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Summary Information

Repository:	Historical Society of Pennsylvania
Creator:	Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County
Title:	Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County papers
ID:	1364
ID [aspace_uri]:	/repositories/2/resources/3218
Date [inclusive]:	1702-1744
Physical Description:	0.4 Linear Feet , 1 box (4 folders)
Language of the Material:	English .
Mixed Materials [00007338] [box]:	1
Abstract:	<p>The court documents in this collection cover the years from 1702-1741. By 1702 Philadelphia had colonial courts that handled civil and criminal cases. The Court of Common Pleas, with a specific structure and jurisdiction, was established in 1722 with the Judiciary Act of 1722. This act also established the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and other Courts of Common Pleas across the Pennsylvania colony. Comprising the collection are four oversized folders in a custom box. Most of these records concern loans and debt, land disputes, and marine commerce. One item documents the trial of a man accused of sexual assault. The documents mention payments in the "Pennsylvania dollar," as well as pounds and shillings. This collection may be of interest to those studying Pennsylvania's colonial judicial system, colonial commerce, and the history of currency use in the colonies.</p>

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Restrictions

None. The collection is open for research.

Provenance

Unknown.

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Related Materials

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At the Historical Society of Pennsylvania:

Germantown (Philadelphia, Pa.) general court records, 1691-1707 (Am .371)

Jasper Yeates papers, 1733-1876 (Collection 740)

Mayor's Court (Philadelphia, Pa.) docket, 1767-1771 (Am .30353)

Miscellaneous Pennsylvania court dockets, 1746-1799 (Am .3036)

Pennsylvania and Philadelphia court records, 1681-1825 (Collection 3462)

Pennsylvania courts dockets, 1753-1776 (Am .30923)

Pennsylvania courts miscellaneous records, 1686-1696 (Am .30365)

Philadelphia (Pa.). Court of Common Pleas records, 1710-1713 (Am .3047 folio)

Philadelphia County (Pa.) miscellaneous court records, 1797-1835 (Collection 1714)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Court records -- Pennsylvania -- 18th century
- Legal Disputes -- Colonial Pennsylvania

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Documents, 1702-1703	box 1	folder 1
Documents, 1711-1714	box 1	folder 2
Documents, 1706-1707	box 1	folder 3
Documents, 1702, 1712-1744	box 1	folder 4