Pemberton Family Papers, 1741-1789
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Biographical background and contents
Correspondence (personal and business) and other papers of Israel Pemberton (1715-1779), James Pemberton (1723-1809) and John Pemberton (1727-1795). They were the sons of Israel Pemberton (1684-1754) and Rachel Read Pemberton of Philadelphia. They were prominent in both Society of Friends affairs and in the Philadelphia business community.

Letters to and from Israel Pemberton are noteworthy for chiefly discussing "Friendly Association for the Regaining and Preserving Peace with the Indians by Pacific Measures" matters and Indians; letters of James Pemberton deal almost exclusively with business matters and letters of John Pemberton primarily discuss Friends, their activities and business matters.

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Evans, Robert and others, Nov. 4, 1766-Feb. 2, 1767, ms. note for a free Negro, Adam Solomon, allowing safe passage as he traveled South through Maryland (on his way to Nanticoke Forge) on his journey in 1766-67. Page 2 (each approximately 59K).

Arrangement and description of collection
Contents of box follows:

1. Pemberton, Israel (chiefly letters addressed to him)
   ca. 22 items (1743-1773) includes ALS, receipt, bill, memorandums
   Abbot, Paul, ALS, Cork, 20th 7 mo. 1762 re: land [in Great Britain that IP is interested in]
   Allicocke, Joseph, ALS, New York, Feb. 29, 1760 re: business?
   Bagwell, Benjamin Jr., ALS, Newport, May 7, 1757 re: friendship, duplicity of J. Mifflin
   Bennichworth, Samuel, ALS, Sunbury, Georgia, April 25, 1761 re: apologizes [for business failure?]
   Callahan, James, ALS, Charles Town, 4th 9 mo. 1770 re: wishes to leave his present situation and work again for IP, says he has reformed [he is IP's former gardener, mentions great number of tulips in IP's garden]
   Callender, William [and others], ALS, Phila., 26th 1 mo. 1759 re: dispute with the Friendly Association
   Carver, Elizabeth, ALS, N. Carolina, 2 3 mo. 1755 re: news of Friends and sends him her Bible to have it bound
   Clarke, Latham, ALS, Jamestown, 18 3 mo., 1743 re: thanks him for past help
   Clase, Esther, ALS, Lancaster, 1 10 mo. 1768 addressed to "My Poor Child," re: advice for her child
   Edmonds, William, ALS, Bethlehem, July 19, 1760 re: "Papunahoa & Co." Indians? is writer a Mennonite? "and when they depart from here, the Brethren will certainly do what they see best"
   Fisher, George, ALS, Middletown, Lancaster County, 16th 3 mo., 1769 re: Indian business [Fisher is unhappy and wants out of it, says IP is being made to look bad]
   Forster, Thomas, ALS, Paxton, Feb. 4, 1764 re: depredations of Indians and possibility of goods being sent there for them
   Hackett, Thomas, ALS, Bristol, October 1747 re: respecting his land at Duck Creek
   Kenny, James "Memorandum of agreement made between Israel Pemberton of Philadelphia & James Kenny of Chester County," York town, 2 5th mo., 1759 re: goods at Fort Frederick for the Indians
   Lightfoot, Samuel "Memorandum of agreement made between Israel Pemberton of Philadelphia & Samuel Lightfoot of Chester Co.," Shippensburg, 6th 1 mo., 1759 re: goods at Fort Frederick for the Indians
   Robinson, E. [Elizabeth Hoyle Robinson Gibson], ALS, Deer Creek, 26th 12 mo., 1773 re: friendship, traveling
   Saunderson, George, his account of boarding [tavern bill?] for Israel Pemberton "Cash acco't in Journey to Lancaster &c" and "pd George Saunderson at Lancas'r 9.1mo. 1759"
   Shein, Gottlieb, his receipt ("Lancaster, 8.1mo.1759 Receiv'd from Israel Pemberton ten pounds five shillings ... 8 saddles & bridles

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2. Pemberton, Israel (chiefly letters written by him)
   ca. 12 items (1756-1773), includes ALS, drafts of letters, address, memorandum, minutes
   - "For the goods the Provincial agent made Israel Pemberton accountable as Post was recommended by him," n.d. re: Christian Frederic Post dealings with the Indians
   - draft of letter to William Johnson, 25, 26 4 mo., 1756 re: conference with Indians
   - draft of a letter to Benjamin Hersey and the Mennonites in Lancaster, 29th 5 mo., 1758 re: Indians
   - draft of a letter to Charles Read [cousin], 19th 6 mo., 1758 re: Indians
   - draft of letter to Haydock & Bowne, Phila., 14th 9 mo., 1758 re: wants to obtain large quantities of wampum from him as Indians are coming to Wyoming
   - copy of ALS to George Ross, dated Carlisle, 4th 1 mo., 1759 re: goods for Indians stored at Fort Frederick
   - copy of ALS to Samuel Lightfoot, dated Shippensburgh, 6th 1 mo., 1759 re: goods for the Indians
   - copy of ALS to Christian Frederic Post at Bethlehem, 6th 5 mo., 1760 re: belts, etc. for the Western Indians, mentions various Indian leaders by name, sends gifts, etc. [interesting?]
   - "Indian Sarah's Memoranda about her daughter, 27 10 mo., 1762," re: Sarah[fay] and Rocohon's children
   - copy of ALS to Richard Lawrence, John Heartshorne, dated Phila. 23 2 mo. 1772 re: "Negrado lad in hands of John Covenhoven" and James McCarty's estate, the young man is a nephew of McCarty [letter is from "Committee," signed by IP and others]
   - "Minutes of Several Meetings on the address to Mayor & Commonalty, 25, 28 & 29 6 mo. 1773" re: address to "To Netawattaweman, and the rest of the head men of the Delaware Indians of Kekaliammapaiking ..." 8th 7 mo., 1773 from "Israel Pemberton and many other Friends"

3. Pemberton, James (letters addressed to James Pemberton)
   ca. 23 items (1741-1785), includes ALS, bills and receipts, accounts
   - Alloway, Hannah, account of Hannah Alloway to Israel Pemberton, 1752-53
   - Beal, John, ALS, Barbados, April 20, 1742 re: sending him a barrel of limes [remarks that he only knows of JP by reputation]
   - Bourdeaux, Daniel & Isaac, ALS ["copy"], Charleston, S. Carolina, July 4, 1771 re: business
   - Broadbent & Company, ALS, Sheffield, June 30, 1772 re: business
   - Broadbent & Company, ALS, Sheffield, October 26, 1773 re: business
   - Chadwick, Ellen [and John Chadwick, her eldest son], ALS, Felgrave, April 23, 1763 re: advising of their inclination to sell their land
   - Collison, Robert, ALS, Middletown, 11 1 mo., 1771 re: Gideon Bickerdike's estate
   - Countyman, Philip, account of Philip Countyman with James Pemberton, 1780-1781 re: rent of JB's farm in "Pasyunk"
   - Garnault, Peter & John, ALS, Lisbon, April 27, 1774 re: financial difficulty of their firm
   - Haydock & Bowne, ALS, New York, 9th 5 mo., 1760 re: business
   - Henton Brown [and Son], ALS, London, 1st 2 mo., 1754 re: business
   - Hillary [Richard] & Scott, of Liverpool, copy of account of Hillary & Scott with James Pemberton, 5 12 mo., 1785 with copy of letter of JP to them
   - Lightfoot, Mary, receipt of Mary Lightfoot to James Pemberton, Phila., 13 10 mo., 1772 re: legacy
   - Lloyd, Peter Za, account for money paid him from 5 mo. 14, 1767 to 5 mo. 30, 1774 re: Lloyd appears to have been apprenticed to John Dickinson, expenses are of a personal nature (clothing, "pocket expenses," boarding, etc.)
   - Moore, William, Jr., ALS ["copy"], Barbados, March 13, 1748/9 re: shipping rum
   - Parke, Jacob, account of James Pemberton with Phila. 5th 8 mo., 1784 re: nails and other hardware
   - Pemberton, James, receipt of, 24, 4 mo., 1741
   - Read, Alice [cousin], ALS, Burlington, Nov. 9, 1750 re: wants to send quinces and turnips to Antigua
   - Reeve, Peter, ALS, London, August 11, 1753 re: business
   - Rigby, Nathan, ALS, Maryland, Sept. 3, 1747 re: business
   - Rodman, William, ALS, Bensalem, Nov. 5, 1782 re: Gilbert Hicks
   - Taylor, Edward, ALS [by his clerk, Charles Hilly], Lisbon, August 13, 1764 re: business
   - Wilson, Rachel, ALS, Boston, 20th 7 mo., 1769 re: her travel as minister

4. Pemberton, James
   2 items (1773, 1784)
   - ms. copy of ALS to cousin Charles Read, Sept. 17, 1773 re: concern over his sudden departure, and news of his arrival in Antigua, wants to know how his business climate is in St. Croix
   - "State of demand on Gilbert Hicks for Thomas Smith ... 1 mo 27, 1784" JP is attorney for Thomas Smith

5. Pemberton, John
   3 items (1768, 1782)
   - order from John Shinn to JP to pay money to Edward Andrews, Mt. Holly, 26 4 mo., 1768
   - "Copy of representation to Executive Council, 30th 5th mo., 1782" re: his intention to leave for Europe for religious reasons and not out of any "sinister" motives
   - ms. copy of letter of JP to his wife, 11 9 mo., 1782 written while in New York, and on other side, copy of letter of Samuel Neale, n.d.

6. Pemberton, John (letters addressed to John Pemberton)
   ca. 51 items (1753-1789) includes ALS, accounts
   - Abraham, Robert, ALS, Nansemond, Va., Sept. 11, 1772 re: his sister Mary
   - Appleton, Josiah, ALS, Trenton, Sept. 18, 1769 re: money
   - Atkinson, Robert, ALS, Cork, 12th 12 mo, 1766 re: arrival there as minister (waiting for certificate's arrival)
Backhouse, William, ALS, Kellet, 7 mo. 4th, 1758 re: business
Balfour, Archibald, ALS, Waterford, 9 mo. 25, 1770 re: Mary Jackson, dau. of Isaac Jackson
Barnet, Johannes Yearkley, ALS, London Grove, Chester Co. (Pa.), July 28, 1767 re: inquires about family
Barra, Israel, ALS, Haddonfield, 8 mo. 30, 1764 re: weaving business (looking for work)
Cathrab, Hannah, ALS, Phila., 4 mo. 11, 1761 re: family
Clibborn, Experience, ALS, Moat, 1 mo. 3, 1753 re: friendship and religious in nature
Crosfield, Jane, account with, 1760-61 re: trip to Va.
En, Evans, Robert and others, Nov. 4, 1766-Feb. 2, 1767, ms. note for a free Negro, Adam Solomon, allowing safe passage as he traveled South through Maryland (on his way to Nanticoke Forge) on his journey in 1766-67. Page 2 (each approximately 59K).
Foster, Hannah, Jr., ALS, Hopewell, 21st 4 mo., 1761 re: traveling Friends
Fry, William, ALS, Bristol, 22 1/2 mo. 1767 re: business
Hadwen, John, ALS, Newport, 7th 8 mo., 1762 re: travel home
Hall, John, ALS, 6 mo. 17, 1772 re: request for money
Hallowell, Thomas, ALS, Phila., 30th 5 mo., 1762 re: friendship and religious in nature
Harris, Hannah, ALS, Great Egg Harbor, 8th 8 mo., 1762 re: leaving for London
Harvey, Job, ALS, Wilmington, 19th 9 mo., 1774 re: found a place for a young man
Hatton, Susanna, ALS, Curls, Virginia, 22, 9 mo. 1760 re: news of Friends
Hope, Zachariah, ALS, Rotterdam, Sept. 1768 re: business
Kenyon, David, ALS, Liverpool, Sept. 24, 1768 re: Charles Cannan's estate
Kilden, John, ALS, Masham in Yorkshire, 7th 10 mo. 1766 re: inquiry after his son, John Kilden
Lamb, Benjamin, ALS, London, 5th 7 mo., 1767 re: [at bottom of copy of letter from Joseph Row] business
Lea, James, ALS, Wilmington, 20th 9 mo., 1774 re: difficulty in finding place for boarders
Lea, Ann, ALS, Exeter, Berks County, 7th 11 mo., 1780 re: beef
Matthew, Ann, ALS, London County, Virginia, 9th 2 mo., 1764 re: business
Osborn, Paul, ALS, 1771, re: Friends books needed at Nine Partners
Parker, George, ALS, Accomack, April 11, 1774 re: information on sending his son to college in Philadelphia
Parker, George, ALS, Accomack County, Virginia, Sept. 8, 1774 re: wishes JP to find board for his son Thomas until he himself arrives in Phila.
Parvin, Pearson, ALS, Barbadoes, April 23, 1760 re: sending certificate and will write to Friends soon
Paxson, Henry, ALS, Mount Holly, 14 mo., 1768 re: financial situation of John Shinn
Peaseall, Nathan, ALS, Cowneck, 18 1/2 mo. 1758 re: wishes Pemberton to look after his son Joseph
Pearson, John, ALS, Graysothen, 8th 10 mo., 1753 re: friendship
Pleasant, John, ALS, Phila., 20th 11 mo., 1782 re: friendship (from his nephew)
Recket, William, ALS, Christophers, 9th 10 mo., 1759 re: news of himself
Rodman, Thomas, ALS, Burlington, Nov. 17, 1770 re: business difficulty
Row, John, ALS, London, 21 6 mo., 1788 re: news of Friends
Row, Joseph, ALS, London, 4 6 mo., 1788 re: news of Friends in England
Solomon, Adam "List of debts due to Sundry Persons from Adam Solomon, as collected from applications made to John Pemberton" 1763-67
Solomon, Adam, 5 ms. items re: Adam Solomon, 1769 signed by Saml. Flower, George Fockler
Solomon, Adam, ALS, Phila., Jan. 30, 1769 re: concern over his children being bound [indentured] to certain people [note that Solomon was a free black]
Waterman, Jesse, ALS, Phila., 29th 9 mo., 1782 re: friendship and religious in nature
Whitelock, Isaac, ALS, Lancaster, 4th 3 mo., 1769 re: Adam [Solomon] and his family
Williams, Elihu, ALS, 18th 5 mo., 1755 re: buying horses
Wood, Samuel, ALS, Scaring Town, 15 12 mo., 1762 re: friendship
Woodcock, John, ALS, Corlican [England?], 5th 4 mo., 1789 re: his state of mind, religious in nature

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