 1785 Five documents concerning Reinick's service as a surgeon's mate in the First Regiment of Pennsylvania Troops. Reinick, from Lancaster, Pa., was killed in the Battle of Paoli, Chester County, Pa., on September 21, 1777.</p> <p>St. Clair, Arthur, Aug. 27, 1774 Letter to the governor, written from Ligonier, Pa., concerning the imprisonment of "Mr. Butler," probably Richard Butler (1743-1791), at Fort Pitt, charged with trading with Native Americans.</p> <p>Stiegel, Henry William, Feb. 2, 1764 Letter written by Stiegel, a German immigrant ironmaster and glassmaker who went by "Baron von Stiegel," to Joseph Rose in Lancaster asking him to issue a writ for debt and defamation, Elizabeth Furnace in Pennsylvania</p>

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Turner, Francis, July 12, 1789

Letter to George Baynton of Philadelphia informing him that Turner will be traveling from his home in Cadiz to Ireland to settle his father's estate

Washington, George, Apr. 9, 1780

Letter to unidentified correspondent, sent from Morristown, N.J., concerning supplies for troops

Wrappings received with collection, undated