

Summary Information

Repository	Library Company of Philadelphia
Creator	Du Simitière, Pierre Eugène, ca. 1736-1784
Title	Pierre Eugène du Simitière collection
Date [inclusive]	1492-1784
Extent	3.8 Linear feet
General Physical Description note	11 containers, 4 volumes
Language	English
Abstract	<p>Pierre Eugène Du Simitière (1737-1784) was a collector, artist, and historian, who opened the first public museum, the American Museum, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At the American Musuem, Du Simitière presented his many materials collected during his travels and from his collections. The Library Company of Philadelphia purchased many of the manuscript materials at an auction in 1785 following Du Simitière's death and the closing of the American Museum. The following collection is Du Simitière's manuscript collection purchased at this auction. The collection reflects his interests and his lifestyle and includes poetry, sketches, watercolors, newspaper excerpts and clippings, treatise, correspondence, lists of nature, historical chronologies, bibliographies, and copies and originals of historical documents. The collection includes compiled information on places such as the West Indies, Pennsylvania, New England, New York, and the Carolinas in the form of historical chronologies, documents, bibliographies, sketches, and narratives. It includes information, documents, and research on many Native American groups and Creoles. The collection also contains information, documents,</p>