

Benjamin Franklin Bache papers, 1779-1793
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Summary Information

Repository	American Philosophical Society
Creator	Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798
Title	Benjamin Franklin Bache papers, 1779-1793
Date [inclusive]	1779-1793
Call number	Mss.B.B122
Extent	0.5 Linear feet
Extent	50 items, some of which are photostat copies from originals in the Yale University and University of Virginia libraries.
Location	LH-MV-C-1
Language	English
Container	1
Abstract	Letters of a dutiful child to his parents Richard Bache and Sarah Franklin Bache, and to his grandfather, Benjamin Franklin; also letters to William Jones, Robert Frazer, and Margaret H. Markoe, his fiancée. Also photostats of letters to Robert Alexander of Virginia, from the originals in University of Virginia Library.

Background note

Benjamin Franklin Bache, the grandson of Benjamin Franklin, worked as a printer and journalist.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

American Philosophical Society

Provenance

Acquisition Information

Accessioned, 1954.

Original Location

Location of the original is unknown.

Indexing Terms

Genre(s)

- Family Correspondence
- General Correspondence

Geographic Name(s)

- Switzerland -- Description and travel.

Subject(s)

- American Revolution
- Americans Abroad
- Diplomatic History
- Education
- Printing and Publishing

Other Descriptive Information

Entries for 1784 were printed by Bernard Fay, "Paris, à la fin de l'ancien régime, vu par un petit garçon de Philadelphie," *Franco-American Review* 1(1936-37):317.

Other Descriptive Information

The Benjamin Franklin Bache Collection is composed primarily of correspondence sent from B.F. Bache. The vast majority dates to his time in Europe during the American Revolution while a young child under the care of his grandfather, Benjamin Franklin, who was then serving as one of America's ambassadors to France. These letters consist of B.F. Bache writing from his school in Switzerland to his grandfather in Paris (often in French) and to his parents in America (in English). Most of the letters relay information on B.F.'s formal education and his experience learning the printing trade. The only letter dated after Bache's time in Europe is a personal letter mourning the loss of Benjamin Franklin that he wrote to his soon-to-be-wife, Margaret Markoe. The letter contains one of the most detailed accounts of Franklin's last days.

Series One: General Correspondence

Collection Inventory

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	1779-1793	
Series One: General Correspondence		
Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	May 30, 1779	7" x 9"
Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin;		
A.L.S. 1p. and add., end. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.1)		
Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	Oct. 25, 1779	6 3/4" x 8
Letter to his grandfather [Benjamin Franklin];		
Geneva, A.L.S. 3p. and end. Partly in French. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.2)		
Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	Dec. 21, 1779	6 1/2" x 8
Letter to his Papa [i.e. Benjamin Franklin];		
Geneva, A.L.S. 2p. and end. In French. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.3)		
Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	March 25, 1780	7" x 9 1/2"
Letter to his Papa, [Benjamin] Franklin;		
Geneva, A.L.S. 2p. and add. In French. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.4)		
Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	May 6, 1780	7 1/4" x 9
Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin;		
A.L.S. 2p. and add. Seal. In French. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.5)		
Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	May 30, 1780	7" x 9 1/4"
Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin;		
Geneva, A.L.S. 2p. and add. Seal. In French. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.6)		

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Marignac, Gabriel Louis Gallisard de June 19, 1780

Letter to [Benjamin Franklin;]

A.L.S. 1p. In French. On same sheet with letter from B.F.Bache to Dr. Franklin of same date. (see B.F.Bache. Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.7) ----Copy of both letters, under date of June 5, 1780.

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798 July 18, 1780 7" x 9 1/4"

Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin;

A.L.S. 2p. and add. Seal In French. (see his Letter to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.8)

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798 Sept., 1780 7" x 9 1/4"

Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin

A.L.S. 1p. and add. Seal In French. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.9) End: Recd. Sept. 20, 1780.

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798 Oct. 17, 1780 7 1/2" x 9

Letter to grandfather [B. Franklin]; 1/2"

Geneva, A.L.S. 2p. and add., end. In French. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.10) Addressed in another hand: Richd. Bache...

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798 Nov. 26, 1780 7" x 9"

Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin;

Geneva, A.L.S. 1p. and add. Seal. In French. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.11)

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798 March 26, 1781 7 1/4" x 9

Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin; 1/2"

A.L.S. 2p. and add. Seal. In French. (see his Letters to B.Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.12)

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798 May 26, 1781 7 1/4" x 9

Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin; 1/2"

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Geneva, A.L.S. 2p. and add., end. In French. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.13)

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	June 30, 1781	7 1/4" x 9
Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin;		1/2"

Geneva, A.L.S. 3p. and add., end. In French. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.14)

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	Sept. 12, [1781?]	6 1/2" x 8
Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin;		1/2"

A.L.S. 2p. and add., end. In French. Faded. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.15)

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	Feb. 21, 1782	7 1/2" x 9"
Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin;		

Geneva, A.L.S. 1p. and add., end. In French. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.16)

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	July 27, 1782	6 3/4" x 8
Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin;		3/4"

Geneva, A.L.S. 2p. and add., end. In French. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.17)

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	Aug. 30, 1782	6 3/4" x 9"
Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin;		

A.L.S. 2p. and add., end. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, 18)

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	Sept. 15, 1782	6 1/2" x 8
Letter to his Papa [Richard Bache];		1/2"

Geneva, A.L.S. 2p., end. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.19)

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	Sept. 15, 1782	7 1/2" x 9
Letter to his Mama [Sarah Bache];		1/4"

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Geneva, A.L.S. 1p. and add., end. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.20)

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	Sept., 1782	6 1/2" x 8
Letter to [Benjamin] Franklin [Geneva,].		1/2"

A.L.S. 2p. and add. In French. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.21)

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	1782	7" x 9"
Letter to his Papa and Mama [Richard and Sarah Bache;		

ca.]. A.L.S. 2p. and end. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.22) Loss of the English army under Lord Cornwallis. Writes often to his grandfather, B. Franklin.

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	July 27, 1783	7 1/4" x 9"
Letter to Richard Bache;		

Passy, A.L.S. 2p. and add., end. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.23) Mentions his grandpapa, B. Franklin.

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	July 27, 1783	7 1/4" x 9"
Letter to his Mother [Sarah] Bache;		

Passy, A.L.S. 2p. and add., end. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.24)

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	Sept. 13, 1783	7 1/4" x 9"
Letter to his papa and Mama [Richard and Sarah Bache];		

Passy, A.L.S. 2p., end. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.25) Is now living at Passy with his grandpapa and cousin.

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	Oct. 30, 1783	
Letter to his Papa and Mamma [Richard and Sarah Bache];		

Passy, Photostat of c. of L. 1p. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.31) Is with his grandfather at Passy. Air balloons. Experiments made by his cousin [W.T. Franklin]. From copy in Yale university lib.

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Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798 Dec. 27, 1783 7 1/4" x 9"
Letter to Richard Bache;

Passy, A.L.S. 2p. and add., end. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.27) Is learning to print. His grandfather longs to go to America.

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798 Dec. 27, 1783 7 1/4" x 9"
Letter to his Mamma [Sarah Bache]; 1/4"

Passy, A.L.S. 2p. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.26) Is learning to print. Went to Paris to see the illuminations made for the peace. Air balloons.

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798 Jan. 19, 1784 8" x 9 1/2"
Letter to "Mon cher ami" ;

Passy, Letterpress c. of A.L.S. 1p. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no. 28) Mentions his grandfather, B. Franklin.

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798 Nov. 11, 1784 7 1/2" x 9"
Letter to Rich[ard] Bache;

Passy, A.L.S. 1p. and add., end. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no. 29) Is learning to cast types; hopes his grandfather will be able to go to America the following summer.

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798 Feb. 9, 1785 7 1/4" x 9"
Letter to his Mamma [Sarah Bache];

Passy, A.L.S. 1p. and add., end. (see his Letters to B. Franklin and R. and S. Bache, no.30) Addressed to Rich. Bache. Mentions his grandfather, B. Franklin; still learning to cast types.

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798 May 2, 10, 1790 8-1/2x6-1/2
Letter to [Margaret H. Markoe];

Philadelphia, A.L. 4p. (see B.F.Bache Papers.) Death of Franklin and distribution of his estate according to the will.

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Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798 June 8, 1793 5 3/4" x 8"
Receipted bill to Robert Frazer; 1/4"

Series One: General Correspondence

A.D.S. 1p. and end. Payment for printing, Sept. 16,1792-Feb. 15,1793.

Bache, Benjamin Franklin,1769-1798.	Sept. 7, 1798	13 3/4" x 8"
B B122.w Will;		

D.S. 2p. and end. Witnessed, Nov. 13,1798, and S: James Robinson, Wm. Duane. Deposited by the Register of Wills Office, Phila.; Dec.10,1954 - restricted., cf. terms of use, Legal folder.

Other Descriptive Information

Not found 5/2011

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798	Undated	5 1/2" x 8
Letter to W[illia]m Jones, 2nd St.;		1/2"

n.d. A.L.S. 1p. and add., end. Regarding delivery of newspaper.

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Series Two: Letters to Robert Alexander

Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798

June 20 1785 -Oct. 21, 1787

Series Two: Letters to Robert Alexander

Photostats of A.L.S. 6 items. In French and English. (originals in the Samuel M. Wilson Library, University of Kentucky.) Letters dated: June 20, July 2, July 16, Oct. 30, 1785; Oct. 16, 1786. and Oct. 21, 1787. Refers to B. Franklin.

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