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Guide to the

William Penn letters and indentures

1675-1709

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Summary

Creator: Penn, William, 1644-1718

Title: William Penn letters and indentures

Date: 1675-1709

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Abstract: Several letters, fragments of letters, and indentures of William Penn (1644-1718), English leader of the Society of Friends and founder of Pennsylvania, dating between 1675 and 1709. Recipients include Thos. Holmes (likely surveyor Thomas Holme); Samuel Beaks (or Beakes), Sheriff of Bucks County; Joseph Wood, Sheriff of Newcastle County; Hannah Callowhill Penn, and others. Letters, except to Hannah Penn, relate mainly to issues of government.

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Scope and Content Note

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Indentures

Geographic Names

Pennsylvania -- History -- Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775

Pennsylvania -- Politics and government -- To 1775

Subjects

Real property -- Pennsylvania

Names

Holme, Thomas, 1627-1666 -- recipient

Penn, Hannah Callowhill, 1671-1726 -- recipient