

## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Library Company of Philadelphia
<b>Creator</b>	Dillwyn, William, 1743-1824
<b>Creator</b>	Emlen, Samuel, Jr., 1766-1837
<b>Creator</b>	Emlen, Susanna Dillwyn, 1769-1819
<b>Title</b>	Dillwyn and Emlen family correspondence
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1770-1818
<b>Extent</b>	7.0 containers
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>The Dillwyn and Emlen family was joined in 1795 when Susanna Dillwyn married Samuel Emlen, Jr. Both the Dillwyn and Emlen families were prominent in early America as Quakers and advocates for abolition. This collection consists of five disbound volumes of letters written to and from William Dillwyn of London and his daughter Susanna Dillwyn in America from 1770 to 1795; and thereafter until 1818, to and from Susanna and her husband Samuel Emlen, Jr. of Burlington County, New Jersey. Although Susanna lived almost her entire life apart from her father, their letters are frequent and deal primarily with family matters and kin. However, there is frequent comment concerning such topics as yellow fever; abolitionism and slavery; Native Americans; breast cancer; and American and European politics, including the Napoleonic wars and the embargo, as well as their effects upon trade and merchants in Philadelphia and London.</p>