

Benjamin Rush memorandum book, 1805-1813
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Summary Information

Repository	American Philosophical Society
Creator	Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813
Title	Benjamin Rush memorandum book, 1805-1813
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Call number	Mss.B.R89m
Extent	1.0 Volume(s) 1 volume, 89 p.
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Location	LH-MV-E-15
Language	English
Container	1
Abstract	Numbered "11", this item contains notes on lands owned and sold; notes on leases of Philadelphia houses; accounts with Daphne Peterson ("a free black woman"), Mary Spence ("of Dunfermline, Scotland"), and Baynard Hall; a list of books lent; a list of those receiving copies of Rush's publications, 1805-1806 (among whom was Thomas Jefferson); and an "account of property belonging to the estate."

Background note

Benjamin Rush was a physician, patriot, and humanitarian. He graduated from the College of New Jersey (Princeton), 1760, and from the University of Edinburgh, 1768. He was a member of the staff at the Pennsylvania Hospital and was a professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

American Philosophical Society

Provenance

Acquisition Information

Purchased from Romaine and accessioned, 1949.

Indexing Terms

Genre(s)

- Business Records and Accounts

Personal Name(s)

- Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826

Subject(s)

- Abolition, emancipation, freedom
- Land and Speculation
- Pennsylvania History
- Philadelphia History
- Real property -- Pennsylvania.

Other Descriptive Information

The account of Daphne Peterson, a freed African American, may be of particular interest.

Other Descriptive Information

The Benjamin Rush memorandum book documents a variety of Rush's financial transactions and investments. The book often contains specific details on lands Rush owned in Pennsylvania. Other transactions recorded include payments to schoolmasters for his children and the loans of books he made to people.