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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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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Astronomers
Drawings
Maps
Scrapbooks

Subjects

Astronomy
Engineering
Inventions

Occupations

Engineers

Names

Ferguson, James, 1710-1776