Wilkinson, Jemima, 1752-1819.

Papers, 1768-1872.
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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) for herself and her followers. Soon after the Friend's death in 1819 the community disintegrated entirely.

Summary: Papers of the "Publick Universal Friend," her followers, and their descendants, including letters, wills, deeds, accounts, and other items; correspondents include James Brown, William Carter, Thomas R. Gold, Giles Kinney, Rachel Malin, Christopher Marshall, William Oliver, Sarah Richards, and Ruth Spencer.


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JEMIMA WILKINSON, 1752-1819.

Papers, 1771-1849.

Note: Researchers are asked to use the microfilm copy and not the originals if at all possible.

The documents were not filmed in the order listed.
1. Dec. 17, 1768
   Daniel Brown to his brother
   Letter - 1 piece

2. Feb. 9, 1776
   James Hathaway to Francis Rotch
   Receipt - 1 piece

3. July 17, 1786
   Author undetermined
   Letter or page of diary telling of trip from South Kingston - 1 piece

4. Jan 1, 1787
   (?) to "Dearest Friend"
   Letter - 1 piece

5. Jan. 28, 1789
   Christopher Marshall to Friend
   Letter - 1 piece

6. Jan. 8, 1790
   William Carter to the Universal Friend (by Friend Ingraham)
   Letter - 1 piece

7. Feb. 24, 1790
   Benedict Robinson received of Sarah Richards
   Receipt - 1 piece

8. Nov. 7, 1791
   Ruth Pritchard received of Sarah Richards
   Receipt - 1 piece

9. Oct. 10, 1792
   Society of Friends to New York State Legislature
   Petition and Remonstrance - 1 piece

10. March, 1793
    Sarah Richards to Ruth Pritchard
    Title folder only - 1 piece

11. Nov., 1793
    Sarah Richards
    Will (fragments) - 2 pieces

12. (?) 28, 1795
    Sarah Richards
    Inventory of estate
    Title folder only - 1 piece

13. May, 1795
    Thomas Hathaway to William Carter
    Deed - title folder only - 1 piece

14. 1797
    "Poor Robin's Almanac"
    Booklet - 1 piece - 38 pp

15. Feb. 7, 1797
    Abstract of case of letters on the land called the Gore
    1 piece

16. March 14, 1799
    William Carter to Friend Botsford
    Letter - 1 piece

17. Jan. 1, 1800
    Jacob Waggoner to Jonathan Dains, Isaac Nichols, Silas Sprink
    Deed - 1 piece
- 16. May 26, 1800
  Sarah Richards
  Accounts of administering her estate (fragment) - 1 piece
- 19. March 27, 1801
  Aaron Smith
  Notes received and payable - 1 piece
- 20. 1804
  "Webster's Calendar: or, The Albany Almanack"
  Booklet - 1 piece - 32 pp
- 21. May, 1811
  James Mouer to James Brown Esq.
  Notice of appointment as justice of the peace - 1 piece
- 22. Oct. 1812-June 9, 1813
  James Brown to Samuel Colt, Dr.
  Accounts due - 1 piece
- 23. Oct. 20, 1813
  Benedict Robinson
  Land title from Thomas Hathaway - 1 piece
- 24. Oct. 21, 1813
  Gilbert Hathaway
  Cross examination - 1 piece
- 25. June 17, 1816
  Deposition of William Stewart
  1 piece
- 26. July 9, 1816
  Fragment mentioning Southwick
  1 piece
- 27. Nov. 19, 1816
  Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
  Letter - 1 piece
- 28. Oct. 6, 1817
  Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
  Letter - 1 piece
- 29. Nov. 24, 1817
  Ruth Spencer to Sarah Richards
  Letter - 1 piece
- 30. 1818
  Grist Mill case - 1 piece
- 31. May 25, 1818
  Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
  Letter - 1 piece
- 32. June 5, 1818
  Thomas R. Gold to Collins Egen
  Letter - 1 piece
- 33. Aug. 17, 1818
  Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
  Letter - 1 piece
- 34. Nov. 7, 1818
  Joshua (?)
  Fragment of IOU - 1 piece
- 35. Dec. 14, 1818
  Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
  Letter - 1 piece
- 36. Jan 29, 1819
  Giles Kinney to A.F. Oliver
  Letter - 1 piece
- 37. March 29, 1819
  Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
  Letter - 1 piece
38. May 10, 1819
George (?) and John Briggs received of Rahbel Malin
Receipt - 1 piece

39. June 1, 1819
Jonathan Dains to receive of Rachel Malin
Note payable - 1 piece

40. Sept. 1819
True copy certification fragment - 1 piece

41. Oct. 8, 1819
Stephan Phelps, Surrogate
True copy certification pertaining to estate of William Wall
1 piece

42. May 10, 1820
Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece

43. Dec. 6, 1820
Thomas R. Gold to John Briggs
Letter - 1 piece

44. Dec. 18, 1820
Elisha Williams
Case brief - 1 piece

45. 1811-1818, 1820
Bills and answers
Title folder only - 1 piece

46. May 30, 1821
A. Oliver to William Oliver
Letter - 1 piece

47. Aug., 1821
A. Oliver to William Oliver
Letter - 1 piece

48. April 3, 1822
William Turpin to Benedict Robinson
Letter - 1 piece

49. April 26, 1822
Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece

50. Aug. 3, 1822
Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece

51. Aug. 15, 1822
(?) to Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece

52. Dec. 23, 1822
Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece

53. 1822
Supreme Court Case - Abraham Wagener and Jeremiah Jillitt (?) vs.
Meredith Mallory
1 piece

54. Jan. 16, 1823
Allen Cole received of Rachel Malin
Receipt - 1 piece

55. Jan. 30, 1823
Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece
66. Feb. 30, 1823
Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece
67. March 2, 1823
A. Oliver to William M. Oliver
Letter - 1 piece
68. April 11, 1823
Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece
69. April 21, 1823
Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece
70. May, 1823
Benedict Robinson
Letter - Title folder only - 1 piece
71. Sept. 2, 1823
Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin and Margaret Malin
Letter - 1 piece
72. Nov. 7, 1823
Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece
73. Dec. 5, 1823
Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece
74. Jan. 7, 1824
Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece
75. April 18, 1824
Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece
76. May 31, 1824
(?) Gill to Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece
77. Sept. 10, 1824
Arnott Olsenen[?] received of Rachel Malin
Receipt - 1 piece
78. 1824
"Beer's Almanack"
Booklet - 1 piece - 36 pp
79. Aug. 26, 1825
Samuel Stewart
Schedule of the farms, lots, and parts of Stewart and Samuel Stewart
Fragments - 2 pieces
80. Aug. 25, 1826
(?) Gill to Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece
81. May 11, 1827
William Oliver
IOU from Rachel Malin and James Brown
1 piece
82. Feb. 13, 1828
Rachel Malin vs. William Cornwell Jr. and others
Fragment - 1 piece
83. Feb. 19, 1828
George W. Malin to Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece
84. Feb. 28, 1828
Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece
May 23, 1828
Rachel Malin to Elijah Malin
IOU - 1 piece

Aug. 1, 1828
T. Gill to Friend Malin
Letter - 1 piece

June 22, 1829
Gill to James Brown
Letter - 1 piece

July 16, 1829 etc.
Schedule of lands
Fragments - 2 pieces

Oct. 9, 1829
Mary Holmes
Will - 1 piece

July 3, 1832
Margaret Malin
Misc. notes - 1 piece

June 22, 1832
Amos Perry
"bearer may charge to me" - 1 piece

July 12, 1833
Charles Perry
"Mr. Moon may charge to me" - 1 piece

Sept. 1, 1834
William Turpin to Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece

March 7 [?], 1834
D.B. Smith to Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece

June 27, 1839 etc.
Misc. notes on wool poundage
1 piece

March 1, 1840
Charles W. Henry to James Brown and Rachel Malin
Letter - 1 piece

June 23, 1842
Listing of several deaths - 1 piece

Sept. 27, 1844
David Marks to Davison Hoshes [?]
Appoints D.W. as agent
1 piece

Nov. 6, 1844
E. Sherman received of George Clark
Receipt - 1 piece

July 13, 1843 - April 10, 1845
George Clark
Itemized grocery cost list - 1 piece

June 5, 1845
Davison Hoshiers [?]
received of James Brown
Receipt - 1 piece

Aug. 1845
John Davis
Inventory of his property
1 piece - fragment

July 11, 1846
C.S. Clark to Samuel R. Fish
Note payable - 1 piece
94. Aug. 16, 1846
Mary Ann Clark
Verses written for her - 1 piece
95. Dec. 29, 1846
Jones and Stebbins to Rachel Malin Estate
Note due - 1 piece
96. April 12, 1847
James Brown
Tailor bill - 1 piece
97. Jan. 16, 1848
L. Dains received of James Brown
Receipt - 1 piece
98. Feb. 14, 1848
Jas. Taylor to James Brown
Letter - 1 piece
99. March 6, 1849
George Beamont received of James Brown
Receipt - 1 piece
100. Nov. 10, 1849
Michael (?) to James Brown
Letter - 1 piece
101. March 4, 1851
Jas. Taylor to J. Brown
Letter - 1 piece
102. (?) 18, 1853
G.W. Nichols received of James Brown
Receipt - 1 piece
103. July 17, 1853
John C. Lown:
Summons to answer complaint of William Brown - 1 piece
104. Oct. 5, 1854
George Nichols received of James Brown
Receipt - 1 piece
105. Nov. 16, 1854
Morse to P.L. Aliner
Letter - 1 piece
106. April 12, 1855
Daniel Dana (?) to James Brown
Letter - 1 piece
107. May 22, 1855
Manilla W. Hutchins to James Brown
IOU from James Brown - 1 piece
108. May 19, 1855 - Aug. 11, 1856
James Brown
Dry goods expense account - 1 piece
109. June 22, 1856 - June 17, 1859
James Brown
Account due - 1 piece
110. Sept. 10, 1856
R.S. Oliver to W.G. and J.B. Donnan
Letter - 1 piece
111. March 30, 1872
Major Gen. J.H. Oliver
Account of his Death - 1 piece
WILKINSON PAPERS (cont'd)
Miscellaneous items - undated items

- 112. Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
   Letter - 1 piece

   Supreme Court Case - fragments - 1 piece

- 114. Citizens Bank of Penn Yan, New York
   Deposit slip - blank - 1 piece

- 115. Religious "theme"
   2 pieces

- 116. Religious verses
   1 piece

- 117. "Time and Eternity or the difference between Today and Tomorrow"
   Religious verses - 1 piece

- 118. An extract from Dr. Franklin's poem on Paper
   1 piece

- 119. Religious allegory
   Booklet - 1 piece - 12 pp.

- 120. "Reward of Merit"
   A quote - 1 piece

- 121. Fragment of a poem
   1 piece

- 122. Sarah Richards and Rachel Malin
   accounts of the Estate of the above
   fragments - 2 pieces

- 123. Recipe for soap
   1 piece

- 124. Ruth Richards
   Poem fragment

- 125. Religious poem
   1 piece

- 126. James Brown
   Misc. accounts - 1 piece

- 127. G.E. Oliver
   Power of Attorney
   1 piece

- 128. Ellen Sutjotrin to Margaret Oliver
   Letter - 1 piece

- 129. Thomas R. Gold to Rachel Malin
   June 30
   Letter - 1 piece

- 130. Legal brief - c. 1815
   1 piece - 38 pp.