

**Wills, 1790-1822, of signers of
the Declaration of Independence**

1790-1822

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Summary Information

Repository	American Philosophical Society
Title	Wills, 1790-1822, of signers of the Declaration of Independence
Date [inclusive]	1790-1822
Call number	Mss.B.B122.w
Extent	0.25 Linear feet 11 items.
Extent	11 items, ca. .25 linear feet.
Location	LH-MV-E-1
Language	English
Container	1
Abstract	This group includes wills for Benjamin Franklin Bache (B/B122.w), Richard Bache (B/B121.w), George Clymer (B/C625.w), Benjamin Franklin (B/F85.w), Francis Hopkinson (B/H768.w), Jared Ingersoll (Misc. Ms. Coll.), Thomas McKean (B/M195.w), Thomas Mifflin (B/M586.w), Robert Morris (B/M835.w), George Ross (B/R735.w), and Benjamin Rush (B/R89.w).

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Provenance

Acquisition Information

Deposited by the Register of Wills, City of Philadelphia, 1953; accessioned, 1954. See in-house index for additional accession information and accession numbers.

Indexing Terms

Corporate Name(s)

- United States. -- Declaration of Independence -- Signers.

Genre(s)

- Legal Records
- Wills.

Personal Name(s)

- Bache, Benjamin Franklin, 1769-1798

- Bache, Richard, 1794-1836
- Clymer, George, 1739-1813
- Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790
- Hopkinson, Francis, 1737-1791
- Ingersoll, Jared, 1749-1822
- McKean, Thomas, 1734-1817
- Mifflin, Thomas, 1744-1800
- Morris, Robert
- Ross, George
- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Subject(s)

- American Revolution
- Marriage and Family Life
- Philadelphia History

Other Descriptive Information

This collection consists of the wills of prominent Philadelphians, many of whom signed the Declaration of Independence, that the APS holds. Their content varies, and sometimes their content may be of interest beyond the antiquarian.

Benjamin Rush's will contains a probate, thus listing the various items he owned at his death, which can provide insight into trade and cultural values.

Thomas Mifflin's will contains an account of how Joseph Reed, former governor of Pennsylvania and executor of Mifflin's estate, handled his outstanding financial obligations and disposed of his assets.

Benjamin Franklin Bache's will makes reference to the Yellow Fever epidemic sweeping the city, a plague that would ultimately take his life a couple of months after he made the will.

Robert Morris's will contains a short list of his few remaining goods and who should inherit what.

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B B122.w Will of Benjamin Franklin Bache

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B C625.w Will of George Clymer

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B H78.w Will of Francis Hopkinson

Will of Jared Ingersoll

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B M195.w Will of Thomas McKean

B M586.w Will of Thomas Mifflin

B M835.w Will of Robert Morris

B R735.w Will of George Ross

B R89.w Will of Benjamin Rush
