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 Wilkinson, Jemima, 1752-1819.  
 Papers, 1772-1849.  
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Religious leader. Originally a Rhode Island Quaker, Jemima Wilkinson believed that she had died following an illness in 1776, and later arose as the "Publick Universal Friend," who was sent by God to preach against sin. After preaching in Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania, she established a colony (1790) on Keuka Lake in Western New York for herself and her followers. Soon after the Friend's death in 1819, the community disintegrated entirely.

Summary: Includes papers of the "Universal Friend," her followers, and their descendants, relating largely to the migration of Wilkinson and her followers from Rhode Island to what is now Yates County, New York, the development of their settlements, their conflict and litigation over land, and their religious life. Included are minutes of meetings, deeds, the last will of the "Universal Friend" and others, journals, sermons, accounts, documents covering the Boston and Massachusetts Pre-emptions, the Gore Land Case, the Yates County Bank, the Second National Bank, President Jackson, temperance, and other subjects; and letters to and from Jemima Wilkinson, Sarah Richards, Ruth Richards, Rachel Malin, the Malin family, Alice Hazzard, James Parker, Arnold Potter, Thomas Hathaway, William Carter, Ruth Spencer, William Turpin, and others.

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1. Carter, William. 2. Hathaway, Thomas. 3. Hazzard, Alice. 4. Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845. 5. Malin, Rachel. 6. Malin family. 7. Parker, James. 8. Potter, Arnold. 9. Richards, Ruth. 10. Richards, Sarah. 11. Spencer, Ruth. 12. Turpin, William. 13. Second National Bank. 14. Yates County Bank. 15. Cults. 16. Real property, Exchange of. 17. Religion--Connecticut. 18. Religion--New York (State) 19. Religion--Pennsylvania. 20. Temperance. 21. Women in religion. 22. Accounts. 23. Journals. 24. Photoprints. 25. Sermons. 26. Wills. 27. Publick Universal Friend.

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JEMIMA WILKINSON, 1752-1813.  
PAPERS, 1771-1849.

NOTE:

The documents were not filmed in the order listed.

## Wilkinson Papers

- Land Deed. Walley Adams, Dartmouth, Massachusetts Bay, to James Hathaway, Dartmouth, October 4, 1772
- Account of a Dream, to the Universal Friend. No signature, but initials M. T. Sometime in the third month, 1782.
- Letter. Lydia Mevrick, Charlestown, South Carolina, to an unknown, March, 1784
- Letter. Unsigned, from Worcester, to "Dearest Friend", October 21, 1787. Arrived safely in Worcester - good road by way of New York - religious discussion - wishes the Friend would come there.
- Letter. To the Public Universal Friend, at Pennsylvania, from James Parker, Jerusalem, October 9, 1788. Describes life in new settlement, and projects.
- Letter. Sarah Pritchard, Worcester, to Ruth Pritchard, South Kingston, Rhode Island State, New England, 1788. Mentions many friends, and "Friend" sends love to all.
- Letter, William Carter, Albany, to Richard Smith, Jerusalem, May 1, 1790. Discussion of a case which Enouh Malin is bringing, as a result of the defective will of Sarah Malin, involving certain lands.
- Letter. Latham Avery, Groton, to Silas Burrows, February 15, 1790. Concerning daughter's marriage.
- Agreement. Benedict Robinson, Jamestown, Rhode Island, and David Wagener, Worcester, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1790. Concerning division of land.
- Receipt. Benedict Robinson to Sarah Richards, Worcester, Pennsylvania, June 6, 1791. Twenty Four silver dollars.
- Letter. William Carter, Albany, to the Universal Friend, Jerusalem, February 25, 1791. Since returning to Albany, and declaring himself a Friend, his friends have forsaken him.
- Notes in a case involving a bond given by William Pott<sup>r</sup> and Thomas Hathaway to the community of Friends residing at Jerusalem, for 5000 pounds. October 10, 1792.

## Wilkinson Papers (2)

Minutes of meetings to elect trustees for Society of the Universal Friend, November 17, 1791 - November 17, 1795.

Certificate. Benedict Robinson will allow Sarah Richards to owe him money without interest until she can pay it. Jerusalem, October 9, 1792.

In Chancery to the Honorable John Lansing Junior Esquire Chancellor of the State of New York Amended Bill in the case Rachel Malin vs. Enoch Malin and Eliza his wife, Elnathan Botsford, Asahel Stoen, Asa Ingnaam and Truman Stone, May 2, 1793.

Receipt to Mr. Benedict Robinson for one deed. Signed by Nath Gesham and Oliver Phelps "and one other syned by himself to Sara Richards to be recorded", Canandaigua, July 28, 1792.

In Chancery to the Honorable John Lansing Junior Esquire, Chancellor of the State of New York. Amended bill in the case of Rachel Malin vs. Enoch Malin and Eliza his wife, and others. May 2, 1793.

Deed. Thomas Hathaway to Sarah Richards, Jerusalem, County of Ontario. A piece of land lying in Ontario County in a township No. 7 Range 2, Lot No. 47. June 12, 1793.

Exhibit S. "Sarah Richards in 1793 to Ruth Pritchard as to the Land from Thomas Hathaway bought for the Friend.

Remarks on evidence given in Gore Land Case arising from distribution by Parker, Potter, and Hathaway. May 20, 1793, June 11, 1793, and August 15, 1793.

Deed. James Hathaway of Jerusalem in Ontario County to Rachel Malin of Jerusalem, Ontario County. Farm implements and household articles. July 30, 1794.

Deed. William Carter to Rachel Malin of Ontario County. A piece of land, lots 21 and 22 in Township 7, Range 2 in the Massachusetts preemption. July 14, 1795.

Letter. From Sarah Potter of Southkingston to "Friend" dated October 28, 1795. All well - reminiscence over old times together.

Statement of expenses. Dr. Rachel Malin to William Carter and statement to William Carter of his part of the cost, time, and expenses in plowing and conveying his part of the land in Township 7.

## Wilkinson Papers (3)

- Deed. Thomas Hathaway to William Carter. All rights in lands except stated 5,960 acres. August 4, 1795.
- Notation made by Benedict Robinson October 6, 1796 at Jerusalem that he has recorded with Richard Smith and Rachel Malin claims against State of Sarah Richards.
- Deed. James Hathaway of Jerusalem, Ontario County to Rachel Malin of same town and county. Tract of land in township 7 in second range of Massachusetts preemption. July 20, 1794.
- Record of proceedings at meetings of Society of Universal Friend by John Briggs, Clerk. 1796-1805.
- Copy of Court Record stating that Richard Smith exhibittee his Bill as executor of will of Sarah Richards at court of Probate in Waterburg. April 14, 1800.
- Quit Claim Deed. Hannah Baldwin of Jerusalem, Ontario County to Rachel Malin acting in trust for Publick Universal Friend two tracts of land containing 14, 140 acres. August 31, 1801.
- Letter to John Briggs from William Huast. August 29, 1801. Geneva, N. Y. Notes he is detained from starting to Albany. William Carter attempting to have bill filed in Chancery in case court gave judgement against Lisson. Plans to be in Albany to converse with Mr. VanVechten on the subject.
- Letter. William Luast to Rachel Malin. Geneva, October 12, 1802. Notes that Jury of Inquiry has found \$103 against D. Brown and Mary Kiney and \$551 against Griffin B. Hayard. Hopes court will have justice to confirm what has been done.
- Letter. Benedict Robinson to Universal Friend. July 7, 1805. Requests settlement on lands.
- Letter. William Huast to Rachel Malin. Chenango Point, October 11, 1805. Enoch has deed for land he lives on. Expects to be at Ontario Court first week in November.
- Receipt for Publick Universal Friends, Jerusalem, lands in the second 7th town given by Benedick Robinson and Thomas Hathaway, November 10, 1806, Annual meetings of the Society of Universal Friends for the purpose of chosing trustees. November 17, 1806-1816.

## Wilkinson Papers (4)

- Deposition of witnesses in Court in the case of Rachel Malin vs. Enoch Malin and his wife, Eliza, and others in the village of Canandaigua, October 20, 1813.
- Receipt. Received of the Publick Universal Friend and Rachel Malin for all debts and demands, \$80.00, by Margaret Malin and John Briggs. Jerusalem Village, March 22, 1814.
- Letter. R. W. Stoddard, Geneva, to Mrs. Eliza S. Malin, concerning the case with Rachel Malin, November 25, 1816.
- Will. Last testament of the Publick Universal Friend. All lands, household furniture, cattle, sheep, swine, horses, and wearing apparel to be given to Rachel and Margaret Malin, all of Jerusalem, county of Ontario May 22, 1820.
- Letter. Rachel Malin, Jerusalem to Dr. Gold. Williams has no idea of compromising. January 12, 1819.
- Receipt. Received from Universal Friend by Rachel Ingraham, for service done. \$20.00
- Letter. Margaret Malin, Jerusalem to her sister Abigail Malin, Philadelphia, January 1, 1821.
- Letter. John Gill to Rachel Malin, New Jerusalem. Wants the names of witnesses to each of the nine points listed for the charges against Cornwell, Hathaway, Domian and Guernsey, 1822.
- Letter. G. W. Malin to Aunt. Concerning reason for being in Burdette - engaged to M. Alfred, a merchant in Burdette. Asks her Aunt to furnish M. Hartwell with leather sufficient to make her a pair of boots, she has leather from Penn Yan. March 30, 1825.
- Received of Rachel Malin and James Brown - \$29.70, in full for payment due on a contract for the building a certain saw mill. By J. B. Waterman, Jerusalem. March 16, 1826.
- Fire Insurance Policy, Western Fire Insurance Company, Policy of William M. Oliver, Village of Penn Yan, Yates County, December 25, 1826.
- Received of Rachel Malin by the hand of Rowland Moseley to our full satisfaction for the right on claim if any which we have against the personal Estate of our grandmother Sarah Richards late of the County of Ontario and State of New York. December 11, 1828. David Malin and Avery L. Malin.

## Wilkinson Papers (5)

Letter. Rowland Moseley, Thompson to James Brown, Jerusalem, Yates County. Concerning sale of his land in Brown's vicinity; he may appoint Brown as power of attorney or move in the vicinity near it. Also speaks of calling on a Mr. Wood in Geneva as requested by Brown. April 28, 1829.

Copy of the Charter of the Yates County Bank, An Act to incorporate the President Directors and Company of the Yates County Bank.  
Passed April 2, 1831.

Poem. Be Temperate by E. T. Benedict, Jerusalem, March 14, 1833.

Statement of money expended for clothing etc. for Rebecca Cristons dated 1839.

Letter. Marilla Marks to Margaret Mallin. Oberlin, Dec. 5, 1843.  
Tells of death and character of Rachel, matters concerning settlement of her estate. Poor health and hard work of James. Both she and husband like Oberlin. People of Oberlin hide seventeen run away slaves from authorities.

Financial Statement- Bill for groceries and dry goods sold by Watson Stark and Company to James Brown. March, 1846 - March, 1847.

Letter. Lucy P. Morton of Westport to "dear Friends" dated Feb. 19, 1849. Congratulates "friends" on becoming parents. Railroad from New York to Boston runs through town. Has been completed but a short time. Likes place where she lives. Husband has been on lecturing tour. Speaks of "California rage."



## Wilkinson Papers (6)

No Dates

Scriptural Reference. "He is stilled by his subject, the shadow of God a God on Earth Brother to the Sun and Moon. Disposes of all Earthly Crowns."

Statement. Publick Universal Friend had paid \$579.28 at sundry times on Chancery business.

Statment of land conveyances to Rachel Malin. Total of 4,160 acres to Jacob Wagener, 1803 acres; to David Wagener, 711; Mary Aldrige, 335 acres. Conveyances by William Carter by order of Thomas Hathaway.

Sermon. Theme is power of God over mortals.

Letter. Half a letter sigend by Lucy Brown with reference to lands.

Statment of division of 1,100 acres of land between William Potter, B. Brown, E. Sharman, etc., sigend by James Parker.

Song. Written in memory of James Bird of Kingston Volunteers who marched to Erie under command of Captain Thomas to protect western frontiers evidently during War of 1812.

A list of James Parker's Associates delivered to Benjamin Banta by him for a guide in their contract. March 15.

- 1 Sermon - Jemima Wilkinson. A Short Dialogue Between A Larned Divine and a Beggar. undated.
- 1 Letter, Exeter, Rhode Island, July 20, 1785, from Ruth Richard to Friends, in the nature of a sermon.
- 1 Letter, Philadelphia, September 12, 1788, from Christopher Marshall to the Universal Friend (and Sarah Richard) in answer to a letter written by the friend. Religious
- 1 Copy of confession by Alice Hazzard, dated December 6, 1790, that she took a considerable sum of money from her father-in-law, an act of which the Friend was accused. Endorsement states copy dated, June 10, 1790.
- 1 Copy of letter from Mehitabel Smith, Groton, August 30, 1782, to Abner Brownell, asking him not to advertise a misunderstanding between them.
- 1 Letter, Hudson City, April 14, 1788, James Parker to Abraham Dayton at New Milford. Parker describes himself as an agent for the Friends in matter of purchase of Boston preemption and claims he has saved them \$100,000.
- 1 Promise, South Kingston, January 20, 1789, by Benedict Robinson to Alice Hazzard to deliver to her or by her order a silver tea-pot and other items.

Journal, Ruth Spencer, describing briefly the Friend's early activities and giving the texts of her sermons from 1793 to 1798.

The Last Will and Testament of William Turpin, formerly of Charleston, S. C., late of New York, who died, January 21, 1835, in the 81st year of his age. New York, 1835.

- 1 Letter, New York, June 8, 1834, William Turpin to Rachel Malin of Jerusalem, Yates County, describing a trip to Philadelphia and Washington and a conversation with President Jackson.
- 1 Statement Peleg Brown of cash collected on account of Rachel Malin of Jerusalem, Yates County, 1841-1842, with letter from Brown asking Rachel to have her stocks transferred to her own name.

- 1 Agreement, April 7-13, 1799, among certain purchasers of land in a tract granted to James Parker, William Potter, and Thomas Hathaway and their associates (Society of Friends) to share the costs of defending suits for land claims brought against the Society of Friends.
- 1 Letter, Watervliet, December 1, 1820, William Carter to Rachel Malin. Concerning suit Carter threatens to bring against Rachel Malin unless she takes his advice and turns over land she claims to him.
- 1 Minutes of a meeting and resolutions, the community of Friends, Jerusalem, October 27, 1791, concerning a contract to buy land west of Seneca Lake and an agreement with James Parker to fulfil the contract.
- 1 Indenture, February 16, 1795, Thomas Hathaway and Benedict Robinson of Jerusalem, by Power of Attorney from William Carter of Albany, to Jacob Wagener, for land in Township 7, Range 2, for 100 £ York currency.
- 1 Newspaper clipping - Notice, Geneva, January [8], 1797, of auction of land in gore for default on payment of mortgage to Abel Densmore
- 1 Newspaper clipping (recent). Description of mansion five miles west of Penn Yan erected by Arnold Potter in the late 18th century, and of visit by Louis Philippe.