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Guide to the

**James Ferguson papers**

ca. 1740-1776

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## Summary

**Creator:** Ferguson, James, 1710-1776

**Title:** James Ferguson papers

**Date:** ca. 1740-1776

**Size:** .3 linear feet (1 v.)

**Source:** Purchase, Cameron, Richard (Dealer), 1899

**Abstract:** James Ferguson (1710-1776) was a Scottish philosopher, astronomer and engineer. Collection consists of scrapbook containing letters, ca. 1769-1775, by Ferguson, relating to his work and other scientific matters; drawings, pencil sketches, charts, and tables, both printed and original, dating from approximately the 1740s, of astronomical and mechanical discoveries and inventions by Ferguson and others; and materials about Ferguson including maps, clippings, engravings of portraits of Ferguson, and other items.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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## Creator History

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## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Astronomers  
Drawings (visual works)  
Maps (documents)  
Scrapbooks

### **Subjects**

Astronomy  
Engineering  
Inventions

### **Occupations**

Engineers

### **Names**

Ferguson, James, 1710-1776