



Guide to the Benjamin and Julia Stockton Rush Papers, 1766-1845 and undated

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Summary

Collection Title:

Benjamin and Julia Stockton Rush papers, 1766-1845 and undated

Creator:

Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813; Rush, Julia Stockton; Trent, Josiah C. (Josiah Charles), 1914-1948

Source:

Josiah Charles Trent History of Medicine Collections (Duke University)

Abstract:

The Benjamin and Julia Stockton Rush papers include letters, writings, financial records, a few legal documents and one educational record. Benjamin Rush's personal and professional outgoing letters, with some incoming letters, cover a wide variety of topics, but focus primarily on medical concerns, particularly the 1793 and other yellow fever epidemics in Philadelphia, as well as mental illness and its treatment, and the medical department of the Continental Army. There are a few letters from others to Julia Stockton Rush that seek to continue ties with her and the Rush family or offer condolences following Benjamin's death. Collection also contains a medical case book and a fragment of an essay or lecture written by Benjamin Rush, along with his travel diary for a trip to meet with the Board of Trustees for Dickinson College in 178[4]; other writings include Julia Rush's devotional journal and exercise book. The financial records include a few statements and receipts, but primarily contain two account books, one maintained by Benjamin Rush, the other by Rush with his wife. These account books provide a complete picture of the family finances from the period before the couple married, almost to Julia's death. Legal documents include a sworn statement and a land patent, and there is an educational record for one of Rush's students.

Extent:

0.8 Linear Feet (3 boxes, 2 volumes)

Language:

Materials are in English.

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Background

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Biographical/Historical

Benjamin Rush was a physician, politician, social reformer, educator and humanitarian, as well as the founder of Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He married Julia Stockton in 1776.

Benjamin Rush

| Date | Description |
|----------------|--|
| 1746 January 4 | Born, in Byberry Township, Pa. |
| 1760 | Graduated with A. B., College of New Jersey (Princeton) |
| 1761-1766 | Medical apprenticeship, College of Philadelphia medical department |
| 1768 | Completed medical degree, University of Edinburgh |
| 1769 | Began medical practice in Philadelphia Appointed Professor of Chemistry in College of Philadelphia's medical department |
| 1776 | Took his seat in Second Continental Congress |
| 1776 August 2 | Signed Declaration of Independence |
| 1777 April | Commissioned Surgeon General of Middle Department of the Continental Army |
| 1778 | Resigned from the Army Became lecturer at University of the State of Pennsylvania |
| 1783 | Helped found Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. |
| 1784-1813 | Surgeon at Pennsylvania Hospital, with responsibility for psychiatric ward |

| Date | Description |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| 1797-1813 | Treasurer of the U.S. Mint |
| 1813 | Died |

Julia Stockton Rush

| Date | Description |
|-------------|--|
| 1759 | Born, at "Morven" family estate near Princeton, N.J. |
| 1776 | Married Benjamin Rush; the couple went on to have 13 children |
| 1848 | Died at their county property, "Sydenham" (now 15th Street and Columbus Ave, Philadelphia) |

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Arrangement

Arranged into the following series: Letters, Writings, Financial Records, and Legal Documents and Educational Records.

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Administrative Information

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Related Materials

Related Material

Sarah Eve diary, 1772-1773. Eve was the daughter of ship captain and merchant Oswell Eve, and the fiancée of Benjamin Rush until her death on 4 Dec. 1774, three weeks before the date set for their marriage.

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Names and Subjects

- Physicians -- Records and correspondence.
- Medicine -- Study and teaching -- Pennsylvania
- Mental illness -- Treatment -- United States -- History -- 19th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Medical care
- United States -- Politics and government -- 1775-1783
- Diaries
- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813
- Rush, Julia Stockton
- Dickinson College

- Josiah Charles Trent History of Medicine Collections (Duke University)

Collection Inventory

Letters, 1777-1824

Scope and Contents

The majority of the 136 letters in the series were composed by Benjamin Rush, and letters he wrote to Julia during the 1793 yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia form a substantial part of the series. Main topics in the letters include Rush family matters, medical treatments for a wide variety of medical issues, American politics, and the country's relations with European nations. Other topics include mental illness and its treatment, the medical department in the Continental Army, the impact of epidemics upon commerce internationally, reading habits, parenting, and capital punishment.

Among the prominent correspondents who wrote one or more personal or professional letters to Rush or his wife are Abigail Adams, John Quincy Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Thomas Paine, and George Washington. Letters from others to Julia Rush seek to continue ties with her and the Rush family, and offer condolences following Benjamin's death. Included are several manuscript copies Benjamin Rush made of individual letters he penned.

Abigail Adams (n.p.) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Philadelphia), 1813 July 7 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 1

Creator: Adams, Abigail, 1744-1818

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Abigail Adams \(n.p.\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Philadelphia\), 1813 July 7](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Scope and Contents

Adams sends her condolences to Rush, and confides her own concern about her daughter's struggles with breast cancer.

Names and Subjects:

- Breast -- Cancer
- Breast Neoplasms
- Rush, Julia Stockton

John Quincy Adams (St. Petersburg, Russia)
letter to Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia), 1811
January 11 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 2

Creator: Adams, John Quincy, 1767-1848

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 23 cm

Digital Object: [John Quincy Adams \(St. Petersburg, Russia\) letter to Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\), 1811 January 11](#)

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Scope and Contents

Adams writes regarding his presenting a copy of Rush's "Medical Inquiries and Observations" to the Emperor of Russia, who is sending Rush a ring in thanks.

Names and Subjects:

- Medicine -- Russia -- History -- 19th century
- Education, Medical -- History -- Russia (Pre-1917)
- History of Medicine -- Russia (Pre-1917)
- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

John Dickinson (n. p.) letter to Benjamin Rush
(n. p.), 1784 August 13 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 3

Creator: Dickinson, John, 1732-1808

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 23 cm

Digital Object: [John Dickinson \(n. p.\) letter to Benjamin Rush \(n. p.\), 1784 August 13](#)

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Scope and Contents

Dickinson writes that he has read with pleasure Rush's essay on female education. He requests Rush's help with another project, "to prepare the public Mind for receiving...the proceedings of the Convention."

Names and Subjects:

- Women -- Education -- United States -- History -- 19th century
- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

John Dickinson (Kent [England]) letter to Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia), 1798 April 2 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 3

Creator: Dickinson, John, 1732-1808

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 21 cm

Digital Object: [John Dickinson \(Kent \[England\]\) letter to Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\), 1798 April 2](#)

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Scope and Contents

Dickinson writes that he has purchased and perused all the doctor's works and requests his help in diagnosing and treating a child that is in excruciating pain.

Names and Subjects:

- Pediatrics -- 18th century
- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

John Dickinson (n. p.) note to Benjamin Rush (n. p.), 1804 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 3

Creator: Dickinson, John, 1732-1808

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 22 cm

Digital Object: [John Dickinson \(n. p.\) note to Benjamin Rush \(n. p.\), 1804](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

In a note, Dickinson comments on their health, and on the 4th part of an unidentified manuscript.

Names and Subjects:

- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Horatio Gates (New York) letter to Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia), 1803 August 8 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 4

Creator: Gates, Horatio, 1728-1806

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Horatio Gates \(New York\) letter to Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\), 1803 August 8](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Gates indicates that he will try the remedies Rush suggested. He believes that England is likely to become a despotism, and notes that there is a rumor in New York City that England will defeat America's treaty with France regarding Louisiana.

Names and Subjects:

- Medicine -- Formulae, receipts, prescriptions
- Treaty of Paris (1803)
- Despotism -- Great Britain
- Louisiana Purchase
- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Nathanael Greene (n. p.) letter to Benjamin
Rush (n. p.), 1777 May 3 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 5

Creator: Greene, Nathanael, 1742-1786

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 1 page; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Nathanael Greene \(n. p.\) letter to Benjamin Rush \(n. p.\), 1777 May 3](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Greene writes of his support for Rush's recommendations regarding best methods for preserving the health of the Army. He suggests they print a pamphlet on the topic, to make adoption of the recommendations more likely. He comments on Congress' regulation of hospitals.

Names and Subjects:

- United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Medical care
- Military hospitals -- United States
- Medicine, Military -- United States -- History -- 18th century
- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Richard Henderson (Leesburg [Va.]) letter to Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia), 1810 June 11 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 6

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 30 cm

Digital Object: [Richard Henderson \(Leesburg \[Va.\]\) letter to Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\), 1810 June 11](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Henderson replies to Rush's letter regarding the debts of a Mr. Carter, assuring Rush that he is in error, all costs for the preparation of coffin and grave have been paid.

Names and Subjects:

- Death -- Social aspects -- United States -- History -- 19th century
- Burial -- Social aspects -- United States -- History -- 19th century
- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Mary Hosack (New York) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Philadelphia), 1811 June 26 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 7

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Mary Hosack \(New York\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Philadelphia\), 1811 June 26](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Mary Hosack writes regarding family health matters, her husband's connections, and the Rush's possible visit to New York.

Names and Subjects:

- Families -- Health and hygiene -- United States
- Rush, Julia Stockton

David Hosack (n. p.) letter to Julia Stockton
Rush (Philadelphia), 1824 May 4 (online item
available)

Box 1 > Folder 7

Creator: Hosack, David, 1769-1835

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [David Hosack \(n. p.\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Philadelphia\), 1824 May 4](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

David Hosack acknowledges Julia Rush's letter and states that he has sent a keepsake in memory of his wife. He requests that she consider a visit to them.

Names and Subjects:

- Rush, Julia Stockton

Thomas Jefferson (Washington [D.C.]) letter to
Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia), 1801 December
20 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 8

Creator: Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Thomas Jefferson \(Washington \[D.C.\]\) letter to Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\), 1801 December 20](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Jefferson discusses vaccinations in Philadelphia, the impact of his sending a message rather than making a speech at the opening of Congress, the political implications of suppressing taxes, and his desire to live a long, healthy, and useful life.

Names and Subjects:

- Vaccination -- United States -- History -- 19th century
 - Tax collection -- United States -- History
 - Aging
 - United States -- Politics and government -- 1801-1809
 - Older people -- Psychology
 - Older people -- Health and hygiene
 - Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813
-

Thomas Jefferson (Washington [D.C.]) letter to Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia), 1808 January 3 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 9

Creator: Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 1 page; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Thomas Jefferson \(Washington \[D.C.\]\) letter to Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\), 1808 January 3](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Jefferson notes that he has appointed Dr. Waterhouse to the Marine hospital in Boston, in return for his introducing vaccinations to the country, and describes the political fallout from the appointment. He plans to send his 15-year-old grandson to be with Rush in the Fall. He mentions Dr. Rose, and the impact on an embargo on relations with Europe.

Names and Subjects:

- United States -- Politics and government -- 1801-1809
 - Vaccination -- United States -- History -- 19th century
 - United States -- Foreign relations -- Europe -- 19th century
 - Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813
 - Waterhouse, Benjamin, 1754-1846
-

James McHenry (York Island, Fort Washington) letter to Benjamin Rush (n. p.), 1776 November 2 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 10

Creator: McHenry, James, 1753-1816

Physical Description: 2 Leaves ; 8 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [James McHenry \(York Island, Fort Washington\) letter to Benjamin Rush \(n. p.\), 1776 November 2](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Scope and Contents

McHenry details reforms required within the Army's medical department and makes recommendations for restructuring of general and regimental hospitals, controlling fraud in the commissaries, increasing the numbers of nurses and surgeons, and improving the distribution of medicine.

Names and Subjects:

- United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Medical care
- Military hospitals -- United States
- Medicine, Military -- United States -- History -- 18th century
- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

James Madison (Washington [D.C.]) letter to Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia), 1801 June 28
(online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 11

Creator: Madison, James, 1751-1836

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 1 page; 26 cm

Digital Object: [James Madison \(Washington \[D.C.\]\) letter to Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\), 1801 June 28](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Madison writes regarding quarantine laws in Europe and their impact on commerce with the United States, with reference to yellow fever in particular.

Names and Subjects:

- International trade
- Epidemics
- Communicable diseases
- Yellow Fever
- Disease Transmission, Infectious -- History
- Communicable Disease Control -- History
- Quarantine -- History
- Yellow Fever -- History
- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Thomas Paine (n. p.) letter to Benjamin Rush (n. p.), 1785 December 30 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 12

Creator: Paine, Thomas, 1737-1809

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Thomas Paine \(n. p.\) letter to Benjamin Rush \(n. p.\), 1785 December 30](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Paine recommends a candidate for the midwifery position on the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania.

Names and Subjects:

- University of Pennsylvania -- Faculty
- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Felix Pascalis Ouvriere (New York) letter to Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia), 1812 December 22 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 13

Creator: Pascalis Ouvriere, Felix, 1762-1833

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 1 page; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Felix Pascalis Ouvriere \(New York\) letter to Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\), 1812 December 22](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Pascalis acknowledges receipt of two essays. He states that he has not yet had the opportunity to read Dr. Rush's treatise on the diseases of the mind, but that he plans to write a review of it.

Names and Subjects:

- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813
- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813 -- Medical inquiries and observations upon the diseases of the mind

Felix Pascalis Ouvriere (New York) letter to Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia), 1813 March 1 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 13

Creator: Pascalis Ouvriere, Felix, 1762-1833

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Felix Pascalis Ouvriere \(New York\) letter to Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\), 1813 March 1](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Pascalis writes with citations regarding Rush's "Tranquilizer arm-chair" designed for maniacs, as well as details of publishing translations and copyright issues.

Names and Subjects:

- Publishers and publishing -- United States -- History -- 19th century
 - Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813
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Timothy Pickering (Philadelphia) letter to Benjamin Rush (n. p.), 1799 September 23
(online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 14

Creator: Pickering, Timothy, 1745-1829

Physical Description: 3 Leaves ; 6 pages; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Timothy Pickering \(Philadelphia\) letter to Benjamin Rush \(n. p.\), 1799 September 23](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Pickering notes that he sent Yellow Fever medicine developed by Dr. Conrad G. Bölke to the Board of Health, but is only now sending along copies of his letters from Bölke and the United States consul at Hamburg, Joseph Pitcairn, with instructions regarding the medicine's use.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- Treatment
- Yellow Fever -- therapy
- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Timothy Pickering (Washington [D.C.]) letter to Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia), 1804 November 17 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 14

Creator: Pickering, Timothy, 1745-1829

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Timothy Pickering \(Washington \[D.C.\]\) letter to Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\), 1804 November 17](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Pickering writes regarding his plans for caring for his mentally disturbed son, William, thanking Dr. Rush for his advice. In a postscript, he asks Rush if he should talk to his son about his derangement when he is rational in order to have his cooperation in effecting a cure.

Names and Subjects:

- Mental illness -- Treatment -- United States -- History -- 19th century
- Mentally ill -- Treatment -- United States -- History -- 19th century
- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Timothy Pickering (Salem [Mass.]) letter to Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia), 1807 July 5 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 14

Creator: Pickering, Timothy, 1745-1829

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Timothy Pickering \(Salem \[Mass.\]\) letter to Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\), 1807 July 5](#)

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Scope and Contents

Pickering details how the family is no longer able to care for William. He has decided to send William to Rush's hospital in Philadelphia, where he will not be able to escape and might recover. He adds that another son, George, is potentially manifesting the same symptoms as William.

Names and Subjects:

- Mental illness -- Treatment -- United States -- History -- 19th century
- Mentally ill -- Commitment and detention -- United States -- History -- 19th century

- Mentally ill -- Treatment -- United States -- History -- 19th century
 - Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813
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Timothy Pickering (Washington [D.C.]) letter to Benjamin Rush (n. p.), 1808 November 17 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 14

Creator: Pickering, Timothy, 1745-1829

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Timothy Pickering \(Washington \[D.C.\]\) letter to Benjamin Rush \(n. p.\), 1808 November 17](#)

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Scope and Contents

Pickering describes symptoms for which he would like Rush's treatment advice. Includes Rush's own notes regarding two prescriptions he advised.

Names and Subjects:

- Medicine -- Practice -- United States -- 19th century
 - Medicine -- Formulae, receipts, prescriptions
 - Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to unidentified, 1777 April 2 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 4 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to unidentified, 1777 April 2](#)

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Scope and Contents

Rush congratulates the unnamed recipient on his recent appointment in the army, and makes note of the support of France and Spain in America's revolutionary cause, along with other Mediterranean countries. He mentions that the army expects to check any advance of General Howe into Philadelphia, whose appearance would cause a panic. He notes that his opposition to Pennsylvania's current government has cost him his seat in Congress, but that he had planned to join the army in any case.

Names and Subjects:

- United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783

- United States -- Foreign relations -- France
 - United States -- Foreign relations -- Spain
 - United States -- Foreign relations -- Europe
 - Howe , William Howe, Viscount, 1729-1814
-

Benjamin Rush (n.p.) letter to unidentified,
1777 Autumn (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(n.p.\) letter to unidentified, 1777 Autumn](#)

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Scope and Contents

Rush discusses his appointment to the Army, the support of doctors Shippen and Brower for that appointment, his concerns about the medical system and the numbers of deaths the army has experienced, dispatches that have arrived from France, and that John Adams is on his way there.

Names and Subjects:

- United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Medical care
 - Medicine, Military -- United States -- History -- 18th century
 - United States -- History -- 18th Century
 - Shippen, William, 1712-1801
-

Benjamin Rush (Princetown) letter to
unidentified, 1778 April 20-21 (online item
available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 2 Leaves ; 8 pages; 22 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Princetown\) letter to unidentified, 1778 April 20-21](#)

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Scope and Contents

Rush states that he is never indifferent to any thing relating to America, and that the basis for America's freedom is broad, but is in danger from a tedious and expensive war, and from "the ignorance, indolence, and avarice of too many of our Whigs." He follows with questions regarding the country's finances, then notes that he has ordered a court-martial of Dr. Shippen, for

whom he will serve as prosecutor. A postscript discusses two bills before Congress.

Names and Subjects:

- United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Economic aspects
 - United States -- Economic conditions -- 18th century
 - Shippen, William, 1712-1801
-

Benjamin Rush (Princetown) letter to James McHenry (n. p.), 1778 May 17 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 22 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Princetown\) letter to James McHenry \(n. p.\), 1778 May 17](#)

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Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush recommends Dr. James Finley to McHenry, and requests that he visit Finley's patients with him. He adds that he is forced into a military retirement by Dr. Shippen's friends, but takes pleasure in McHenry's service. Finally, he comments on the alliance with France.

Names and Subjects:

- United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Medical care
 - Medicine, Military -- United States -- History -- 18th century
 - United States -- Foreign relations -- France
 - McHenry, James, 1753-1816.
 - Shippen, William, 1712-1801
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Rushhill), 1779 July 30 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 21 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Rushhill\), 1779 July 30](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush relays his plans to visit Julia. A postscript instructs her how to protect herself and the babies from contracting a fever.

Names and Subjects:

- Fever -- Early works to 1800
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
-

Benjamin Rush (Morristown, NJ) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Philadelphia), 1780 March 17
(online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 23 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Morristown, NJ\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Philadelphia\), 1780 March 17](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush writes regarding the health of Julia's uncle's family, one of whom is suffering from a stomach disorder. He also notes that Julia's father's health is deteriorating. Her father will accompany him upon his return, to be placed under another physician's care. He requests that Julia have his assistants call upon the parents of children Rush inoculated before his departure, with instructions for their care. He describes the trial of a Dr. Shippen. He mentions that the letter was written in company, in General Green[e?]'s office.

Names and Subjects:

- Medicine -- Practice -- United States -- 18th century
- Vaccination -- Pennsylvania -- History -- 18th Century
- Rush, Julia Stockton
- Shippen, William, 1712-1801

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1781 March 12
(online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 34 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1781 March 12](#)

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Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush writes regarding shipment arrangements for materials Julia has requested. He notes that a new tenant has taken possession of their farm. He inquires regarding Julia's health, they comments on the difficulty of separation from her. Rush's signature has been removed from the letter.

Names and Subjects:

- Man-woman relationships -- 18th century
- Rush, Julia Stockton

Benjamin Rush (n.p.) note to Librarian of the
Pensyla. Lib[rary] (n.p.), 1781 April 20 (online
item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 1 page; 9 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(n.p.\) note to Librarian of the Pensyla. Lib\[rary\] \(n.p.\), 1781 April 20](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Autograph collections of Dr. Max Thorek; Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Scope and Contents

Note by Rush requesting that no more books be lent to Mr. Dick on Dr. Rush's account, but permitting the bearer of the note to borrow any books required.

Names and Subjects:

- Books and reading -- Pennsylvania -- History -- 18th century

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to [General Nathanael Greene, n.p.], 1782 April 15 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 4 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to \[General Nathanael Greene, n.p.\], 1782 April 15](#)

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Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush congratulates Greene on his successes in North Carolina, then recommends that he move from Rhode Island to South Carolina, which is more active in manners and government and would suit him better. He then comments upon the country's need for Confederation and for a national character built upon something more than resentment of Great Britain.

Names and Subjects:

- United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783
- Nationalism -- United States -- History -- 18th century
- Greene, Nathanael, 1742-1786

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Jacob Read (n. p.), 1782 April 23 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Jacob Read \(n. p.\), 1782 April 23](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush rejoices in Read's recovery and safe return to South Carolina and sends greetings to Read's family. He outlines family news, including that Julia has given birth to another girl and Mrs. Boudinott has spent the winter. He adds that the women humanize their friend, Dr. Ramsay, in preparation for his finding a wife.

Names and Subjects:

- Read, Jacob, 1752-1816
- Rush family

Rush, Benjamin (n.p.) letter to [John Bubenheim Bayard], 1784 June 25 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 2 Leaves ; 3 pages; 34 cm

Digital Object: [Rush, Benjamin \(n.p.\) letter to \[W. J. B.\], 1784 June 25](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

A copy, in an unknown hand, of a letter from Rush to Bayard regarding sentiments expressed in an earlier letter to General John Armstrong. The letter reflects post-revolutionary state politics in Pennsylvania. In the letter, Rush censures his fellow Presbyterians, who refuse to revoke the test laws and to admit amendments to the state constitution. He also condemns the taking over by the Presbyterian dominated state government of the charter of the College of Philadelphia, now the University of Pennsylvania, and refers to the College of Carlisle, or Dickinson College, established in protest to the first action. He regrets the inflammatory remarks and publications made by members of the state's single legislative body, the Council of Censors, and by Joseph Reed and Mr. Smiley, and deplores the character of Henry Osborn and Owen Faris.

Names and Subjects:

- Pennsylvania -- History -- 18th century
- Bayard, John Bubenheim, 1738-1807
- Armstrong, John, 1758-1843
- University of Pennsylvania
- Dickinson College

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1786 August
23 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 23 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1786 August 23](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush writes that he expects their friend, Dr. Hall, to marry soon. He also writes of his activities with his boys. More particularly, his son John accompanied him on rounds at the hospital and showed no emotion while witnessing an operation. Rush also described in detail their visit to a mentally disturbed patient. He is pleased that John has expressed a desire to become a physician.

Names and Subjects:

- Rush, Julia Stockton
- Rush family

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1787 August
16 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 32 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1787 August 16](#)

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Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush writes about solitude, and how he misses having his wife and family to impart his thoughts and ideas to immediately.

Names and Subjects:

- Rush, Julia Stockton

- Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1787 August 22 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1787 August 22](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush writes that he wishes to share his reading of Paley's moral philosophy with her, because he would enjoy it more that way and it would better qualify her to educate their children. He describes a gathering where he provided beer to a group of laborers, and how affectionate one of them was to his dog, including a reflection of "infinite love which follows the human species." He then comments that their leaving a local congregation has finally been noticed. The signature line for this letter has been excised.

Names and Subjects:

- Books and reading -- United States -- History -- 18th century
 - Women -- Education -- United States
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Paley, William, 1743-1805 -- Principles of moral and political philosophy
 - Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Rev [Ashbel?] Green (n. p.), 1787 September 19 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Rev \[Ashbel?\] Green \(n. p.\), 1787 September 19](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush explains his reasons for leaving the Reverend's church; he mentions Rev. Sproat.

Names and Subjects:

- Sproat, James, 1722-1793
 - Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to George Clymer (n. p.), 1789 February 12 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 21 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to George Clymer \(n. p.\), 1789 February 12](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush outlines a full course of treatment for an undefined equine disease, including bloodletting.

Names and Subjects:

- Horses -- Diseases -- Early works to 1800
 - Horses -- Diseases -- Treatment
 - Clymer, George, 1739-1813
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1791 July 16-17 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 32 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1791 July 16-17](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush writes of their exchange of letters, and mentions both of their sons, along with the grandson of President Washington, who is ill with a fever and is being attended by doctors Shippen and Kuhn. He also successfully treats a woman with a locked jaw. He announces his plan to open an African Church, and describes the resulting excitement in the free black community.

Names and Subjects:

- Trismus
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Shippen, William, 1712-1801
 - St. Thomas' Church (Philadelphia, Pa.) -- History
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1791 July 29
(online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 32 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1791 July 29](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush takes Julia to task for permitting their son John to have a gun against his expressed wishes. Rush believes John's character is not the correct one for gun ownership, because he lacks gentleness and compassion. Rush requests that Julia not override his dissent, and strengthen their parenting as a result. He announces that he has taken their son Richard to see patients. He is reading John Newton's *Cardiphonia*. He also is planning to develop a cure for the consumptive cough.

Names and Subjects:

- Firearms ownership -- United States -- 18th century
- Books and reading -- United States -- History -- 18th century
- Cough
- Rush, Julia Stockton
- Newton, John, 1725-1807 -- *Cardiphonia*
- Rush family

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1791 August
24 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 32 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1791 August 24](#)

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Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush explains his plans for travel to Princeton, and the minor ailments he has been suffering. He then describes how he visited a patient who was having a fit of colic, only find she was actually in labor. He expects the affair to give him some trouble, but has neither the constitution nor time to practice midwifery. He rejoices in hearing of the fall of the French monarchy, and expects that it will lead to the removal of all the kings in Europe. A later note was added stating that the letter's signature was given to an autograph seeker.

Names and Subjects:

- France -- History -- Revolution, 1789-1799 -- Influence
- Childbirth -- United States -- History -- 18th Century
- Midwives -- United States -- History -- 18th Century
- Rush, Julia Stockton

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Richard
Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1792 May 17 (online
item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 21 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Richard Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1792 May 17](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush writes to his son regarding his education. He expects him to study Latin and arithmetic, and stresses that he needs to pay more attention to his spelling.

Names and Subjects:

- Children -- United States -- History -- 18th Century
 - Education -- United States -- History -- 18th Century
 - Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to James Thornton (n. p.), 1792 September 3 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 15

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 23 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to James Thornton \(n. p.\), 1792 September 3](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush writes to Thornton regarding his opposition to capital punishment, and encloses copies of a his pamphlet on the matter, of which Thornton had approved. Rush also discusses his birthplace, Byberry, where Thornton resides.

Names and Subjects:

- Byberry (Philadelphia, Pa.) -- History
 - Capital punishment -- United States -- History
 - Thornton, James, 1727-1794
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 August 21 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 26 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 August 21](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush announces that a violent "fever" has broken out in one district of the city, where 12 people have died. If it spreads he plans to have Julia remain at Princeton. He then reports that influenza continues to spread, with violent symptoms that cause him anxiety. He adds that Mr. Wolstonecraft has refused to purchase their property, because he could not support himself by hunting on it. Finally, he notes the arrival of a fellow physician's son from France, who brings disturbing news of the state of affairs, there.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Rush, Julia Stockton

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Trenton [N.J.]), 1793 August 25-26 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 32 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Trenton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 August 25-26](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush updates Julia on the alarming spread of the fever. He reports that the College of Physicians has met to consult on how to stop the spread of disease and to draw up instructions for that purpose. These directions will be handed to the mayor. He asks her to stay in New Jersey with the children, and to pray for his protection, although he takes all precautions possible. He plans to confine his boys to the house for their protection.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Rush, Julia Stockton
- Rush family

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Trenton [N.J.]), 1793 August
26-27 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 32 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Trenton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 August 26-27](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush states that the boys are so apprehensive about contracting the fever from his clothes that he has decided to send them to Trenton. He asks her to have them read something useful, because he is worried about possible habits of idleness. He notes that the directions from the College of Physicians are to be published tomorrow, but worries that the fever will not subside before October's heavy rains and frost. His postscript provides instructions on how to protect the boys.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Rush, Julia Stockton
- Rush family

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Trenton [N.J.]), 1793 August 27
(online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 20 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Trenton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 August 27](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush notes that both boys have headaches, but are travelling regardless. He reports on the fever in their neighborhood, listing who has died or left town.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Trenton [N.J.]), 1793 August 29-30 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 32 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Trenton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 August 29-30](#)

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Scope and Contents

Rush provides a detailed account of the yellow fever epidemic, describing its varied presentation among individuals. He notes that the violence of the fever has caused Philadelphians to mistake it for plague. He points out that common remedies have all failed, but he consults with Dr. Caspar Wistar regarding treatments.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Yellow fever -- Treatment
 - Yellow Fever -- therapy
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Trenton [N.J.]), 1793 September 1-2 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 32 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Trenton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 1-2](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

3-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush describes the funerals taking place in the city, and tells Julia that the fever has been particularly fatal to the young. He rejoices that the boys left the city, but hopes they avoid fatigue, heat, and cold, so that they do not excite any portion of the fever they might have carried with them from town. He expresses concern that the city is only at the beginning of the epidemic, but joins Julia in planning to express more gratitude for God's mercies in the future.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Rush, Julia Stockton

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 3 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 26 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 3](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush records that his case load is increasing, as is his fatigue, but that many of those he treats are out of danger. He reports on the progress of the epidemic in their neighborhood.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania

- Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Trenton [N.J.]), 1793 September 4 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 1 page; 26 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Trenton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 4](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush briefly notes that the disease spreads, but mortality is not in proportion to the numbers afflicted. His cure is jalap and mercury, taken on the first day of the attack.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Yellow fever -- Treatment
 - Yellow Fever -- therapy
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 September 5 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 2 Leaves ; 3 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 5](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

3-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush writes that he has seen 100 patients, and that he now saves almost all those he sees within the first day. He notes that some doctors rail against the cure he uses, several of them publishing false information, even though they generally have not visited patients with the fever. He chronicles the fate of several doctors that have contracted the disease. He notes that some of his friends are ashamed to see him once they fall ill. He admonishes her once more to watch the boys closely for signs of infection, for the fever will lie dormant 1 to 16 days following contraction.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Yellow fever -- Treatment
- Yellow Fever -- therapy
- Rush, Julia Stockton
- Rush family

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 6-7 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 6-7](#)

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Scope and Contents

Rush notes that his cure is working, but there is a pause in new cases, and that fatalities are now among the poor without access to doctors or respectable people being treated by quacks. He states that if the fever breaks out in Princeton, he will send his assistant John Cox to execute his cure. Once again he documents the health status of his fellow physicians, although he records a rumor that some doctors have ceased seeing patients at all. He then discusses the various treatments that have been used for the fever. In a postscript, he adds that Africans in the city have proven immune to the disease.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia

- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Yellow fever -- Treatment
 - Yellow Fever -- therapy
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 8 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 8](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush tells Julia that the pause is over; he has been called to countless cases. Two more doctors are ill, Dr. Morris has died, and Secretary Hamilton is sick. He describes the support he receives from friends, along with the more serious symptoms of the fever.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 10 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 10](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Scope and Contents

Rush expresses amazement that he remains uninfected by the fever, for he has seen over 100 patients on this date, and 40 people were buried. He states that he does not forget to treat the poor "remembering my dream in the Autumn of 1780." Many doctors have adopted his treatment, but

several oppose it, as they oppose his treatment for lockjaw. He remarks that more of the French exiles have come down with the fever. He is now using bloodletting as a tool, since the weather is cooler.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Yellow fever -- Treatment
 - Yellow Fever -- therapy
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 11 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 11](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush notes that the efficacy of his cures is now proven, and that his directions for treating and preventing the disease will be published in the newspapers. He adds that he is in surprisingly good health, since his meals now consist only of milk and vegetables, and water.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Yellow fever -- Treatment
 - Yellow Fever -- therapy
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 12 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 1 page; 21 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 12](#)

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Scope and Contents

Rush writes that he is preparing for the "awful duties of the day," as yesterday exceeded any of the preceding days in distress and death, and two more physicians are ill.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 13 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 21 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 13](#)

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Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Scope and Contents

Rush notes that the fever has been said to become more mild, but that is not the case, especially if his treatment has not been used. He adds that besides combatting the fever, he has to contend with the "prejudices, fears, & falsehoods" of his fellow physicians. He adds that all are tinged with infection, now. Even his own eyes are tinged a yellow color.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Yellow fever -- Treatment
 - Yellow Fever -- therapy
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 15 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 34 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 15](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush refers to the tremendous opposition fellow physicians have given him regarding his cures, and Dr. Kuhn's publications have done the most harm. Rush announces that he has used his methods to cure his own attack of the fever.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Yellow fever -- Treatment
 - Yellow Fever -- therapy
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 17 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 21 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 17](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Scope and Contents

Rush states that he is sending his assistants out to his patients, and will now visit the most serious cases. He updates her on those in the neighborhood who have not survived.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Yellow fever -- Treatment
- Yellow Fever -- therapy
- Rush, Julia Stockton

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 18 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 18](#)

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Scope and Contents

Rush seeks to reassure his wife that he is fully recovered and well cared for. He notes the numbers of those who oppose his treatments that have now left the city. He adds that it is cold, and that he hopes this will check the fever.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Yellow fever -- Treatment
- Yellow Fever -- therapy
- Rush, Julia Stockton

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 18 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 2 Leaves ; 7 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 18](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Scope and Contents

Rush describes how he has been forced to limit the number of patients he sees, and the reactions of those whose treatment he declines. He also describes how many of those who become infected are abandoned. He mentions that there is fear of famine in the city.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century

- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Yellow fever -- Treatment
 - Yellow Fever -- therapy
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 20 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 20](#)

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Scope and Contents

Rush says that distress increases in Philadelphia, and names several friends and one doctor who have died.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 21 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 21](#)

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Scope and Contents

Rush announces that he is well, but has a sore throat from his treatment. He saw 25 patients by carriage; then 25 more, mostly poor people, at home, but was still forced to turn away 38 others. Their house continues as a hospital.

He says that his professional detractors are increasing their persecution of him.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 22-23 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 22-23](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush enumerates the close family friends that are ill or have died, and notes that only one doctor who continues to follow his treatment.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Yellow fever -- Treatment
 - Yellow Fever -- therapy
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 23-24 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 23-24](#)

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Scope and Contents

Rush announces that his pupil, Johnny Stall, has died. He mentions that citizens universally exhibit symptoms of the fever, but that the poor suffer the most. He hopes the weather will change.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 24 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 24](#)

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Scope and Contents

Rush announces that another of his assistants, Alston, has died. He admits to extreme weakness, but otherwise is in good health. He points out that bleeders, doctors, apothecaries, and nurses are becoming scarce, as are the medical necessities used to treat the fever.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 25-26 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 32 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 25-26](#)

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Scope and Contents

Rush says he has been spending time treating and putting up medicines for the poor. He hopes rain and frost will follow to weaken the contagion. He points out that many have died because they mistake their symptoms for a common fever. He notes that now even the African Americans are succumbing in large numbers.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 26-27 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 32 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 26-27](#)

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Scope and Contents

Rush announces that his final apprentice, John Coxe, has died and that his sister is very ill. There is some rain in the city. He reports that Dr. Wistar has published an account of his recovery that is calculated to undermine Rush's treatments.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Yellow fever -- Treatment
- Yellow Fever -- therapy
- Rush, Julia Stockton
- Rush family

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 29-30 (online item available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 29-30](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush reports that his sister is in grave danger and that, by popular demand, physicians have been forced to adopt his treatment for the fever.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Yellow fever -- Treatment
- Yellow Fever -- therapy
- Rush, Julia Stockton
- Rush family

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
September 30 - October 1 (online item
available)

Box 1 > Folder 16

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 September 30 - October 1](#)

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Scope and Contents

Rush defends his taking in Johnny Stall and Ed Fisher, as neither had any other home. His sister, who was at the brink of death, is better, but his mother is now ill and is refusing treatment.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century

- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 October
1-2 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 1-2](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush provides a detailed account of his sister's death, describing also the invaluable support she provided to him. He notes that there is a want of cash in the city, and that provisions are costly, and prices high. He adds that many of the committee men who sought to help the poor have now died. He hopes for a change in the weather. The close of the letter is missing.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 October
2-3 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 2-3](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush points out that Julia's letters are now delayed at the Post Office by 2 or 3 days, but her recent letter brought him comfort. He says that he cannot

think of the family or the children, but lives in the moment, making himself useful to others. His sister has been buried, and he plans to plant medicinal plants at her grave; his mother is fully recovered.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 October 3-4 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 3-4](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush states that he receives many inquiries each day from country practitioners, and there is a high cost personally and in postage to answering each letter, so he is publishing an account of the fever, including preventatives and remedies. He reports that he is seeing 40-50 patients a day, and notes the progress in the cases.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 October 4-5 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 4-5](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush reports that he has had a relapse of the fever, but is still seeing patients as he can. He adds that the poor, children, and servants have been hardest hit by the fever. Nursing wages are now \$4 a day. The signature for the letter has been excised.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 October 6-7 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 6-7](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush asks that Julia and the children mourn his sister's death, as he is doing. He is unable to see patients because of continued weakness.

Names and Subjects:

- Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 October 7-8 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 7-8](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush announces that the publication about the fever has been well received by the citizens. He updates Julia on the condition of several patients.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 October
8-9 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 8-9](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

3-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush states that he would rejoice at news of the birth of his niece if he could, but he feels as though he will never feel joy again. The mortality this day is worse than ever. He believes it is now unsafe for her to receive articles of clothing from their house. Also, he would prefer to borrow money from her brother than from a bank at the moment.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Rush, Julia Stockton
- Rush family

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 October
9-10 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 9-10](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush reports that the women who waited before sending for him to treat their fever have now died. His meals are now public, and he describes his diet. He notes that some doctors have been adding bark and laudanum to his new remedies. He plans to publish to expose their ignorance.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Yellow fever -- Treatment
- Yellow Fever -- therapy
- Rush, Julia Stockton

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 October
10-11 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 10-11](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush reports mortality is very great, and chiefly among the poor and servants. He adds that nearly 2000 people have died since the beginning of the fever. His own fever has returned and confined him to his house.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 October
11 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 11](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Scope and Contents

Rush is confined to his house, and has been prescribing based on the reports of his pupils. He remains weak, but otherwise healthy. He finds it strange when men write to propose business or contractual dealings at this point in time. Part of the final page of the letter is missing.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (n. p.), 1793 October 13-14
(online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 4 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(n. p.\), 1793 October 13-14](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

3-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush informs Julia that he has been thinking more of the children than he has in weeks and describes a dream he has had about her. He inquires after the new baby. He plans to ride out to the countryside to repair his health and later reports feeling stronger. He lists the conditions of those among their acquaintances.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Rush, Julia Stockton
- Rush family

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 October
14-15 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 14-15](#)

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Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush points out that he has received no letters from Julia. He gains strength but must eat often to avoid becoming "weak and fainty." His patients now hand him a glass of milk or crust of bread as they would hand another a glass of wine. He adds that their servant, Marcus, has been very faithful and that his mother is well, but complains of the high cost of housekeeping.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century

- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 October
17-18 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 17-18](#)

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Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush lists those in the neighborhood who were not his patients that have died. He praises their "black friend," Marcus, for faithfully waiting on him. He has received letters from Europe, among them a letter from Granville Sharp, authorizing him to draw on contributions in London for the African Church of Philadelphia. Among the contributors was the Duke of Grafton. Rush points out that no doctors have inquired after his health, and that their confederacy against him is stronger than ever. The letter's signature has been excised.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Sharp, Granville, 1735-1813
 - Grafton, Augustus Henry Fitzroy, Duke of, 1735-1811
 - St. Thomas' Church (Philadelphia, Pa.) -- History
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 October
18 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 18](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush announces that Dr. Sproat has died, adding, "It is truly distressing to think of the desolation which has followed the footsteps of this man, and of all the Doctors who use Bark- Wine- Laudanum, and hot, or cold Baths in this disorder. It is much more inflammatory than a common Pleurisy, & who ever thought of using those remedies in that disease?" He notes the health of other doctors, and reports that he is now employed again by Mr. Hammond, who had been persuaded against Rush's treatment. He ends noting that Julia's sister has written to urge him to leave the city, a move he feels would be "unwise, and perhaps sinful."

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Yellow fever -- Treatment
- Yellow Fever -- therapy
- Rush, Julia Stockton

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 October 20-21 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 4 pages; 23 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 20-21](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush details several patients' responses to treatment, or lack thereof, and includes consideration of the impact of psychological influences on recovery.

He notes that the days grow colder, but they need rain. He has returned to his notes on yellow fever taken during his apprenticeship in 1762.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Yellow fever -- Treatment
 - Yellow Fever -- therapy
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Trenton [N.J.]), 1793 October 21-22 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 4 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Trenton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 21-22](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Scope and Contents

Rush reports that the fever declines daily and that he expects she will be able to return to the city by mid-November. He rode out for the first time in weeks, and found more people in the streets, and those more cheerful. He adds that he is feeling stronger daily.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Trenton [N.J.]), 1793 October 23-24 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Trenton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 23-24](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Scope and Contents

Rush notes that rain and cold weather have not decreased cases of the fever; 700 have died since 11 October, and 3400 since 1 August. He feels the distress of others all the more because he cannot assist them now. He has discovered further evidence that his sister gave her life to save his. Finally, he notes that his publications are still saving lives.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Rush, Julia Stockton
- Rush family

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Trenton [N.J.]), 1793 October 24
(online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 23 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Trenton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 24](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Scope and Contents

Rush reports that his practice has fallen off. Disease has left their district and it is well known that he is too weak to see patients. His pupils attend to the poor. He describes his financial situation, then notes how few friends he now has among medical brethren, and how that impacts his future career, since he now cannot consult or operate with them.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Rush, Julia Stockton

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Trenton [N.J.]), 1793 October
25-26 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Trenton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 25-26](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Scope and Contents

Rush reports that only one person has been buried today in the Quaker graveyard, when 5-17 have been regular. He complains of fever treatments used by French physicians.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Yellow fever -- Treatment
- Yellow Fever -- therapy
- Rush, Julia Stockton

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 October
27-28 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 23 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 27-28](#)

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Scope and Contents

Rush announces he is contemplating moving into a new house before her return and considers a few locations. He adds that his day no grave was opened in the Quaker graveyard and there were no admissions or deaths in the Bush Hill hospital.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century

- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 October 28-29 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 28-29](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush has taken measures to purify their house. He points to a new clamor regarding his assertion that yellow fever has been operating in the city. He has been asked to prove that assertion.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Mrs. [Rachel] Montgomery (n. p.), 1793 October 29 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 23 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Mrs. \[Rachel\] Montgomery \(n. p.\), 1793 October 29](#)

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Scope and Contents

In this letter to his sister, Rachel, Rush provides details of their sister Rebecca's death, his grief, and the state of their mother's health.

Names and Subjects:

- Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 October
29-30 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 29-30](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush records a visit from physicians who have quietly sought to prove the effectiveness of his mercury treatment by using it to treat the poor. He asks Julia to join him in reading Psalm 103 and praising God for his protection. He expects to take charge of the hospital shortly.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Yellow fever -- Treatment
 - Yellow Fever -- therapy
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
-

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 October
30-31 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 30-31](#)

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Scope and Contents

Rush notes the health of several doctors and points out that St. Paul's Church has offered prayers twice a week since the fever began. He is not seeing patients, but is spending his time reading and making notes on the epidemic.

He describes his melancholy when he contemplates the state of the city and those he has lost.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 October 31 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 4 pages; 23 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 October 31](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

3-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush points out that many people are returning to town; he hopes not too soon, for there are still many who are ill or dying. The rest of the letter is regarding his professional feud with Dr. Wistar over treatment for the fever. Rush is especially offended because Wistar had originally assented to the efficacy of Rush's treatment, then changed his mind.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Yellow fever -- Treatment
 - Yellow Fever -- therapy
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793 November 1 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 2

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 4 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 November 1](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush has discovered that a letter containing charges against him has been circulating among physicians. He plans to obtain a copy and publish it. He is inquiring after a house.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Rush, Julia Stockton

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Rosehill), 1793 November 3
(online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 2

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 23 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Rosehill\), 1793 November 3](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush reports that he was driven to Rosehill to visit their son, Ben, and also met neighbors. He figures that two-fifths of all those sent to Bush Hill hospital have died, because his remedies were not used.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania

- Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
November 4-5 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 2

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 23 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 November 4-5](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush outlines their full affection for each other, and makes tentative plans to visit Julia. The closing for the letter has been excised.

Names and Subjects:

- Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Rush family
-

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
November 7 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 2

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 November 7](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush challenges Julia to be patient regarding a return to town. He repeats the history of his relationship with his detractors, then returns to praising her as a "great woman" for never asking him to leave the city during the outbreak.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
November 8 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 2

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 November 8](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Scope and Contents

Rush reports having received various letters and items from London, including a medical book. He states that he has had no cases of yellow fever in two days. He uses the rest of the letter to recount fully his second attack of the fever, beginning October 10th. He writes that he expects her return the coming week.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
November 11 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 2

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 November 11](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush outlines the work that will keep him from visiting Julia, after all. He points out that there have been four deaths from fever, so unless there is a

frost, she should not return to Philadelphia on the date they agreed upon. He repeats more of the "slander" against him.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
-

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1793
November 12 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 2

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 20 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1793 November 12](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush points out that he is too weak and busy to ride out to her at Rosehill, but she may come in to town, or he will ride out to spend the next day with her.

Names and Subjects:

- Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Dr.
[Basil G.] Middleton (London), 1796 January 15
(online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 22 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Dr. \[Basil G.\] Middleton \(London\), 1796 January 15](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchase, 2013

Scope and Contents

Rush writes most likely to Dr. Basil G. Middleton, (c. 1740-1818), a former surgeon with Virginia forces in the Revolutionary War, now living in London. Rush discusses personal and medical matters, touching on College of Philadelphia medical school classes and enrollment, and comments on the uncompleted treaty with England and the American political system.

Names and Subjects:

- United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783
 - Political culture -- United States
 - College of Philadelphia. Medical School
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Mr. Harris (n. p.), 1796 October 11 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 1 page; 34 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Mr. Harris \(n. p.\), 1796 October 11](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Scope and Contents

Rush's copy of a letter to a Mr. Harris regarding Rush's ability to establish a patent for land in Lewistown.

Names and Subjects:

- Deeds -- Pennsylvania -- Mifflin County
 - Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1798 August 6 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 32 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1798 August 6](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Scope and Contents

Rush announces that yellow fever has broken out throughout the city, but there have been no measures yet to exterminate the disease. Their son

Richard plans to move a mattress and books to their farm. Rush notes that a Mr. Thomas has left Philadelphia forever as a result of his debts, and has ruined many young men in the meantime. In a postscript, Rush points out that Capt. Mitchell of the American Army has the fever. Rush is considering leaving and is urging his patients to leave. Rush's signature has been excised.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1798 August
7-8 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1798 August 7-8](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush notes that the fever has increased more in one week than it had in three weeks in 1793 and 1797. He had made plans to leave in 7-10 days when the U. S. Mint was closed, but by the end of the letter announces more immediate plans to remove to Sydenham, which has been prepared for the family and servants. Their son John is arriving via his ship in New Castle. A note was appended to the letter in 1848, saying that the close of the letter was cut out for an autograph seeker.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1798 August
9-10 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 32 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1798 August 9-10](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush notes that John arrived, and they are now at Sydenham. He also reports that he has sold the Chapel farm for \$2,500. He describes a new remedy he has developed for yellow fever. The signature has been excised from this letter.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- Treatment
- Yellow Fever -- therapy
- Rush, Julia Stockton
- Rush family

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1798 August 26 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 23 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1798 August 26](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush points out that though staying in the country helps him forget all that is going on around him, he cannot forget the poor, sick, and dying in the city. Three more persons were admitted to the hospital this day than were admitted in 1793.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Rush, Julia Stockton

Benjamin Rush (Sydenham) letter to Julia
Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1798 August
31 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 23 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Sydenham\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1798 August 31](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush notes that his pupil is better, and that he is using profuse sweating as part of his treatment for the fever. A later note was appended to the letter stating that Mrs. Rush allowed the signature to be cut away for an autograph.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Yellow fever -- Treatment
- Yellow Fever -- therapy
- Rush, Julia Stockton

Benjamin Rush (n.p.) letter to Julia Stockton
Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1798 September 27
(online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 23 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(n.p.\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1798 September 27](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush reports that despite being exposed to the fever daily for two months, he is still healthy. However, he has "felt, mourned, and wept" until he could no longer do so. He reports that poor people chase him down in the street, and that he carries medicine with him in order to do all he can to help them. Free blacks and servants form a large percentage of his patients.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- Treatment
 - Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Poor -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to
Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1798
September 28 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 2 Leaves ; 5 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1798 September 28](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

3-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush recounts all the improvements he has made for her at Sydenham. He will begin sending the family from town with the warm weather in May or June.

Names and Subjects:

- Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Sydenham) letter to Nathaniel
Potter (Baltimore), 1799 October 18 (online
item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Sydenham\) letter to Nathaniel Potter \(Baltimore\), 1799 October 18](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush comments on commerce and the work of physicians, and on Philadelphia physicians opposed to use of mercury and bloodletting.

Names and Subjects:

- Mercury
 - Bloodletting
 - Potter, Nathaniel, 1770-1843.
-

Benjamin Rush (n.p.) note to Julia Stockton
Rush (n.p.), 1798, 1799 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 19 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(n.p.\) note to Julia Stockton Rush \(n.p.\), 1798 or 1799](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush writes a brief note to inform Julia that a friend has failed, physically.

Names and Subjects:

- Rush, Julia Stockton
-

Benjamin Rush (n.p.) letter to Julia Stockton
Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1798, 1799 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 23 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(n.p.\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1798 or 1799](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush writes that deaths from fever are decreasing, and he will soon end his engagement with city hospital. He outlines activities in the family, and their preparations for her return the following week. The signature to this letter has been excised.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
- Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
- Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
- Rush, Julia Stockton
- Rush family

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to unidentified, 1800 December 16 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to unidentified, 1800 December 16](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush makes treatment recommendations for an undisclosed ailment.

Names and Subjects:

- Medicine -- Practice -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia -- 18th century

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to unidentified, 1802 February 15 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 1 page; 32 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to unidentified, 1802 February 15](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush records the benefits of using Kinexox over variolation to inoculate against smallpox.

Names and Subjects:

- Smallpox -- Vaccination
- Smallpox vaccine -- History
- Vaccination -- History

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to [James Currie, n. p.], 1802 March 15 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 1 page; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to \[James Currie, n. p.\], 1802 March 15](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush writes a letter of introduction for University of Pennsylvania chemist, Dr. James Woodhouse.

Names and Subjects:

- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to John Bostock (Liverpool, England), [1805 May] (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 24 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to John Bostock \(Liverpool, England\), \[1805 May \]](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

3-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush thanks Dr. Bostock for his essay on respiration, saying he will read it with interest and awaits Bostock's future work on the topic. The rest of the letter relates to Rush's English ancestry and friendship with Bostock's father.

Names and Subjects:

- Bostock, John, 1773-1846
- Rush family
- Bostock, John, 1740-1774

Benjamin Rush (n.p.) letter to Thomas Jefferson (n. p.), 1805 June 15 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 20 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(n.p.\) letter to Thomas Jefferson \(n. p.\), 1805 June 15](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Copy of a letter Rush composed to Jefferson regarding appointments Jefferson has made, as well as the impact of yellow fever epidemics on commerce with Europe.

Names and Subjects:

- United States -- Politics and government -- 1801-1809
 - Epidemics
 - Communicable diseases
 - International trade
 - Communicable Disease Control -- History
 - Disease Transmission, Infectious -- History
 - Yellow Fever -- History
 - Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to John Bostock (Liverpool, England), 1806 April 7
(online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 26 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to John Bostock \(Liverpool, England\), 1806 April 7](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchase, 1956.

Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush thanks Bostock for his article "Analysis of Animal Fluides," then provides requested anecdotes regarding Bostock's father. Rush comments upon treatment for pulmonary consumption and the use of bloodletting in parturition and pregnancy.

Names and Subjects:

- Tuberculosis -- Treatment
 - Bloodletting
 - Parturition
 - Pregnancy
 - Bostock, John, 1773-1846
 - Rush family
 - Bostock, John, 1740-1774
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) note to Julia Stockton Rush (Princeton [N.J.]), 1808 August 25 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 1 page; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) note to Julia Stockton Rush \(Princeton \[N.J.\]\), 1808 August 25](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush's brief note to his wife following her departure, enclosing 10 dollars and providing information on the family's health.

Names and Subjects:

- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Three Rivers, Canada), 1809 July 7 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Three Rivers, Canada\), 1809 July 7](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Scope and Contents

Rush outlines how the family spent July 4th for Julia, then discusses possible successors to University of Pennsylvania chemist, James Woodhouse. Letter includes a poem by William Rush to his mother.

Names and Subjects:

- Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Rush family
 - University of Pennsylvania -- Faculty
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Three Rivers, Canada), 1809 July 15 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Three Rivers, Canada\), 1809 July 15](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

3-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush describes his parting with their son, James, and announces that Dr. Coxe has been appointed Professor of Chemistry. Includes a letter from Samuel Rush to his mother.

Names and Subjects:

- Rush, Julia Stockton
- Rush family
- University of Pennsylvania -- Faculty

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Julia Stockton Rush (Three Rivers, Canada), 1809 July 21-22 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 3

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Julia Stockton Rush \(Three Rivers, Canada\), 1809 July 21-22](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

3-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush relates how he misses Julia, then describes the activities of their boys. He notes that the weather has been uncommonly cool, which has damaged crops. There has also been an outbreak of yellow fever in the city, but he expects it to be checked by the cool weather. He points out that the "ejection of Mr. Erskine's convention with our government by the British Court" has caused outrage in the city.

Names and Subjects:

- Yellow fever -- 18th century
 - Yellow Fever -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
 - Yellow Fever -- Epidemiology -- Pennsylvania
 - Rush, Julia Stockton
 - Rush family
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Richard Henderson (Loudon Court House, Virginia), 1810 May 31 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 4

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Richard Henderson \(Loudon Court House, Virginia\), 1810 May 31](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush writes regarding a Mr. Carter's debts, particularly regarding his coffin and grave.

Names and Subjects:

- Death -- Social aspects -- United States -- History -- 19th century
 - Burial -- Social aspects -- United States -- History -- 19th century
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Richard Henderson (Loudon Court House, Virginia), 1810 June 27 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 4

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 4 pages; 32 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Richard Henderson \(Loudon Court House, Virginia\), 1810 June 27](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush writes a more detailed letter regarding Mr. Carter's debts and ill treatment of Carter, who was insane, by his family. Includes a statement of charges certified by the hospital's steward. Letter features an additional written comment made by Henderson or someone in his firm.

Names and Subjects:

- Mental illness -- Treatment -- United States -- History -- 19th century
 - Mentally ill -- Treatment -- United States -- History -- 19th century
 - Medical care, Cost of -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to unidentified, 1810 October 20 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 4

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 4 pages; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to unidentified, 1810 October 20](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Alternative Form Available:

3-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush replies to a requested consult regarding a severe case of hemorrhoids or other bowel problem. He proposes that if the patient is willing to visit Philadelphia, the problem can be treated surgically.

Names and Subjects:

- Hemorrhoids
 - Hemorrhoids -- therapy
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to W. Jones [Dr. Walter Jones] (n. p.), 1811 February 12 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 4

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 4 pages; 26 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to W. Jones \[Dr. Walter Jones\] \(n. p.\), 1811 February 12](#)

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Alternative Form Available:

3-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush congratulates Jones on his decision to leave Congress, and records his own regrets regarding public service, with particular regard to the funding system and the banks. He now believes American citizens "unfit for and undeserving of liberty."

Names and Subjects:

- United States -- Economic conditions -- 18th century
- Political participation -- United States
- Political culture -- United States
- Monetary policy -- United States -- History -- 18th Century
- Jones, Walter, 1745-1815

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Rev. Dr. Samuel Miller (n. p.), 1811 June 7 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 4

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 2 Leaves ; 7 pages; 33 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Rev. Dr. Samuel Miller \(n. p.\), 1811 June 7](#)

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Scope and Contents

Rush writes his memories of John Rodgers, the patriarch of Presbyterianism in the United States. Rodger's had been his boyhood friend at Dr. Finley's school in Maryland. In 1777, Rush had taken care of Rodger's son in Kingston following a battle.

Names and Subjects:

- Miller, Samuel, 1769-1850
- Rodgers, John, 1727-1811

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to William Eustis (n. p.), 1811 December 16 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 4

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 26 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to William Eustis \(n. p.\), 1811 December 16](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush writes an unsolicited recommendation for Dr. James Mease to serve as head of the Office of Purveyor for the army's medical department.

Names and Subjects:

- Eustis, William, 1753-1825
- Mease, James, 1771-1846.

Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to unidentified, 1812 August 11 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 4

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to unidentified, 1812 August 11](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchase, 2012

Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush's draft letter acknowledges receipt of his certificate of membership in the Royal Academy of Medicine in Madrid, and laments the general lack of appreciation one experiences at the end of a career.

Names and Subjects:

- [Medicine -- Practice -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia](#)
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Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia) letter to Dr. [David] Hosack (n. p.), 1812 September 25 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 4

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 25 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(Philadelphia\) letter to Dr. \[David\] Hosack \(n. p.\), 1812 September 25](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Rush's copy of a letter to Hosack on the origin of the fortifications and other Native ruins in different parts of the country.

Names and Subjects:

- [Fortification -- United States -- History](#)
 - [Excavations \(Archaeology\) -- United States](#)
 - [Historic sites -- United States](#)
 - [Hosack, David, 1769-1835.](#)
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Benjamin Rush (n. p.) letter to Baron Van Sach (n. p.), 1812 September 28 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 4

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 20 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(n. p.\) letter to Baron Van Sach \(n. p.\), 1812 September 28](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush's copy of a letter assuring the Baron he has read all of the medical segments of Van Sach's letters from Surinam, regarding the origins of infectious disease, including yellow fever and influenza. He commends Van Sach on his plans for preventing fevers in Surinam.

Names and Subjects:

- Suriname
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Benjamin Rush (n. p.) letter to John Thompson (Edinburgh), 1812 October (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 4

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 2 pages; 21 cm

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush \(n. p.\) letter to John Thompson \(Edinburgh\), 1812 October](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Rush's copy of a letter he wrote regarding his memories of Dr. William Cullen.

Names and Subjects:

- Cullen, William, 1710-1790
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George Washington (Valley Forge) letter to Benjamin Rush (Yorktown), 1778 January 12 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 5

Creator: Washington, George, 1732-1799

Physical Description: 2 Leaves ; 2 pages; 23 cm

Digital Object: [George Washington \(Valley Forge\) letter to Benjamin Rush \(Yorktown\), 1778 January 12](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

1-page transcript available

Scope and Contents

Washington acknowledges the receipt of Rush's letter, and regrets the defects of the medical department, as Rush and Gov. Livingston have described them. Washington reports that he has taken measures to have the hospitals

inspected and considered regulations regarding them. Includes a separate invitation for Rush to dine with the ?Washington.

Names and Subjects:

- United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Medical care
- Military hospitals -- United States
- Medicine, Military -- United States -- History -- 18th century
- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Anthony Wayne (Charlestown) letter to Benjamin Rush (n. p.), 1783 January 20 (online item available)

Box 2 > Folder 6

Creator: Wayne, Anthony, 1745-1796

Physical Description: 1 Leaves ; 3 pages; 23 cm

Digital Object: [Anthony Wayne \(Charlestown\) letter to Benjamin Rush \(n. p.\), 1783 January 20](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Scope and Contents

Wayne describes his fever and consumption and their treatment, following his loss of blood "in defence of the rights & liberties of America, 'from her coldest, to her hottest sun.'"

Names and Subjects:

- United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Personal narratives
- Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

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Writings, 178[4]-1845 and undated

Scope and Contents

Contains a medical case book and a fragment of an essay or lecture written by Benjamin Rush, along with his travel diary for a trip to meet with the Board of Trustees for Dickinson College in 178[4]. Other materials include Julia Rush's devotional journal and exercise book, as well as an undated presentation note written by Richard Rush.

Benjamin Rush travel diary, 178[4] April 2-7 (online item available)

Box 3 > Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 2 items ; 23 pages

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush travel diary, 178\[4\] April 2-7](#)

Scope and Contents

The diary records Rush's travel, accompanied by a servant and via horses, between the outskirts of Philadelphia and Carlisle, Pennsylvania, for an initial meeting with the trustees of Dickinson College. During the meeting the Trustees selected Dr. Charles Nisbet to serve as the College's first president. Rush described the taverns and other travel lodges at which he stopped, along with Tavern staff and other patrons, the quality of the food and drink, along with conversations he witnessed or took part in. Discussion often centered on the topics of the Constitution, paper money, as well as Dickinson College. Rush also described the results of a rapid Spring thaw on the Susquehanna River, the unusually cold weather, the scenery, and the presence whiskey stills in Irish settlements and their impact on their communities.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Alternative Form Available:

5-page transcription available

Names and Subjects:

- Travel writing -- History -- 18th century
- Taverns (Inns) -- Pennsylvania -- History -- 18th century.
- Pennsylvania -- Description and travel -- 18th century
- Pennsylvania -- Social life and customs.
- Susquehanna River
- Diaries
- Dickinson College

Benjamin Rush medical casebook, 1811-1812
(online item available)

Box 3 > Folder 2

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 items ; 74 pages

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush medical casebook, 1811-1812](#)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Scope and Contents

In the casebook, Rush provided brief histories for his treatment of about 75 individuals. Entries generally included the year, patient's name, presented

medical issue, dates of treatment, prescriptions applied, pulses noted, and the progression or resolution of the problem. Rheumatism was the most common complaint, along with dropsy (edema), pneumonia, diarrhea, and mania. Among the other illnesses listed were palsy (paralysis), fever, typhus, epilepsy, consumption, scurvy, hydrothorax, swelled spleen, and hysteria.

Names and Subjects:

- Medical records -- Pennsylvania
 - Physicians -- Diaries
 - Physicians -- Correspondence
 - Physicians -- Pennsylvania -- History -- 19th century
 - Medicine -- Formulae, receipts, prescriptions
 - Medicine -- United States -- History
 - Pulse
 - Rheumatism -- Treatment
 - Edema -- Treatment
 - Pneumonia -- Treatment
 - Diarrhea
 - Mania
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Julia Stockton Rush devotional journal,
1812-1845 (online item available)

Box 3 > Folder 3

Physical Description: 222 pages

Digital Object: [Julia Stockton Rush devotional journal, 1812-1845](#)

Scope and Contents

Rush not only detailed her religious thoughts and practiced devotional exercises but also outlined her feelings regarding family matters, especially in regard to her bereavement following her husband's death. She requested intercession for family members, such as when her daughters emigrated to England and Canada and their later return, when they suffered serious illnesses, and blessings for the christenings of her grandchildren. She also noted her general physical and mental health as she aged. Entries are irregular, but often annually mark the New Year and her birthday on March 2nd.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Benjamin Rush lecture or essay fragments,
Undated (online item available)

Box 3 > Folder 4

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 8 items

Digital Object: [Benjamin Rush lecture or essay fragments, Undated](#)

Alternative Form Available:

2-page transcription available.

Scope and Contents

Lecture or essay regarding use of cordial remedies and bleeding, a discussion of influenza, along with a 2-page partial report on an autopsy that noted the presence of a tumor in the abdomen.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Names and Subjects:

- Herbal liqueurs -- Therapeutic use.
- Bloodletting
- Influenza
- Autopsy
- Abdomen -- Cancer
- Abdomen -- Tumors

Richard Rush note, Undated (online item available)

Box 3 > Folder 5

Creator: Rush, Richard, 1780-1859

Physical Description: 1 items

Digital Object: [Richard Rush note, Undated](#)

Scope and Contents

Presentation note for three unnamed items initialed by Richard Rush, son of Benjamin and Julia Stockton Rush.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

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Financial Records, 1766-1828

Scope and Contents

Includes a few medical statements and receipts, along with two volumes of household accounts maintained by Benjamin Rush, one in conjunction with his wife. Along with general expenses and accounting information, the account books feature the employment records for Rush family staff and servants, often

containing comments on the character and notable aspects of the employment history of each employee.

Medical statements and receipts, 1766-1810
(online item available)

Box 3 > Folder 6

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813; Rush, Julia Stockton

Physical Description: 6 items

Digital Object: [Medical statements and receipts, 1766-1810](#)

Scope and Contents

Includes statements and receipts for medicines, advice, consultations, and sundries. In one case, Rush collected a fee on behalf of another physician. Julia Stockton Rush also served as collector, along with her husband. Includes a receipt from Richard Henderson in Leesburg, Va., for payment on the account of Mr. Carter, who had been a patient in Rush's care (see Letters series).

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Names and Subjects:

- Medicine -- Practice -- Pennsylvania
- Medicine -- Practice -- Accounting
- Physicians -- Records and correspondence.
- Physicians -- Pennsylvania -- History -- 19th century
- Physicians -- Pennsylvania -- History -- 18th Century

Household Accounts, 1770-1797 (online item available)

Volume 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 Volumes ; 259 pages

Digital Object: [Household Accounts, 1770-1797](#)

Scope and Contents

Contains primarily Benjamin Rush's records of his expenses, including tax and bond payments, rental property fees, classes and dance lessons for family members, as well as money lent or advanced, accounts paid, cash received, and income from boarders. Rush noted the wide variety of areas where his money was spent, from postage and travel, to clothing and shoes, to household provisions and stores, along with medicines purchased. In addition, Rush created accounts for servants when they arrived, and noted their wages and any increased wages, advances, or loans; cloth, clothing, and shoes provided; with occasional notes on their personal and work habits and work history, and when they exited his service or married. Several of

the comments have been redacted, along with a few pages of the account book. Finally, Rush made a few brief commonplace notes randomly in the volume, providing a "style sheet" for description of pulses, outlining a few prescriptions for patients, describing the weather, listing inventories of his furniture and linens, recording a few recipes, and in 1783, noting the news of possible peace with England.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Names and Subjects:

- Finance, Personal -- Pennsylvania -- History -- 18th century
- Households -- Pennsylvania -- History -- 18th century
- Home economics -- Pennsylvania -- Accounting
- Unskilled labor -- Pennsylvania
- Rental housing -- Pennsylvania -- 18th century
- Taxation -- Pennsylvania.
- Account books

Domestic Account Book belonging to Benj & Julia Rush beginning June 1799, 1799-1828
(online item available)

Volume 2

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813; Rush, Julia Stockton

Physical Description: 1 Volumes ; 146 pages

Digital Object: [Domestic Account Book belonging to Benj & Julia Rush beginning June 1799](#)

Scope and Contents

Contains primarily accounts for individuals the Rush's employed in their household, including various house servants, cooks, coachmen, farmers and gardeners, along with accounts for work completed by washerwomen outside the residence. Individual accounts include the servant's name, followed by notes on pay and payments made, as well as any holds on pay, advances, loans, and pay rate increases. They also indicated when an individual was supplied with shoes or clothing, or had time off to visit the country. In addition, for the majority of the individuals, Benjamin continued his habit of adding a descriptive note when the person left their service, stating the reason for the departure, commenting on the quality of that servant's work, outlining their personal and work habits (especially their drinking habits), whether they married or not, and their race or ethnic background. Includes an incomplete alphabetical index for servant names. There are a few additional household accounts briefly noted, for wood and an umbrella, as well as two receipts, one for taxes and another (laid-in) for bread.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Names and Subjects:

- Households -- Pennsylvania -- History -- 19th century
- Finance, Personal -- Pennsylvania -- History -- 19th century
- Home economics -- Pennsylvania -- Accounting
- Unskilled labor -- Pennsylvania
- Account books

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Legal Documents and Educational Records, 1775-1795

Scope and Contents

Present are Benjamin Rush's sworn statement regarding a certificate for Dickinson College, a patent for a tract of land Rush purchased in 1795, along with a certificate of attendance Rush signed for one of his students at the College of Philadelphia Medical School.

Samuel Cole educational record, 1775 April 26
(online item available)

Box 3 > Folder 7

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 items

Digital Object: [Samuel Cole educational record, 1775 April 26](#)

Scope and Contents

Rush issued this certificate documenting that Samuel Cole attended 3 courses of his lectures on Chemistry and Pharmacy. Signed by Rush, Professor of Chemistry, College of Philadelphia.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Names and Subjects:

- Medical education -- United States
- Student records -- Pennsylvania
- College of Philadelphia. Medical School

Sworn statement, 1786 April 14 (online item available)

Box 3 > Folder 8

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 items

Digital Object: [Sworn statement, 1786 April 14](#)

Scope and Contents

Sworn statement that the certificate dated 1 July 1784, payable to Thomas Gilby and signed by John Pierce, is really the property of Dickinson College. signed by Benjamin Rush.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Josiah Charles Trent Collection, 1956

Names and Subjects:

- Dickinson College

Land Patent, 1795 April (online item available)

Folder 1

Creator: Rush, Benjamin, 1746-1813

Physical Description: 1 items

Digital Object: [Land Patent, 1795 April](#)

Scope and Contents

Land deed for the Williamsburg tract purchased by Benjamin Rush, signed by Gov. Thomas Mifflin and Dep. Sec. James Trimble, with the Pennsylvania State seal, with notice that it was recorded in the state patent books.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Names and Subjects:

- Land tenure -- Pennsylvania -- History -- 18th century
- Land titles -- Pennsylvania -- History -- 18th century
- Real property -- Pennsylvania -- History -- 18th century
- Deeds

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