

Series I. Papers relating to Natural History

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Series I. Papers relating to Natural History circa 1763-1773 [963]**Scope and Contents note**

The series "Papers relating to Natural History" consists of a bound volume that is composed of thirty-four hand copied manuscripts pertaining to the natural history of North and South America, with a concentration on the West Indies and Santo Domingo, probably dating from 1763 to 1773. Many of the thirty-four manuscripts in the volume are word for word copies of information Du Simitière extracted from books and articles. Du Simitière cites these original works in his manuscripts. The other manuscripts are Du Simitière's own observations from his travels. The manuscripts include descriptions of various plants and animals, instructions, lists of various forms of life, bibliographies, catalogues, and some papers on archaeological specimens in North and South America. Some topics of the manuscripts include taxidermy, instructions for making cement for the preservation of plants and animals, instructions on making pictures of birds with their feathers, and how to catch and preserve insects and animals.

The language of the records is mostly French and English, but the volume also contains a small amount of Latin and Creole.

Series II. Papers relating to New York 1644-1770 [964]**Scope and Contents note**

The series "Papers relating to New York" documents colonial New York, Dutch colonists in New York, and New York's position as a British crown territory. Forty-eight of the documents pertain to the case of Jacob Leisler, a militia leader who led an uprising in the lower part of colonial New York in the years 1689 to 1691 against the policies of King James. Other documents include the original petition from the Foot Company, a vow of allegiance to King William and Queen Mary from Captain Charles Lodick and