

## Series 1. Samuel Chew (1693-1744), 1724-1753, undated, (Boxes 1-2)

### A. Accounts

Samuel Chew's account book lists debts owed by individuals in chronological order, with notations regarding the volumes where details of the account were listed. In the credit column of the account book, the line items indicate how debts were paid. Some forms of payment include tobacco, silver, cash, other people's accounts, chickens, beans, snakeroot, and exchange of work.

Account Book	(1728-1734)	[volume in box]	Box 1	
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### B. Correspondence

Though there is only a scant amount of material remaining to illuminate the life and work of Samuel Chew, his correspondence provides some insight into his political affiliations and his personal relationships. A significant portion of this subseries is made up of correspondence with political figures, including Governor George Thomas, Richard Peters, and John and Thomas Penn. Samuel Chew wrote to them about various political appointments he held and legal cases with which he was involved. Thomas and John Penn allude to Samuel Chew's involvement in the suit against Lord Baltimore to settle the boundary dispute, but no substantive information is conveyed in these letters. There are also discussions in these letters about Samuel Chew's disagreements with the Quaker doctrines of nonviolence, and of the advertisement he had published that stated his case. Of a more personal nature are letters from Samuel Chew's son Benjamin, who discusses his travel to London to complete his legal studies at the Middle Temple. Benjamin writes about his studies and classmates, the state of his health and living situation, as well as political and social events.

William Allen to Samuel Chew	(1739)	[re: Jethro Tull's system of seed-sowing]	Box 2	ff. 1
Benjamin Chew to Samuel Chew	(1741-1743)		Box 2	ff. 2
Samuel Chew to Joseph Adams	(1743)		Box 2	ff. 3
Samuel Chew to Richard Peters	(1738-1743)		Box 2	ff. 4
Samuel Chew and Nicholas Ridgely to George Thomas	(n.d.)	[re: William Henderson case]	Box 2	ff. 5
John and Thomas Penn to Samuel Chew	(1739-1743, n.d.)		Box 2	ff. 6
George Thomas to Samuel Chew	(1738-1744, n.d.)		Box 2	ff. 7

### C. Estates

Primarily consisting of account records, the most notable item in this subseries is a booklet containing the inventory of Mary Chew's estate at the time of her death in 1747. In addition to describing in detail the clothing and household goods owned by Mary Chew, the inventory contains descriptions of the slaves held by the Chew family. The inventory includes information on fifty-two slaves, with dollar values assigned to each, some of whom were noted to be children, infirm, or otherwise less valuable.

Settlement of Mary Chew (d. 1747) estate	(1745-1747)		Box 2	ff. 8
Settlement of Samuel Chew estate	(1729-1753)		Box 2	ff. 9

### D. Legal

These papers originate primarily from Samuel Chew's appointment as the prothonotary of Kent County, with the exception of the survey materials, which are comprised of a warrant to conduct a survey of land in Kent County owned by Samuel Chew and Peter Galloway and the survey itself.

Court costs	(1737-1739)		Box 2	ff. 10
Land surveys	(1733-1741)		Box 2	ff. 11
Summonses	(1736-1739)		Box 2	ff. 12

### E. Religion

The materials in this subseries provide a clear perspective on Samuel Chew's religious and political views. After some quarrels with the Duck Creek Meeting over his support of military action against enemy nations, Samuel Chew was excommunicated by the meeting. His excommunication was declared after two speeches he delivered in front of the Grand Jury regarding the ways that military and retaliatory actions can be justified within the Christian faith. Chew's "Advertisement against the Quakers" is a direct response to actions taken against him, and contains harsh invectives condemning what he saw as the hypocrisy of the Friends:

"...once Established & Confirmed we too often find that those very People who have contended for Liberty of Conscience & Universal Toleration soon become more clear sighted & plainly discover the necessity of Uniformity in matters of Religion arrogate to themselves a Right to prescribe to others and even assume a power of Exclusion from Gods Mercy those who differ from them in opinion....having grown Rich & powerful and forgetting that they were once a Poor despised Remnant the despised People of God..." (1742).

Advertisement against the Quakers	(1742)		Box 2	ff. 13
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Consolation under the loss of friends	(n.d.)		Box 2	ff. 14
Draft letter on religion	(n.d.)		Box 2	ff. 15
Prayer book	(n.d.)		Box 2	ff. 16
Speeches to the Grand Jury	(1741-1742)		Box 2	ff. 17
Thought on religion imperfect	(1724)		Box 2	ff. 18

## Series 2. Benjamin Chew (1722-1810), 1659-1819, undated, (Boxes 3-45)

### A. Accounts

These materials include receipts for household goods such as fabric, wood, and grain; receipts for items included in his daughters' dowries; subscriptions to newspapers; purchases of law books; checks and checkbooks from several bank accounts; receipts for payments received on bonds, loans, and debts; payments for stock certificates, taxes, pew rent, and charitable contributions; and several account books, which record transactions with individuals and banks by name or chronologically. This subseries documents accounts with family members and overseers of Chew's plantations. Also included here are receipts for purchases and sales of slaves, the purchase of slaves' clothing, payments related to Chew's slaves' work on ships, and wages paid to servants.

Miscellaneous A	(1755, 1799)		Box 3	ff 1
Josiah Baldwin	(1801)		Box 3	ff 2
Bank of Columbia	(1801)		Box 3	ff 3
Bank of North America checkbooks	(1785-1809)		Box 3	ff 4-8
Bank of North America checks	(1790-1809)		Box 3	ff 9-18
Bank of North America transaction records	(1792-1798)		Box 3	ff 19
Bank of Pennsylvania checkbooks	(1796-1810)		Box 3	ff 20-26
Bank of Pennsylvania checks	(1794-1809)		Box 4	ff 1-6
Bank of Pennsylvania transaction records	(1796)		Box 4	ff 7
Bank of the United States checkbooks	(1792-1812)		Box 4	ff 8-13
Bank of the United States checks	(1792-1812)		Box 4	ff 14-23
Bank of the United States transaction records	(1793-1798)		Box 4	ff 24
Banks – Miscellaneous transaction records	(1785-1809, undated)		Box 4	ff 25
French [Battell]	(1754)		Box 4	ff 26
John Bedford	(1798-1799)		Box 4	ff 27
James Bellack	(1781)		Box 4	ff 28
Clement Biddle	(1801)		Box 4	ff 29
David Breintnall	(1799)		Box 4	ff 30
Sarah Bristoll	(1798)		Box 4	ff 31
Nicholas Brooks	(undated)		Box 4	ff 32

Thomas Brown	(1799)		Box 4	ff 33
James Bucknall	(1744)		Box 4	ff 34
Joseph Burden	(1799)		Box 4	ff 35
Isaac Carty	(1784)		Box 4	ff 36
Case & Baldwin	(1799)		Box 4	ff 37
Cash expended	(1804-1806)		Box 4	ff 38-40
Cash expended	(1777-1803)		Box 5	ff 1-18
Checks – Miscellaneous	(1785-1790)		Box 5	ff 19
Benjamin Chew, Jr.	(1790-1805, undated)		Box 5	ff 20
John Chew	(1746-1762)		Box 5	ff 21
Samuel Chew	(1790-1804)		Box 5	ff 22
Thomas Child	(1772)		Box 5	ff 23
City of Washington	(1803)		Box 5	ff 24
John Clayton	(1754-1756)		Box 5	ff 25
Josiah & Samuel Coates	(1782)		Box 5	ff 26
William Compton	(1790)		Box 5	ff 27
John Cottringer	(1754-1758)		Box 5	ff 28
Simon Desmond	(1799)		Box 5	ff 29
Samuel & John Dickinson – invoice of law books purchased	(1753)		Box 5	ff 30
Miscellaneous C-D	(1772-1797)		Box 5	ff 31
Dowry for Elizabeth (Betsey) Chew Tilghman	(1772-1776, undated)		Box 5	ff 32
Dowry for Mary Chew Wilcocks	(1763-1774)		Box 5	ff 33
Dowry for Sophia Chew Phillips	(1796-1798, undated)		Box 5	ff 34
Cornelius Empson	(1748)		Box 5	ff 35
Evans & Roberts Corders	(1799)		Box 5	ff 36
John Faris [Faries] - Bill of Sale for Five Negroes	(1752)		Box 6	ff 1
George Felker	(1779-1801)	[re: shoes for family, servants and slaves; house on Letitia Court]	Box 6	ff 2

John Field	(1793)		Box 6	ff 3
James Gallagher [and Sons]	(1793-1807)	[re: Estate of J. Gallagher]	Box 6	ff 4
Charles Green	(1780, undated)		Box 6	ff 5
Silvanus Grove	(1756)		Box 6	ff 6
George Guest	(1778-1789)		Box 6	ff 7
Miscellaneous F-G	(1748-1799)		Box 6	ff 8
Miscellaneous H-K	(1747-1799)		Box 6	ff 9
Land sale – adjacent to Chew property (newspaper ad)	(undated)		Box 6	ff 10
Loans (miscellaneous)	(1765-1806, undated)		Box 6	ff 11
John Lodon - George Harding (Negro) on Frigate Philadelphia	(1800)		Box 6	ff 12
Samuel McCall	(1745-1790)		Box 6	ff 13
William McLaws	(1799)		Box 6	ff 14
Alexander Miller	(1799)		Box 6	ff 15
Miscellaneous	(1779-1804, undated)		Box 6	ff 16
Benjamin W. Morris	(1799)		Box 6	ff 17
Philip Nicklin	(1794-1804, undated)		Box 6	ff 18
Notes on accounts	(1780-1804, undated)		Box 6	ff 19
Thomas [& Eliza] Parker	(1799, undated)		Box 6	ff 20
Philadelphia Dispensary	(1799)		Box 6	ff 21
Philadelphia Prison - Negro George	(1800)		Box 6	ff 22
William Phillips	(1747)		Box 6	ff 23
J. Polk	(1799)		Box 6	ff 24
Ann Powell	(1799)		Box 6	ff 25
Miscellaneous L-P	(1752-1801, undated)		Box 6	ff 26
Dr. Charles Ridgely	(1763-1782)		Box 6	ff 27
St. Peter's Church	(1799, undated)		Box 6	ff 28

John Smith	(1793)		Box 6	ff 29
John Stephens	(1790-1791)		Box 6	ff 30
Stocks	(1766, undated)		Box 6	ff 31
Taxes & Duties	(1791-1800)		Box 6	ff 32
James Tilghman	(1783-1786)		Box 6	ff 33
Peter Torbert	(1780)		Box 6	ff 34
United States Loan Office – Pennsylvania	(1801)		Box 6	ff 35
Mary Ware	(1749-1752)		Box 6	ff 36
William Ware	(1746-1748)		Box 6	ff 37
Joseph Wharton	(1774-1782, undated)		Box 6	ff 38
Miscellaneous R-W	(1747-1804, undated)		Box 6	ff 39
Third party receipts	(1739-1799, undated)		Box 6	ff 40
Account book and papers filed within	(1761-1807, undated)		Box 6	ff 41
Account book – by name	(undated)		Box 6	ff 42
Bank of North America book	(1803-1810)		Box 7A	ff 1
Bank of North America book	(1785-1803)		Box 7A	ff 2
Items removed from Bank of North America book (folder 2)	(1792)		Box 7A	ff 3
Bank of Pennsylvania book	(1809-1810)		Box 7A	ff 4
Bank of Pennsylvania book	(1784-1809)		Box 7A	ff 5
Items removed from Bank of Pennsylvania book (folder 5)	(1792-1810)		Box 7A	ff 6
Bank of the United States book	(1806-1811)		Box 7A	ff 7
Bank of the United States book	(1792-1806)		Box 7A	ff 8
Delaware & Maryland bonds & mortgages book – by name, with index	(1767-1809)		Box 7A	ff 9

Items removed from Delaware & Maryland bonds & mortgages book (folder 9)	(1770-1809)		Box 7A	ff 10
Waste Book	(1783-1794)		Box 7A	ff 11
Items removed from Waste Book (folder 11)	(1783-1804, undated)		Box 7A	ff 12
Receipt book	(1770-1809)	This item's contents have been transcribed and posted as a .pdf file on Cliveden's website.	Box 7B	

## **B. Bonds and agreements**

Benjamin Chew lent a great deal of money to friends, family, and business associates over the course of his life; many of the documents in this subseries trace those loans and the payments received on the money lent, including receipts and correspondence related to the payment of bonds. In addition to financial agreements, this subseries includes a copartnership agreement between Chew, Franklin, and others to deal in pot ash, agreements for rentals and land purchases, an agreement for the sale of wheat, agreements for the production of farm goods, and an indenture of a slave named George.

Agreement between William Allen, Benjamin Franklin, Benjamin Chew, James Coultas	(1756)		Box 8	ff 1
Agreement between Benjamin Chew, Richard Bassett, James Sykes, and Joshua Fisher	(1788)		Box 8	ff 2
John Armstrong bond	(1779-1793, undated)		Box 8	ff 3
Richard Bassett bond and related correspondence	(1788-1815)	[some correspondence related to the estate of Benjamin Chew]	Box 8	ff 4
French Battell and Cornelius Empson bond	(1751)		Box 8	ff 5
Risdon Bishop bond	(1782-1799)		Box 8	ff 6
Blank bond	(1780)		Box 8	ff 7
Bonds & Mortgages – alphabetical list	(1777)		Box 8	ff 8
Isaac Carty bond	(1782)		Box 8	ff 9



Benjamin Chew bond with Hugh Roberts	(1782)		Box 8	ff 10
James Coffee to Allen and Turner	(1773)		Box 8	ff 11
Thomas Collins bond	(1780)		Box 8	ff 12
Thomas Comerford bond	(1795)		Box 8	ff 13
William Denny bond	(1791-1799)	[re: taxes on Whitehall]	Box 8	ff 14
James Emerson bond	(1793)		Box 8	ff 15
John Garrigues note	(1764)		Box 8	ff 16
Lawrence Garrits indenture - Negro boy George	(1762)	[17 year indenture of George to L. Garrits]	Box 8	ff 17
Joshua Gilpin	(1792)		Box 8	ff 18
James Greenfield bond	(1782)		Box 8	ff 19
Thomas Keith bond	(1798)		Box 8	ff 20
John Lee bond (John Wright estate)	(1777-1790)		Box 8	ff 21
George Meade bond	(1791-1795)		Box 8	ff 22
Samuel Meredith (and George Clymer) bond	(1791-1801)		Box 8	ff 23
Miscellaneous bond and notes	(1766-1805, undated)		Box 8	ff 24
Miscellaneous deeds	(1788, undated)		Box 8	ff 25
Benjamin Noxon bond and mortgage	(1770-1801, undated)		Box 8	ff 26
John Patton and Peter Grubb Jr. bond	(1785)		Box 8	ff 27
Richard Penn Jr. bond	(1767)		Box 8	ff 28
Richard Peters bond	(1768-1828, undated)		Box 8	ff 29
George Pierce bond	(1787)		Box 8	ff 30
Andrew Reed and Charles Pettit bond	(1761-1766)		Box 8	ff 31
Rental agreement between Benjamin Chew and Reuben Taylor	(1752)		Box 8	ff 32
Charles Ridgely bond	(1763-1783)		Box 8	ff 33

Henry Ridgely bond	(1774-1782)		Box 8	ff 34
Sales agreement with John Brown, Robert Morris	(1781-1782)		Box 8	ff 35
John Starke note	(1786)		Box 8	ff 36
James Sterling bond	(1782)		Box 8	ff 37
George Stevenson bond	(1783-1794)		Box 8	ff 38
John Thompson to Joseph Turner	(1765)		Box 8	ff 39
Mary Ware bond and agreement	(1750-1752)		Box 8	ff 40
George Weiss note	(1775)		Box 8	ff 41
Wharton & Greives	(1790-1792)		Box 8	ff 42
Joseph Wharton bond and mortgage	(1782-1787)		Box 8	ff 43
Benjamin Wilcocks agreement - assignment of Negro David's indenture	(1803)		Box 8	ff 44
Joseph Williamson bond	(1799)		Box 8	ff 45
Willing and Francis bonds	(1804)		Box 8	ff 46
John Lambert Wilmer bond	(1779-1792)		Box 8	ff 47

### C. Correspondence

The material in this subseries creates a clear picture of Benjamin Chew's relationships with his family and friends, and provides insight into his political views as well as the connections he had with the Penn family and other public figures. Benjamin Chew corresponded with judges, lawyers, merchants, and politicians as part of his legal work, and as the chief justice of Pennsylvania; these letters highlight the central role he played in the political culture of Colonial Pennsylvania. William Allen wrote to Chew about legal and political affairs and discussed the iron works in New Jersey that he co-owned with Benjamin Chew's brother in law, Joseph Turner. Henry Bouquet detailed the strategies and tactics employed by the King's forces during the Indian War in 1764-1765. Letters from Thomas Penn reflect Chew's involvement in negotiating treaties with the Indian nations in Pennsylvania, and his work on the Pennsylvania/Maryland boundary commission. Thomas Penn relayed news about matters important to the Colonial government of Pennsylvania, such as the repeal of the Stamp Act, the arrival of Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon to complete the boundary survey, Indian affairs, and the possible introduction of paper money.

Benjamin Chew's correspondence is particularly rich during the period of 1777-1778, when he was held as a prisoner at the Union Forge in New Jersey with John Penn. These letters not only describe his separation from his family, but also discuss the state of the nation during the Revolution. Benjamin Chew's correspondence with political and military figures hints at his ambivalence about the war and discusses the roles of his associates in carrying out military actions. Letters from his wife, Elizabeth Oswald Chew, document the attempts made by his children to visit him at Union

Forge, provide updates about the health and welfare of the family, and relay Elizabeth's concerns about Benjamin's comfort and health.

Correspondence between Benjamin Chew and his son Benjamin Jr. is particularly informative. Throughout these letters, father and son write about legal matters, including Benjamin Jr.'s studies at the Middle Temple in London and the Chews' representation of the Penn family. The two also discuss their opinions of British and Colonial politics. Many of the letters dwell on family and business affairs—the illnesses and deaths that took place during the elder Benjamin's absence, the disappointing harvests on various plantations, purchases of land, and news about how the war affected the city. These letters reflect Benjamin Chew Jr.'s role as his father's agent in land transactions and plantation operations, and offer limited details about the Chews' slaves—and reminders of the persistence of northern slavery in the early republic.

In one letter, Benjamin Chew Jr. relates a story about some of the Chew slaves who escaped: “Ned arrived here...in Search of Mr. Bennet Chew's Negroes. he came up by Permission from Col. Duff....he obtained most of the Negroes & has sent some of them to their Plantation, His Fortune was not single, your Man Aaron that went off from my Uncle Samls Tired of his Frolick came voluntarily & solicited for his Return to his Master—he was immediately upon my Application discharged from the Service in which he was employed and ordered into my possession, he now waits an Opportunity of going down—Will, I fear has made his Escape to some other Country but the Hardships he must experience from a different Way of living than that in your Employ, will sufficiently furnish his Ingratitude” (January 19, 1778).

In another letter, Benjamin Chew Jr. informs his father about the details of settling his uncle John Chew's estate: “I found it absolutely necessary to return to this Place which I did last Evening and tomorrow sell off the Remains of any poor Uncle John's Remnants.... I have fortunately succeeded in providing Homes for all but 7 or 8 of the Black People—a Task indeed of the most conflicting Difficulty—I have I believe succeeded in giving the poor Creatures as much Satisfaction as they could have, under a disappointment in not having their Freedom bequeathed to them—they generally thank me for what I have done for them—the Stock of all kinds I have also sold except what is necessary to retain to secure the Crops” (November 15, 1809).

Discussions about the Chew family's slaves appear elsewhere in the correspondence. In 1804, Joseph, a slave on one of the Chews' farms in Kent County, Maryland, wrote to Benjamin Chew asking to be hired out so that he could be closer to his wife, who had been transferred to Baltimore. Correspondence with various overseers provides information about plantation operations and the treatment of slaves. One overseer, William Pearce, wrote to Chew in 1807 about Tom Miller, who had run away from one of the Chews' plantations in Kent County, Maryland. Pearce expressed concern that other slaves would follow Miller's example if he was allowed to escape. A few weeks later, Pearce wrote again to let Chew know that Miller had been caught and seemed to be on good behavior since receiving “a slight chastisement.” Other correspondents who were involved in farming and plantation operations include Kensey Johns, George Ford, and Edward Tilghman. Their letters focus primarily on the mundane aspects of farming, such as crop yield, expenses, and weather.

Joseph Adame to Benjamin Chew	(1747)		Box 9	ff 1
Andrew Allen to Benjamin Chew	(1761-1763)		Box 9	ff 2

James Allen to Benjamin Chew	(1763-1764)		Box 9	ff 3
William Allen to Benjamin Chew	(1763-1764)		Box 9	ff 4
Stephen Alston to Benjamin Chew	(1781)		Box 9	ff 5
John Armstrong to Benjamin Chew	(1772-1793)		Box 9	ff 6
David Barclay to Benjamin Chew	(1786-1787)		Box 9	ff 7
[David,] John & Robert Barclay & Co. to Benjamin Chew	(1773-1788)		Box 9	ff 8
Robert Barclay to Benjamin Chew	(1792-1793)		Box 9	ff 9
Richard Bassett to Benjamin Chew	(1789, undated)		Box 9	ff 10
James Battle to Benjamin Chew	(1807)		Box 9	ff 11
William Bayard to Benjamin Chew	(1773)		Box 9	ff 12
David Bell to Benjamin Chew	(1780)		Box 9	ff 13
John Bell to Benjamin Chew	(1768)		Box 9	ff 14
J. Bellack to Benjamin Chew	(1803)		Box 9	ff 15
Anthony Benezet to Benjamin Chew	(undated)		Box 9	ff 16
Mr. Benson to Benjamin Chew	(undated)	[re: judiciary plan]	Box 9	ff 17
James Biddle to Benjamin Chew	(1786-1788)		Box 9	ff 18
Henry Bilkerton to Benjamin Chew	(1755)		Box 9	ff 19
Ephraim Blaine to Benjamin Chew	(1777, undated)		Box 9	ff 20
Phineas Bond to Benjamin Chew	(1744)		Box 9	ff 21
Phineas Bond, Jr. to Benjamin Chew	(1771)		Box 9	ff 22
Thomas Bond to Benjamin Chew	(1753-1786)		Box 9	ff 23
Henry Bouquet to Benjamin Chew	(1764-1765)		Box 9	ff 24
Edw[in] Burd to Benjamin Chew	(1806)		Box 9	ff 25
James Calder to Benjamin Chew	(1754)		Box 9	ff 26
Robert Callender to Benjamin Chew	(1763)		Box 9	ff 27
James Chalmers to Benjamin Chew	(1792)		Box 9	ff 28
Daniel Chambers to Benjamin Chew	(1793)		Box 9	ff 29

Benjamin Chew to John Adlum and William Montgomery	(1796)		Box 9	ff 30
Benjamin Chew to Andrew Allen	(1762-1763)		Box 9	ff 31
Benjamin Chew to John Allen	(1760)		Box 9	ff 32
Benjamin Chew to William Allen	(1763)		Box 9	ff 33
Benjamin Chew to John Armstrong	(1784-1793)		Box 9	ff 34
Benjamin Chew to Antony Bacon	(1747)		Box 9	ff 35
Benjamin Chew to Abraham Bailey, Humphrey Hill & Cadwalader Evans	(1790)		Box 9	ff 36
Benjamin Chew to James Biddle	(1787-1788)		Box 9	ff 37
Benjamin Chew to Phineas Bond, Jr.	(undated)		Box 9	ff 38
Benjamin Chew to Colonel Chamberlain	(1777)		Box 9	ff 39
Benjamin Chew to Ann Chew	(1744)		Box 9	ff 40
Benjamin Chew to Elizabeth Oswald Chew	(1777-1778)		Box 9	ff 41
Benjamin Chew to Samuel Chew (brother)	(1743-1799, undated)		Box 9	ff 42
Benjamin Chew to Samuel Chew (father)	(1743, undated)		Box 9	ff 43
Benjamin Chew to Sophia Chew	(1799, undated)		Box 9	ff 44
Benjamin Chew to John Cochran	(1777)		Box 9	ff 45
Benjamin Chew to Mr. Cook	(undated)		Box 9	ff 46
Benjamin Chew to William Coxe, Jr.	(1786)		Box 9	ff 47
Benjamin Chew to Robert Edward Fell	(1771)		Box 9	ff 48
Benjamin Chew to William Fisher	(1766)		Box 9	ff 49
Benjamin Chew to Sarah Frisby	(1800)		Box 9	ff 50

Benjamin Chew to Charles Goldsborough	(1747)		Box 9	ff 51
Benjamin Chew to Silvanus Grove	(1783)		Box 9	ff 52
Benjamin Chew to Colonel Haldimand	(1765)		Box 9	ff 53
Benjamin Chew to Mr. Hamilton	(1758)		Box 9	ff 54
Benjamin Chew to Robert Hare	(1780)		Box 9	ff 55
Benjamin Chew to Jared Ingersoll	(1797)		Box 9	ff 56
Benjamin Chew to Kensey Johns	(1799)		Box 9	ff 57
Benjamin Chew to Theodore Maurice	(1783)		Box 9	ff 58
Benjamin Chew to Robert Morris	(1778)		Box 9	ff 59
Benjamin Chew to James Muir, John Wilson, and Joseph Coulter	(1784)		Box 9	ff 60
Benjamin Chew to Philip Nicklin	(undated)		Box 9	ff 61
Benjamin Chew to Henry Ward Pearce	(1784)		Box 9	ff 62
Benjamin Chew to Thomas Penn	(1748-1770, undated)		Box 9	ff 63
Benjamin Chew to Richard Peters	(1777)		Box 9	ff 64
Benjamin Chew to Plu & Kearney	(1748)		Box 9	ff 65
Benjamin Chew to Captain Provost	(1765)		Box 9	ff 66
Benjamin Chew to Andrew Read	(1765)		Box 9	ff 67
Benjamin Chew to James Read	(1744)		Box 9	ff 68
Benjamin Chew to Joseph Reed	(1743)		Box 9	ff 69

Benjamin Chew to Joseph Reed Jr.	(1767)		Box 9	ff 70
Benjamin Chew to [Thomas] Ringgold	[1744]		Box 9	ff 71
Benjamin Chew to Charles Thompson	(1777)		Box 9	ff 72
Benjamin Chew to Edward Tilghman (d. 1785) with responses	(1769-1772)		Box 9	ff 73
Benjamin Chew to Ned Tilghman	(1772-1804, undated)		Box 9	ff 74
Benjamin Chew to Tench Tilghman	(1777-1778)		Box 9	ff 75
Benjamin Chew to Joseph Turner	(1777)		Box 9	ff 76
Benjamin Chew to unknown correspondent	(1801-1803, undated)		Box 9	ff 77
Benjamin Chew to Nicholas Van Dyke	(1800)		Box 9	ff 78
Benjamin Chew and John Penn to Continental Board of War	(1777-1778)		Box 10	ff 1
Benjamin Chew and John Penn to Governor Livingston	(1777)		Box 10	ff 2
Benjamin Chew and John Penn to General George Washington	(1777)		Box 10	ff 3
Benjamin Chew Jr. to Benjamin Chew	(1800-1809)		Box 10	ff 4
Benjamin Chew Jr. to Benjamin Chew	(1792-1798)		Box 10	ff 5
Benjamin Chew Jr. to Benjamin Chew	(1782-1789)		Box 10	ff 6
Benjamin Chew Jr. to Benjamin Chew	(1777-1778)		Box 10	ff 7
Benjamin Chew Jr. to Benjamin Chew	(undated)		Box 10	ff 8
Elizabeth Oswald Chew (and children) to Benjamin Chew	(1768-1789, undated)		Box 10	ff 9
[Henrietta Chew] to Benjamin Chew	(1801)		Box 10	ff 10
John Chew to Benjamin Chew	(1778-1806)		Box 10	ff 11

Katherine [Banning] Chew to Benjamin Chew	(undated)		Box 10	ff 12
Samuel Chew (1737-1809) to Benjamin Chew	(1773-1806)		Box 10	ff 13
Samuel Chew (1693-1744) to Benjamin Chew	(1743)		Box 10	ff 14
[Sarah] Chew to Benjamin Chew	(1801)		Box 10	ff 15
John Clayton Jr. to Benjamin Chew	(1759)		Box 10	ff 16
Joseph Cochran to Benjamin Chew	(1777)		Box 10	ff 17
Charles de Krafft to Benjamin Chew	(1797)		Box 10	ff 18
William Denny to Benjamin Chew	(1757)		Box 10	ff 19
John Dickinson to Benjamin Chew	(1782)		Box 10	ff 20
Charles Dilly to Benjamin Chew	(1788)		Box 10	ff 21
Manlove Emerson to Benjamin Chew	(1793)		Box 10	ff 22
Robert Edward Fell to Benjamin Chew	(1771)		Box 10	ff 23
James Fisher and Son to Benjamin Chew	(1788)		Box 10	ff 24
George Ford to Benjamin Chew	(1793)		Box 10	ff 25
Walter Franklin to Benjamin Chew	(1772-1779)		Box 10	ff 26
Sarah Frisby to Benjamin Chew	(1800, undated)		Box 10	ff 27
M. Furman to Benjamin Chew	(1777-1778)		Box 10	ff 28
James Gallagher [and Sons] to Benjamin Chew	(1801-1805, undated)		Box 10	ff 29
Ann Galloway to Benjamin Chew	(undated)		Box 10	ff 30
John Galloway to Benjamin Chew	(1747-1795)		Box 10	ff 31
Samuel Galloway to Benjamin Chew	(1749, undated)		Box 10	ff 32
Silvanus Grove to Benjamin Chew	(1756, 1785)		Box 10	ff 33
A. Hamilton to Benjamin Chew	(1793)		Box 10	ff 34
James Hamilton to Benjamin Chew	(1778)		Box 10	ff 35



JG Howard to Benjamin Chew	(1809)		Box 10	ff 36
___ Humfrey to Benjamin Chew	(1793)		Box 10	ff 37
Jonathan Jarrilld to Benjamin Chew	(1800)		Box 10	ff 38
Kensey Johns to Benjamin Chew	(1749-1799)		Box 10	ff 39
Joseph ___ (slave) to Benjamin Chew	(1804)		Box 10	ff 40
John Kantum to Benjamin Chew	(1801)		Box 10	ff 41
E. Lawrence to Benjamin Chew	(1788)		Box 11	ff 1
Moses Levy to Benjamin Chew	(1801)		Box 11	ff 2
Abraham Lewis to Benjamin Chew	(1794)		Box 11	ff 3
Liancourt to Benjamin Chew	(1795-1796)		Box 11	ff 4
William Livingston to Benjamin Chew and John Penn	(1777-1778)		Box 11	ff 5
Thomas Lowrey to John Penn and Benjamin Chew	(1778)		Box 11	ff 6
John March to Benjamin Chew	(1790)		Box 11	ff 7
Jasper McCall to Benjamin Chew	(1747)		Box 11	ff 8
John McPherson to Benjamin Chew	(1791)		Box 11	ff 9
William Moore to Benjamin Chew	(1769)		Box 11	ff 10
Robert Morris to Benjamin Chew	(1778)		Box 11	ff 11
Henry Nichols to Benjamin Chew	(1791)		Box 11	ff 12
JW Nicholson to Benjamin Chew	(1796)		Box 11	ff 13
Thomas Nixon to Benjamin Chew	(1759)		Box 11	ff 14
Joseph Nourse to Benjamin Chew	(1777)		Box 11	ff 15
James Noxon to Benjamin Chew	(1800)		Box 11	ff 16
Captain Ourry to Benjamin Chew	(1765-1774)		Box 11	ff 17
James Parker to Benjamin Chew	(1779)		Box 11	ff 18
John Patton to Benjamin Chew	(1778)		Box 11	ff 19
Henry W. Pearce to Benjamin Chew	(1762, 1789)		Box 11	ff 20
William Pearce to Benjamin Chew	(1807)		Box 11	ff 21

Henry B. Pearson to Benjamin Chew	(undated)		Box 11	ff 22
John Penn to Benjamin Chew	([1778]-1784, undated)		Box 11	ff 23
Juliana Penn to Benjamin Chew	(1775)		Box 11	ff 24
Richard Penn to Benjamin Chew	(1769, undated)		Box 11	ff 25
Thomas Penn to Benjamin Chew	(1756-1772)		Box 11	ff 26
Richard Peters to Benjamin Chew	(1757-1787)		Box 11	ff 27
Sophia Philips to Benjamin Chew	(1798)		Box 11	ff 28
Joseph Potts to Benjamin Chew	(1801)		Box 11	ff 29
George Read to Benjamin Chew	(1760)		Box 11	ff 30
Samuel Reeve to Benjamin Chew	(1744)		Box 11	ff 31
Henry Ridgely to Benjamin Chew	(1773)		Box 11	ff 32
Thomas Ringgold to Benjamin Chew	(1743)		Box 11	ff 33
Philip and Daniel Shults to Benjamin Chew	(1801)		Box 11	ff 34
Christopher Smith to Benjamin Chew et al	(1780, 1791)		Box 11	ff 35
Daniel Smith to Benjamin Chew	(1785)		Box 11	ff 36
George Smith to Benjamin Chew	(1793)		Box 11	ff 37
J. Steele to Benjamin Chew	(1801)		Box 11	ff 38
John Stevens to Benjamin Chew	(1778)		Box 11	ff 39
Charles Stewart to Benjamin Chew	(1777-1796, undated)		Box 11	ff 40
John Stow to Benjamin Chew	(1792)		Box 11	ff 41
Hubert Tarin to Benjamin Chew [with response]	(1787)		Box 11	ff 42
George Thomas to Benjamin Chew	(1747)		Box 11	ff 43
Adam Thompson to Benjamin Chew	(1755)		Box 11	ff 44
William Thompson to Benjamin Chew	(1774)		Box 11	ff 45

Edward Tilghman (d. 1785) to Benjamin Chew	(1743-1775)		Box 11	ff 46
Edward Tilghman Jr. ("Ned") (d. 1815) to Benjamin Chew	(1772-1807)		Box 12	ff 1
James Tilghman to Benjamin Chew	(1749-1787)		Box 12	ff 2
Tench Tilghman to Benjamin Chew	(1777-1778)		Box 12	ff 3
William Till to Benjamin Chew	(1757)		Box 12	ff 4
Joseph Turner to Benjamin Chew	(1761-1780)		Box 12	ff 5
Unknown Correspondent to Benjamin Chew	(1773-1787, undated)		Box 12	ff 6
Nicholas Van Dyke to Benjamin Chew	(1800)		Box 12	ff 7
Joseph Wharton to Benjamin Chew	(1781)		Box 12	ff 8
Joseph Wharton Jr. to Benjamin Chew	(1772-1775)		Box 12	ff 9
Alexander Wilcocks to Benjamin Chew	(1777, undated)		Box 12	ff 10
E. Wistar Jr. to Benjamin Chew	(1805)		Box 12	ff 11
Joseph Woodall to Benjamin Chew	(1793)		Box 12	ff 12
Abraham Wynkoop to Benjamin Chew	(1781-1782)		Box 12	ff 13
Miscellaneous incoming	(1770-1808, undated)		Box 12	ff 14
Miscellaneous outgoing	(1780-1801, undated)		Box 12	ff 15
Third party correspondence	(1735-1807, undated)		Box 12	ff 16

#### **D. Estate**

Benjamin Chew made several revisions to his will in the last ten years of his life, most due to his daughters being married or widowed. Several versions of his will and his notes from drafting them are filed here. Benjamin Chew, Jr. administered his father's estate from 1810 until his death in 1844. Inventories taken shortly after Benjamin Chew's death are included here, as are funeral lists and a day book and a ledger recording transactions from 1810-1819, the year that Elizabeth Chew, Benjamin Chew's widow, died. The day book records monies received and paid in chronological

order, including payments on bonds and debts and inheritance payments to family members. The ledger lists transactions chronologically within account and includes an alphabetical index in the front of the volume. Accounts in stocks, lands, and cash, with individuals and businesses, and relating to the Chew family's house on Third Street are represented.

Receipts and other records created during Benjamin Chew, Jr.'s administration of the estate are filed in Series IV, Family Estates. Benjamin Chew, Jr.'s notes sometimes include references to his administration of the estates of his brothers John and Samuel Chew, which took place during the same time as the settlement of his father's estate.

Estate Appraisal	(1777-1783)		Box 13	ff 1
Executorship of Elizabeth Chew & Benjamin Chew, Jr.	(1810)		Box 13	ff 2
Funeral	(1810)		Box 13	ff 3
Inventories & First Administration Account	(1810-1812)		Box 13	ff 4
Power of Attorney - Benjamin Chew, Jr.	(1808)		Box 13	ff 5
Wills	(1799)		Box 13	ff 6
Wills	(1770-1789)		Box 13	ff 7
Wills - Codicils	(1801-1809, undated)		Box 13	ff 8
Wills - Notes	(1781-1807, undated)		Box 13	ff 9
Day Book	(1810-1819)		Box 14	
Ledger	(1810-1819)		Box 15	

## **E. Legal and Political**

This subseries contains materials related to Benjamin Chew's legal and political work, including his appointments to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the Assembly of Lower Counties, and the Provincial Council, as well as his positions as attorney general for Pennsylvania, recorder of wills, register general for Pennsylvania and the Three Lower Counties, and president of the High Court of Errors and Appeals. There are materials related to the registry of Chew's slaves, various estate cases, land disputes, the conflict between Britain and the Colonies, purchases of weapons for Kent County, and Benjamin Chew's confinement with John Penn during the Revolutionary War. Document types include a docket from the Supreme Court, case notes and documents related to cases, legal forms and court documents, correspondence, addresses, petitions, agreements, appointments, deeds, and lists of wills probated. Materials related to Chew's work on the Pennsylvania/Maryland boundary commission can be found in the Pennsylvania-Maryland Boundary Dispute subseries; materials related to Indian affairs can be found in Subseries H, Treaty at Easton.

Address of John, Thomas and Richard Penn to the General Assembly	(1741)	[oversize]	Box 46	ff 1
Address of the Lower Counties to Assembly on the changes to their constitution	(1776, undated)	[cleaned for mold]	Box 16	ff 1
Addresses to the Grand Jury	[undated]	[cleaned for mold]	Box 16	ff 2
Administration Bonds, Inventories, & c--	(1683-1777)	[cleaned for mold]	Box 16	ff 3
Appointments to Judicial Posts	(1765-1791)	[oversize]	flat file	1
Attorney agreement with Ezekiel Leonard	(1789)		Box 16	ff 4
Benjamin Chew's answers to questions about Governor Denny	[undated]		Box 16	ff 5
<i>Benjamin Chew v. Thomas White</i> escheatment case	(1758, undated)		Box 16	ff 6
Blank forms of Indenture	(1740, undated)		Box 16	ff 7
Blank statement of case	[undated]		Box 16	ff 8
<i>Brayley v. Cox</i>	(1772, undated)		Box 16	ff 9
Business of the Assembly	[undated]		Box 16	ff 10
Case of Anne Jones	(1757-1766)		Box 16	ff 11
Case of two plots of land on Second & Chestnut Streets (formerly Henry Jones' estate)	(1761, undated)		Box 16	ff 12
Certificate of Conformity in the case of Anthony C. Morris, a bankrupt	(1787)		Box 16	ff 13
Charges to the Grand Jury	(1768, undated)		Box 16	ff 14
<i>Charles Hurst v. Abraham and Philip Dippo</i>	(1774)		Box 16	ff 15
Charles Norris estate	(1769)		Box 16	ff 16
Chester court appearances	(1764, 1767)		Box 16	ff 17
Christian Grundy land	[undated]		Box 16	ff 18
Connecticut land claims	(1773-1775, undated)		Box 16	ff 19
Council to Justices of the Peace of Cumberland County	(1769)		Box 16	ff 20

Debt cases	(1763-1766)	<b>[cleaned for mold]</b>	Box 16	ff 21
Deed--Ann Justice & c to Benjamin Chew	(1760)		Box 16	ff 22
Definitions and extracts from reference sources	[undated]		Box 16	ff 23
Deposition of B. Chew in <i>lessee of Meredith &amp; others v. Frazier &amp; Congill</i> (ref: <i>Bickerton v. Loockerman</i> )	(1754-1802, undated)		Box 16	ff 24
Draft of petition of grievance--Colonists to the King	(1774, undated)		Box 16	ff 25
Draft petitions to the King from the Assemblies of Pennsylvania and Delaware	(1764, undated)		Box 16	ff 26
Edward Duffield case	[undated]		Box 16	ff 27
<i>Egberts v. Howes</i>	(1749-1750)		Box 16	ff 28
Frederick Antis case	(1772-1774)		Box 16	ff 29
General Assembly to John, Thomas and Richard Penn	(1741)		Box 16	ff 30
Governor's messages to the Assembly	(1757-1758, undated)		Box 16	ff 31
James Hamilton estate	[undated]		Box 16	ff 32
Jacob Werner estate	(1767)		Box 16	ff 33
John Hay ejectment case	(1773-1774, undated)		Box 16	ff 34
John Morris estate disposition	[undated]		Box 16	ff 35
Joseph Taylor land (Tinnicum title)	(1767)		Box 16	ff 36
<i>The King v. Benjamin Ashley</i>	(1761)		Box 16	ff 37
<i>The King v. David Conpland</i>	(1761)		Box 16	ff 38
Lease--William Allison (guardian of John Bleakley) to Adam Guier	(1770)		Box 16	ff 39
Mildred & Roberts case notes	[undated]		Box 16	ff 40
Miscellaneous	(1753-1803, undated)	<b>[cleaned for mold]</b>	Box 16	ff 41

Miscellaneous addresses	(1717, 1774, undated)	<b>[cleaned for mold]</b>	Box 16	ff 42
Miscellaneous cases	(1713-1796, undated)		Box 16	ff 43
Miscellaneous correspondence	(1785, undated)		Box 16	ff 44
Miscellaneous estate cases	(1761-1800, undated)		Box 17	ff 1
Miscellaneous land cases	(1756-1797, undated)		Box 17	ff 2
Notes on cases	(1790-1798, undated)		Box 17	ff 3
Opinion on the Land Tax Bill	[undated]		Box 17	ff 4
Parole documents related to B. Chew and J. Penn's confinement in New Jersey	(1777-1778)		Box 17	ff 5
<i>Peter Peaceable lessee of James Starrett v. James and William Chambers</i>	(1774)		Box 17	ff 6
Petition for a road or cartway in Tulpehoccon	(1766)		Box 17	ff 7
Petition of Mayor and Commonality of Philadelphia to Thomas and Richard Penn	[undated]		Box 17	ff 8
Plan for settling the differences between Great Britain and the Colonies	(1775)		Box 17	ff 9
Power of attorney Humphrey Wallis to Benjamin Chew re: slave Frank (Will); fees related	(1750)		Box 17	ff 10
Power of attorney to Benjamin Chew Jr. re: sale of Delaware slaves	(1796)		Box 17	ff 11
Power of attorney to Elizabeth Oswald Chew	(1778)		Box 17	ff 12
Purchase of arms for Kent County	(1758-1763)		Box 17	ff 13
Register General for the Probate of Wills and Granting letters of administration	(1770-1780, undated)		Box 17	ff 14

Regulation of the Jersey Market	[undated]		Box 17	ff 15
Report of the Committee on US Debt	(1781)		Box 17	ff 16
Resurvey of Richard Marsh's land	(1795)		Box 17	ff 17
Returns/Entries of slaves--Office of Registering Negroes	(1780-1789)		Box 17	ff 18
Statements of cases, Chew for Plaintiff	(1773)		Box 17	ff 19
Statements of cases, Chew for Plaintiff	(1772)		Box 17	ff 20
Statements of cases, Chew for Plaintiff	(1771)		Box 17	ff 21
Statements of cases, Chew for Plaintiff	(1770)		Box 17	ff 22
Statements of cases, Chew for Plaintiff	(1769)		Box 17	ff 23
Statements of cases, Chew for Plaintiff	(1760-1768)		Box 17	ff 24
Statements of cases, Chew for Plaintiff	(1753, 1755)		Box 17	ff 25
Statements of cases, Chew for Plaintiff	[undated]		Box 17	ff 26
Summons dower in case of <i>John McCummins v. Thomas Fitzwalter</i>	(1770)		Box 17	ff 27
Supreme Court docket	(1762-1773)	<b>[cleaned for mold]</b>	Box 17	ff 28
Wardens and City Commissioners	[undated]		Box 17	ff 29
<i>Warrington Woolf v. Cord Hazard</i> (Robert Bracy land)	(1753-1755)		Box 17	ff 30
William Cathcart case	(1761)		Box 17	ff 31
William Smith libel case	[undated]		Box 17	ff 32
Wills probated in Pennsylvania	(1682-1777)	<b>[cleaned for mold]</b>	Box 17	ff 33

## F. Miscellaneous

These materials include copies of Benjamin Chew's journals during his studies in London; a biographical sketch and portrait of Benjamin Chew; rules for the Overseers of the Poor; genealogical notes; inventories of books; recipes for homes remedies and dyes; spinning and weaving instructions for slaves' clothing; travel logs for trips to Maryland, Massachusetts, and Portsmouth; and



certificates of appointment.

Broadside—Inventory of John Penn's estate	(1788)		Box 18	ff 1
Diary entries	(1799, undated)		Box 18	ff 2
Estimate of the cost of a building (to be built on Front Street)	[undated]		Box 18	ff 3
Genealogical notes	[undated]		Box 18	ff 4
Inventories of books	(1778-1779, undated)		Box 18	ff 5
Inventory of Law Books	(undated)		Box 18	ff 6
London journals	(1743-1744, undated)		Box 18	ff 7
Lot plan	(undated)		Box 18	ff 8
Notes on illness and attempts at treatment, written at bottom of legal document	(1788)		Box 18	ff 9
<i>The Portfolio</i> , v. V no. 2 - Biographical Memoir of Benjamin Chew	(1811)		Box 18	ff 10-12
Portrait of Benjamin Chew	(undated)		Box 18	ff 13
Recipes	(undated)		Box 18	ff 14
Rules for Overseers of the Poor	(1767)		Box 18	ff 15
Spinning & weaving instructions	(undated)		Box 18	ff 16
Travel logs	(1777-1801)		Box 18	ff 17
Certificates of Appointment	(1774-1796)	[oversize]	flat file	2

### G. Pennsylvania-Maryland boundary dispute

The survey of what would eventually become the Mason-Dixon Line began in the 1680s, when surveyor Thomas Holme was appointed surveyor general by William Penn, and given the task of surveying the boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland into the western part of the Province. The original patent granted to Lord Baltimore set the boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland at forty degrees North. The degree of latitude marking the division traced from a circle twelve miles north of Newcastle, Delaware became the central issue in the dispute between Penn and Baltimore. Two groups of commissioners (one for each province) were appointed to mediate the resurvey of the line between Pennsylvania and Maryland, a process which lasted nearly forty years. Most of the records in this subseries cover the period between 1740 and 1768 and document numerous attempts by at least eight separate surveyors to calculate the course of the line. The survey culminated in the hiring of Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, who completed the survey that settled the boundary

dispute in 1768.

Because the boundary dispute lasted so long, the range of materials in this subseries is quite broad. The records here document the boundary commissioners' and surveyors' work through correspondence, notes, and proposals for methods of calculating the line. Many of the records pertain to the legal dispute between Penn and Baltimore, and include addresses, affidavits, agreements, complaints, commissions, correspondence, depositions, reports, petitions, testimony, interrogatories, minutes of the Boundary Commission, notes, patents, surveys, and maps. The accounts, correspondence, and surveyor's notes illustrate the arduous nature of conducting the survey, provide details about the relationships between commissioners and surveyors, and document the materials purchased over the course of the survey.

The account records are primarily comprised of receipts for expenses incurred during the surveying of the boundary line between Pennsylvania and Maryland. These expenses include food, clothing, instruments, chocolate, tea, large quantities of rum, and the travel costs of the survey teams and the boundary commissioners. There are bills from inns that include food, drink and lodging, as well as fodder and lodging for the team's horses. Because of the number of people involved in the survey, there are long lists of disbursements made to laborers and surveyors. A large portion of the disbursements were managed by Richard Peters, one of the boundary commissioners, who conducted much of the business for the commission. He was responsible for tracking the progress of the survey and making certain that the surveyors and their teams had enough supplies.

The correspondence includes discussions about surveying techniques, the considerable obstacles involved in surveying (including disease, near-starvation, and unfavorable weather conditions), the mathematical calculations necessary to obtain an accurate measurement of the line, the relations with Indian tribes throughout the disputed territory, and the negotiations between the governments of Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Pennsylvania surveyors included Thomas Fairman, James Alexander, John Watson, John Lukens, Archibald McClean, John Ewing, and finally, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, who were sent over from London to finish the survey. Mason and Dixon were commissioned in 1763, and completed the survey in 1768. Charles Mason worked as assistant observer at the Royal Greenwich Observatory in London. Jeremiah Dixon was employed as a surveyor, and had worked previously with Mason.

John Ewing, in his 1766 letter to the Pennsylvania commissioners, provides clear details on the survey process, and discusses the addition of Mason and Dixon to the survey team:

"The Surveyors have finished their observations...and can now ascertain with Precision how many Miles make a Degree of Longitude in this Latitude. When we consider, that the Instruments are now in good Order for compleating the work & may not be so some years hence, that we now have Gentlemen from England, who are well acquainted with the Business, Chain Carriers, who have been for some years past engaged in Measuring, & other Persons used to the work, together with Waggons & other Utensils now in order...it may appear advisable to finish the Work at this Time" (John Ewing to Commissioners, November 5th, 1766).

Account book of the Commissioners, 1 vol.	(1764-1766)	[volume in box]	Box 19	ff 1
Account book of the Commissioners, 1 vol.	(1767-1768)	[volume in box]	Box 19	ff 2
Photocopies of Account book of the Commissioners (1764-1766)	[undated]		Box 19	ff 3
Photocopies of Account book of the Commissioners (1767-1768)	[undated]		Box 19	ff 4
Accounts--William Allen and Company	(1751)		Box 19	ff 5
Accounts--David Barnes	(1750-1751)		Box 19	ff 6
Accounts--John Bartram	(1751)		Box 19	ff 7
Accounts--Thomas Cadwalader for the surveyors	(1751)		Box 19	ff 8
Accounts--Joseph Carter	(1750-1751)		Box 19	ff 9
Accounts--David Chambers	(1751)		Box 19	ff 10
Accounts--Benjamin Chew	(1751-1788)		Box 19	ff 11
Accounts--Samuel Chew	(1740)		Box 19	ff 12
Accounts--George Claypoole	(1750-1751)		Box 19	ff 13
Accounts--William Clinton	(1761)		Box 19	ff 14
Accounts--Disbursements and expenses of running the boundary line	(1738-1768, undated)		Box 20	ff 1
Accounts--Disbursements made by Thomas Noxon	(1740)		Box 20	ff 2
Accounts--Disbursements made by Joseph Shippen, Jr.	(1767)		Box 20	ff 3
Accounts--John Emory	(1751)		Box 20	ff 4
Accounts--James Ennis	(1740-1751)		Box 20	ff 5
Accounts--Franklin and Hall	(1750)		Box 20	ff 6
Accounts--Elisha Gatchell	(1740)		Box 20	ff 7
Accounts--Abraham Gooding	(undated)		Box 20	ff 8
Accounts--Thomas Grome	(1751)		Box 20	ff 9
Accounts--David Hall	(1750)		Box 20	ff 10
Accounts--Anthony Ham	(1750)		Box 20	ff 11
Accounts--Ryves Holt	(1750-1751)		Box 20	ff 12

Accounts--Lewis Howell (& Company)	(1740, undated)		Box 20	ff 13
Accounts--Thomas Hughes	(1739)		Box 20	ff 14
Accounts--John Inglis	(1751)		Box 20	ff 15
Accounts--William Killen	(1751-1752)		Box 20	ff 16
Accounts--Jacob Kollock	(1751)		Box 20	ff 17
Accounts--Shepard Kollock	(1740)		Box 20	ff 18
Accounts--Robert Levers	(1763)		Box 20	ff 19
Accounts--Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon	(1763-1768)		Box 20	ff 20
Accounts--James McClean	(1767)		Box 20	ff 21
Accounts--Miscellaneous	(1706-1767, undated)		Box 20	ff 22
Accounts--Evan Morgan	(1750)		Box 20	ff 23
Accounts--Henry Newton	(1740)		Box 20	ff 24
Accounts--Thomas Noxon	(1740)		Box 20	ff 25
Accounts--Joseph Parker	(1740)		Box 20	ff 26
Accounts--Richard Peters	(1739-1742)		Box 20	ff 27
Accounts--Richard Peters for surveyors and commissioners	(1750-1760)		Box 20	ff 28
Accounts--Richard Peters for surveyors and commissioners	(1740)		Box 20	ff 29
Accounts--Clement Plumsted	(1740)		Box 20	ff 30
Accounts--Francis Richardson	(1750)		Box 20	ff 31
Accounts--Thomas Robinson	(1751)		Box 20	ff 32
Accounts--Room and board for survey companies	(1740-1751, undated)		Box 20	ff 33
Accounts--Samuel Rowland	(1751)		Box 20	ff 34
Accounts--Frederick Schiss	(1761)		Box 20	ff 35
Accounts--Nicholas Scull	(1740-1750)		Box 20	ff 36
Accounts--William Shankland	(1740-1750)		Box 20	ff 37
Accounts--James Smither	(1768)		Box 20	ff 38
Accounts--John Sparrow	(1740)		Box 20	ff 39
Accounts--John Staniland	(1750-1751)		Box 20	ff 40

Accounts--Statements of Accounts handled by Richard Peters for executing his commission	(1738-1750)		Box 20	ff 41
Accounts--James Steele	(1740)		Box 20	ff 42
Accounts--Supplies sent to surveyors and commissioners	(1750-1751, undated)		Box 20	ff 43
Accounts--James Tilghman	(1751)		Box 20	ff 44
Accounts--Benjamin Venables	(1751)		Box 20	ff 45
Accounts--Vouchers disbursed by Richard Peters	(1740-1752)		Box 20	ff 46
Accounts--Robert Watt	(1767)		Box 20	ff 47
Accounts--John Webb	(1740)		Box 20	ff 48
Accounts-- William Parsons to Richard Peters	(1750-1751)	<b>[oversize]</b>	Box 46	ff 2
Addresses—Advice to the free men of the Lower Counties...	[undated]		Box 21	ff 1
Addresses—General Assembly: the Frame of Government of the Province of Pennsylvania...	(1696)		Box 21	ff 2
Addresses—Justices of the Peace and Grand Jury of Newcastle to the King	[undated]		Box 21	ff 3
Affidavit of Peter Alricks	(1693)	(2 copies)	Box 21	ff 4
Affidavit of Jonas Arskin	[undated]		Box 21	ff 5
Partial affidavit of William Biddle	[undated]		Box 21	ff 6
Affidavit of John Browning and Hugh Hamersly	(1750)		Box 21	ff 7
Affidavit of John Buckley	(1731)		Box 21	ff 8
Affidavit of Martin Folkes, Peter Davall, and John Robertson	(1750)		Box 21	ff 9
Affidavit of Joseph Fox, deputy clerk of Newcastle County	(1726)		Box 21	ff 10
Affidavit of David French	(1734)		Box 21	ff 11

Affidavit of Robert Gordon	(1734)		Box 21	ff 12
Affidavit of Richard Grafton	(1734)		Box 21	ff 13
Affidavit of Gideon Griffith	(1732)	(2 copies)	Box 21	ff 14
Affidavit of John Hore	(1732)		Box 21	ff 15
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## H. Treaty at Easton

Benjamin Chew served as the secretary of the Council on Indian Affairs, which was formed to review and rule on complaints made to the governor by the Delaware Indians and the Six Nations regarding land purchases and procedures in surveying, particularly with respect to the controversial “Walking Purchase” of lands in Bucks County in 1737.

This subseries documents the Treaty hearings that took place in Easton, Pennsylvania during the years of 1756 and 1762. After the first proceedings, the Council of the Committee to Review the Complaints of the Delaware Indians produced a report, to which were annexed copies of the documents referenced during the hearings. The affidavits, depositions, copies of deeds, maps and surveys that were cited as evidence are all included in this subseries, along with the Committee’s report, providing a fairly comprehensive view of the proceedings at Easton, at least from the perspective of the Council. Also included here are complaints made by Teedyuscung, the Delaware chief, and documents related to the Seven Years’ War and the violence that led up to the treaty hearings.

Teedyuscung was the main representative of Indian claims in the Treaty at Easton. The five claims he presented, which are listed in the Council’s report, were that the land was fraudulently taken from the Delaware people; that the deed presented by the Penns was forged; that lands were purchased from tribes that did not actually own them, and the sales were therefore void; that the Walking Purchase was unfairly performed; and finally, that settlers on the land had mistreated them and stopped them from hunting and collecting firewood as was their custom.

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## I. Turner Estate

Benjamin Chew and Elizabeth Oswald Chew acted as executors of Joseph Turner's estate. Margaret Oswald Smyth, sister of Elizabeth Oswald Chew, was a legatee of Thomas Turner's estate, and later an executor and heir of Joseph Turner's estate. She inherited Wilton Plantation, but was unable to maintain the property, forcing her to rent it to various tenants. After her marriage to Frederick Smyth, the couple petitioned for financial support from the estate through Benjamin and Elizabeth Chew. Their requests for money became so persistent that the case was brought into arbitration. As part of Joseph Turner's estate, Benjamin and Elizabeth Chew also became administrators of Elizabeth's mother Mary Oswald's estate, as she had appointed her brother Joseph Turner as one of her executors.

This subseries contains accounts, bonds, correspondence, deeds, estate inventories, leases, legal documents, and materials documenting the sale and transfer of several slaves from Benjamin Chew to Margaret Oswald Smyth.

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#### A. Accounts

These materials include receipts for household goods such as fabric, shoes, coffee, tea, dishes, sugar, meat, tools, wood, grain, medicine and medical treatment, liquor, and slaves' clothing; also included are records of wages paid, receipts for payments received on bonds, loans and debts, and account books, which record transactions with individuals and banks chronologically or by name. There are records of goods purchased for the Chews' plantations, payments to midwives who probably attended to slaves and a bill of sale for a slave named Joe. In some cases, correspondence about a particular account is included with the bills and receipts recording payments on the account.

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Michael Hague	(1802-1809)		Box 49	ff. 23
William Hamor	(1801-1804)		Box 49	ff. 24
James Harris	(1795-1809)		Box 49	ff. 25
Jonathan Harris	(1795-1809)		Box 49	ff. 26
William Harris	(1799-1809)		Box 49	ff. 27
Elisha Harrison	(1795-1799)	[re: medical care of slaves]	Box 49	ff. 28
Truman Hawley	(1799-1801)		Box 49	ff. 29
Robert Henderson	(1804-1807)		Box 49	ff. 30
John Hines	(1796-1801)		Box 49	ff. 31
William Hines	(1797-1800)		Box 49	ff. 32
James & John Hodges	(1794-1809)		Box 49	ff. 33
David Hull	(1796-1803)		Box 49	ff. 34
William Hutchinson	(1802-1803)		Box 49	ff. 35
John Hyland	(1794-1809)		Box 49	ff. 36
Miscellaneous H	(1783-1809)		Box 49	ff. 37
Jesse C. Ireland	(1800-1802)		Box 49	ff. 38
William Ireland	(1804)		Box 49	ff. 39
Richard J. Jones	(1795-1796)		Box 49	ff. 40
Robert Jones	(1795-1796)		Box 49	ff. 41
Thomas Jones	(1777-1794)		Box 49	ff. 42
William Jones	(1807-1809)		Box 49	ff. 43
Miscellaneous J	(1764-1811)		Box 49	ff. 44
Miscellaneous K	(1785-1805)		Box 49	ff. 45
Isaac Lamb	(1805-1806)		Box 49	ff. 46
Lathim & Yeates (John Lathim)	(1797-1804)		Box 49	ff. 47
James Lenox	(1791-1803)		Box 49	ff. 48
John Lewis	(1797-1801, undated)		Box 49	ff. 49
John Lloyd	(1788-1791)		Box 49	ff. 50



Gideon Longfellow	(1793-1794)		Box 50	ff. 1
Lorain & Armat	(1792-1797, undated)		Box 50	ff. 2
John Lorain	(1783-1805)		Box 50	ff. 3
Robert Lusby	(1808-1809)		Box 50	ff. 4
Miscellaneous L	(1794-1804)		Box 50	ff. 5
Mantle & Lenox	(1800-1802)		Box 50	ff. 6
Mantle & Shriver	(1793-1797)		Box 50	ff. 7
Christopher Mantle	(1792-1806)		Box 50	ff. 8
Francis Maslin	(1801-1803)		Box 50	ff. 9
John Maslin	(1794-1809)		Box 50	ff. 10
Thomas Maslin, Jr.	(1803-1808)		Box 50	ff. 11
John Matthews	(1798-1799)		Box 50	ff. 12
W. Matthews	(1800-1802)	[re: doctor's attendance to slaves]	Box 50	ff. 13
Patrick McClasky	(1797)		Box 50	ff. 14
Nathaniel McClelland	(1792-1807)		Box 50	ff. 15
Samuel McCoy	(1809)		Box 50	ff. 16
Thomas McEuen	(1799)		Box 50	ff. 17
McKenney & Lorain	(1799-1805, undated)		Box 50	ff. 18
Thomas McKenney	(1803, undated)		Box 50	ff. 19
William McKenney (& Son)	(1795-1808, undated)		Box 50	ff. 20
John Megilton	(1798-1804)		Box 50	ff. 21
Edward Mercer	(1806-1809)		Box 50	ff. 22
Nathaniel Miller, Jr.	(1783-1801)		Box 50	ff. 23
Miscellaneous	(1774-1807, undated)		Box 50	ff. 24
Thomas Murphy	(1800-1809)		Box 50	ff. 25
Miscellaneous M	(1782-1809, undated)		Box 50	ff. 26
Richard Nichols	(1804-1805)		Box 50	ff. 27
William Nielson	(1789-1793)		Box 50	ff. 28

Miscellaneous N	(1780-1804)		Box 50	ff. 29
Stephen Owens	(1798-1799, undated)		Box 50	ff. 30
Miscellaneous O	(1799-1809)		Box 50	ff. 31
Henry Page	(1794-1809)		Box 50	ff. 32
John Page	(1795-1799)		Box 50	ff. 33
James Parker	(1800-1807)		Box 50	ff. 34
Henry Patterson	(1807-1809)		Box 50	ff. 35
William Pearce	(1797-1804)		Box 50	ff. 36
Edward Penington	(1802-1804)		Box 50	ff. 37
Hyland B. Penington	(1800-1804)		Box 50	ff. 38
Isaac & Edward Penington	(1797)		Box 50	ff. 39
Samuel Penington	(1802-1803)		Box 50	ff. 40
Thomas Penington	(1804)		Box 50	ff. 41
James Piper	(1785-1793)		Box 50	ff. 42
Isaac Price	(1807-1809)		Box 50	ff. 43
James Price	(1796-1800)		Box 50	ff. 44
Prison for City & County of Philadelphia	(1797)	[re: subsistence for “negro servant” Aaron]	Box 50	ff. 45
Miscellaneous P	(1772-1807)		Box 50	ff. 46
John Quimbey	(1794-1801)		Box 50	ff. 47
Philip F. Rasin & Co.	(1801-1806)		Box 51	ff. 1
Isaac Redgrave	(1802-1809)		Box 51	ff. 2
William Redgrave	(1803-1804)		Box 51	ff. 3
Caleb Reed	(1807)		Box 51	ff. 4
Rice & Howell	(1807)		Box 51	ff. 5
William Rice	(1803-1804)		Box 51	ff. 6
James Ringgold	(1795-1796)		Box 51	ff. 7
William T. Ringgold	(1791-1795, undated)		Box 51	ff. 8
John H. Rowland	(1807-1809)		Box 51	ff. 9
Miscellaneous R	(1775-1808)		Box 51	ff. 10

John Sappington	(1802-1808)	[re: work as overseer on upper farm in Sassafras Neck]	Box 51	ff. 11
James Scanlon	(1803-1810)	[re: accounts of Rich Neck plantation; includes medical attendance to slaves]	Box 51	ff. 12
Hance Severson	(1801-1802)		Box 51	ff. 13
Peregrine Severson	(1801-1803)		Box 51	ff. 14
Thomas Sherer	(1802-1804)		Box 51	ff. 15
Slaves—miscellaneous expenses	(1785-1808, undated)	[includes bill of sale for slave Will Tony]	Box 51	ff. 16
Nicholas Slubey	(1786-1787)		Box 51	ff. 17
William Slubey	(1784-1797)		Box 51	ff. 18
Thomas Smith	(1793-1807)		Box 51	ff. 19
Joel Smyth	(1807-1809, undated)		Box 51	ff. 20
John Smyth	(1807)		Box 51	ff. 21
Thomas Smyth	(1789-1793)		Box 51	ff. 22
William Spencer	(1801-1805, undated)		Box 51	ff. 23
John Stavelly	(1802-1803)		Box 51	ff. 24
Thomas Still	(1800-1803)		Box 51	ff. 25
Major Stradley	(1808)		Box 51	ff. 26
Abraham Strong	(1807-1808)		Box 51	ff. 27
Henry Sullivan	(1800-1804)		Box 51	ff. 28
Miscellaneous S	(1758-1809, undated)		Box 51	ff. 29
Taxes	(1777-1808, undated)		Box 51	ff. 30
Thomas Taylor	(1803)		Box 51	ff. 31
Richard S. Thomas	(1788-1801)		Box 51	ff. 32
John Thompson	(1807-1809)		Box 51	ff. 33
James Tilghman	(1780-1808, undated)		Box 51	ff. 34

Richard Tilghman	(1788)		Box 51	ff. 35
Richard Tilghman & Son	(1796-1806, undated)		Box 51	ff. 36
Richard Tittle	(1800-1806)		Box 51	ff. 37
Miscellaneous T	(1796-1807, undated)		Box 51	ff. 38
John Urie	(1798-1807)		Box 51	ff. 39
Daniel Vansant	(1807-1809)		Box 51	ff. 40
Thomas B. Veazey	(1801-1804)		Box 51	ff. 41
Miscellaneous V	(1791-1799)		Box 51	ff. 42
Elisha Wallis	(1795)		Box 51	ff. 43
Hugh Wallis	(1793-1809)		Box 51	ff. 44
Samuel Wallis	(1794)		Box 51	ff. 45
William Walmsley	(1800-1803)		Box 51	ff. 46
Ward & Price	(1797-1798)		Box 51	ff. 47
William Ward	(1791-1808)		Box 51	ff. 48
Washington College	(1792-1795)		Box 51	ff. 49
John Whaland	(1807-1808)		Box 51	ff. 50
Charles Wheeler	(1791-1795, undated)		Box 51	ff. 51
James Wickes	(1780-1809)		Box 51	ff. 52
Simon Wickes	(1783)		Box 51	ff. 53
Thomas Worrell	(1787-1796)		Box 51	ff. 54
Miscellaneous W	(1782-1808, undated)		Box 51	ff. 55
Barzillai Yewill	(1793-1794)		Box 51	ff. 56
Miscellaneous Y	(1797-1804)		Box 51	ff. 57
Memoranda book—plantation expenses	(1782-1783, undated)		Box 51	ff. 58
Cash Book	(1795-1800)		Box 52	

## **B. Bonds and agreements**

These materials include lists of Samuel Chew's bonds as of 1789-1790 and several individual bonds, agreements, and notes. One of the folders in this subseries contains agreements with Owen Crow for the rental of Veazey Farm in Sassafras Neck, Cecil County, Maryland. In addition to inventories of stock at the farm, several of these agreements pertain to the slaves on this plantation,

and puts the total number of enslaved people at forty-six. The slaves are listed by name, along with their children.

Bonds lists	(1789-1790)		Box 53	ff. 1
Owen Crow agreement - Cecil County, MD plantation rental	(1792-1797)	[contains several agreements regarding the disposition of the plantation's slaves]	Box 53	ff. 2
Deeds and Leases	(1774-1789)		Box 53	ff. 3
Henry W. Pearce bond	(1801-1812, undated)		Box 53	ff. 4
Miscellaneous bonds, agreements, & notes	(1775-1807)		Box 53	ff.5

### C. Correspondence

Letters to and from family members make up the bulk of Samuel Chew's correspondence. Samuel maintained close relationships with his family, and exchanged frequent letters with Benjamin Chew, Benjamin Chew Jr., and Edward Tilghman. They discussed business, farming, current events, politics, and the activities and health of family members, especially illnesses, their symptoms, and the remedies applied.

While many of Benjamin Chew's letters to his brother Samuel dwell on the day to day happenings in his household, often reporting in great detail about the health of his family, numerous others touch on significant national and international events. In March of 1793, he wrote about the execution of Louis XVI of France; other letters discuss attacks on ships near Boston [undated], South Carolina's adoption of the Constitution (1788), trade in the West Indies (1794), and protests against the Jay Treaty that included a march to Kensington where Jay's effigy was burned (1795). Throughout his letters, Benjamin describes treaty negotiations in Europe, political disputes between the states and among member of Congress, and military actions in America and abroad, sharing his thoughts on these events freely. Other letters focus on the operation of Samuel's plantations and problems encountered with crops, overseers, and slaves. In several letters written during 1803, Benjamin recounts information he has obtained about some slaves who had escaped from Rich Neck plantation, and beseeches Samuel to treat these escapes seriously. In his letter of June 9, 1803, Benjamin recounts the case of Jacob, who was being brought before the mayor. "I know that he is a Rascal & deserves to be made an example of, & can have no claim but on your mercy, & It behoves you to consider What effect humanity extended to him may have on your other negroes."

Benjamin Chew Jr. wrote in greater detail about the financial aspects of the plantations. In a series of letters during 1801-1803, Benjamin Jr. updates his uncle Samuel about William Pearce's accounts as overseer, and asks if he has heard word from Mr. Pearce. In addition to financial updates, Benjamin Jr. offers his advice on the timing of crop sales: "A late Arrival from Liverpool with Letters to the 7<sup>th</sup> July mentions that a Commercial Treaty is in forwardness between Brittain & France that the Prospect was of Provision + Flour being low...therefore the Expediency of your selling your Crops this Fall. Wheat is in this Neighbourhood at the Mills from 10/ to 10/4\_ the

Interruption to poor Philad- must affect the Market on this Bay + River”(25 August 1802).

In some letters, Benjamin Jr. mentions political affairs and his legal work, but the majority of them describe the health problems of family members. He frequently writes about his parents' health or offers reports about his wife, sisters, and aunts during pregnancy and after childbirth; some letters offer hopeful accounts of the new mothers' progress toward health, while others raise concern about maternal and infant mortality. In 1795, Benjamin Jr. relayed the news that two of his young children succumbed to the fever that they had struggled against. "I have little other Command of myself to say more to you than that I thank you for the feeling Manner in which you regard the Misery of my present Situation....my Children were my greatest Comfort in Life and were just at a period when they were becoming more and more interesting – but they are gone –" (April 7 1795). Overall, these letters make clear that illnesses could quickly become fatal, and that medical care was often not enough to stave off fevers and infections.

Other correspondence in this subseries includes letters from Samuel's wife and daughter, business associates, and debtors, as well as a pass for one of Samuel's slaves to attempt the retrieval of some slaves who ran away from the plantation.

John Chew to Samuel Chew	(1794, 1796, 1801- 1802, 1804, undated)	[oversize]	Box 47	ff 2
John Chew to Samuel Chew and Henrietta Chew	(undated)	[oversize]	Box 47	ff 3
Samuel Chew to P. Bond	(1787)	[oversize]	Box 47	ff 4
Samuel Chew to Susan Johns	(undated)	[oversize]	Box 47	ff 5
Thomas Smyth to Samuel Chew	(1789)	[oversize]	Box 47	ff 8
John Anstey to Samuel Chew	(1787)		Box 54	ff. 1
William Bordsley to Samuel Chew	(1794)		Box 54	ff. 2
M. Brice to Samuel Chew	(1803)		Box 54	ff. 3
Harriet Carroll to Samuel Chew	(1802)		Box 54	ff. 4
Margaretta Chalmers to Samuel Chew	(1807)		Box 54	ff. 5
Anna Maria Frisby Chew to Samuel Chew	(1792)		Box 54	ff. 6
Benjamin Chew to Samuel Chew	(1796-1808)		Box 54	ff. 7-16
Benjamin Chew to Samuel Chew	(1767-1795, undated)		Box 55	ff. 1-8
Benjamin Chew & Benjamin Chew, Jr. to Samuel Chew	(1793-1806, undated)		Box 55	ff. 9
Benjamin Chew & Elizabeth Oswald Chew to Samuel Chew	(1806)		Box 55	ff. 10

Benjamin Chew & Sophia Philips to Samuel Chew	(1807)		Box 55	ff. 11
Benjamin Chew Jr. to Samuel Chew	(1805-1809)		Box 56	ff. 1-10
Benjamin Chew Jr. to Samuel Chew	(1786-1804, undated)		Box 57	ff. 1-8
Katherine Banning Chew to Samuel Chew	(1801, undated)		Box 57	ff. 9
Samuel Chew to Anna Maria Frisby Chew	(1790, 1792)		Box 58	ff. 1
Samuel Chew to Anna Maria Frisby Chew	(1775-1789)		Box 58	ff. 2
Samuel Chew to Anna Maria Frisby Chew	(undated)		Box 58	ff. 3
Samuel Chew to Richard Tilghman Earle	(1784)		Box 58	ff. 4
Samuel Chew to Kensey Johns	(undated)		Box 58	ff. 5
Samuel Chew to Major Smyth	(1791)		Box 58	ff. 6
Samuel Chew to Edward Tilghman	(1807)		Box 58	ff. 7
Samuel Chew to unknown	[undated]	[re: the punishment of slave Mark by "your overseer"]	Box 58	ff. 8
W. Cooke to Samuel Chew	(1789-1798)		Box 58	ff. 9
John Cox, Jr. to Samuel Chew	(1795)		Box 58	ff. 10
James Earle to Samuel Chew	(1802)		Box 58	ff. 11
James Earle, Jr. to Samuel Chew	(1799)		Box 58	ff. 12
Richard J. Earle & J. Tilghman to Samuel Chew	(1806)		Box 58	ff. 13
William G. Forman to Samuel Chew	(1800)		Box 58	ff. 14
Stephen Girard to Samuel Chew	(1797)		Box 58	ff. 15
Nicholas Hammond to Samuel Chew	(1799)		Box 58	ff. 16
Anna Maria Chew Hollyday to Samuel Chew	(1805)		Box 58	ff. 17
John E. Howard to Samuel Chew	(1795-1800)		Box 58	ff. 18

M. Howard to Samuel Chew	(1807)		Box 58	ff. 19
William Humphreys to Samuel Chew	(1794)		Box 58	ff. 20
Mary Irving to Samuel Chew	(1804)		Box 58	ff. 21
Kensey Johns to Samuel Chew	(1790-1808)		Box 58	ff. 22
John Lavin to Samuel Chew	(1802)		Box 58	ff. 23
Frisby Lloyd to Samuel Chew	(1794)		Box 58	ff. 24
John Lloyd to Samuel Chew	(1806)		Box 58	ff. 25
W. Matthews to Samuel Chew	(1803)		Box 58	ff. 26
John F. Mercer to Samuel Chew	(1803)		Box 58	ff. 27
Miscellaneous	(1787-1807, undated)		Box 58	ff. 28
John Morris to Samuel Chew	(1775)		Box 58	ff. 29
Joseph H. Nicholson to Samuel Chew	(1800)		Box 58	ff. 30
James Price to Samuel Chew	(1799)		Box 58	ff. 31
Spencer Price to Samuel Chew	(1793)		Box 58	ff. 32
Sophia Philips to Samuel Chew	(1802-1808, undated)		Box 58	ff. 33
P. Reid to Samuel Chew	(1793)		Box 58	ff. 34
Abraham Ridgely to Samuel Chew	(1804)		Box 58	ff. 35
Mary Ringgold to Samuel Chew	(undated)		Box 58	ff. 36
Tench Ringgold to Samuel Chew	(1798)		Box 58	ff. 37
W. Rogers to Samuel Chew	(1792)		Box 58	ff. 38
Francis Skirven, Thomas Worrell, & James Houston to Samuel Chew	(1804)		Box 58	ff. 39
Slave's pass	(1796)		Box 58	ff. 40
William Slubey to Samuel Chew	(1797)		Box 58	ff. 41
Thomas Smith to Samuel Chew	(1794)		Box 58	ff. 42
Anna Maria Smyth to Samuel Chew	(1807-1809, undated)	[requesting a loan, and enclosing several letters from Eliza Dulany]	Box 59	ff. 1
James Smyth to Samuel Chew	(1795)		Box 59	ff. 2



Thomas Smyth to Samuel Chew	(1789-1795)		Box 59	ff. 3
Thomas Smyth, Jr. to Samuel Chew	(1791, undated)		Box 59	ff. 4
James Sykes, Jr. to Samuel Chew	(1788)		Box 59	ff. 5
Samuel A. Thompson to Samuel Chew	(1800)		Box 59	ff. 6
Elizabeth Tilghman to Samuel Chew	(1786-1809, undated)		Box 59	ff. 7-11
Edward Tilghman, Jr. to Samuel Chew	(1805-1807)	[re: shipping, cargo]	Box 59	ff. 12
James Tilghman to Samuel Chew	(1804-1809)		Box 59	ff. 13
Mat[thew?] Tilghman to Samuel Chew	(1807-1809)		Box 59	ff. 14
R. Usher to Samuel Chew	(1807)		Box 59	ff. 15
[Benjamin Walmsley?] to Samuel Chew	(1805)		Box 59	ff. 16
Alexander Wilcocks to Samuel Chew	(1798)		Box 59	ff. 17
Third party correspondence	(1770-1794)		Box 59	ff. 18

#### **D. Estate**

Inventories taken shortly after Samuel Chew's death, notices of property sales, lists of items sold, and lists of buyers and their payment schedules provide a detailed record of his material possessions. Many of these documents list slaves from the family's Maryland farms (Swan Point, the Great Plantation, Frisby's Meadows, Veazey Farm) along with their monetary values, notes indicating those who were considered less valuable due to age or other infirmity, and names of spouse, children, and/or other family members. The official inventories of the estate also list provisions sent for use of the slaves, such as bacon, blankets, livestock, and other essentials. A separate file contains records of slaves sold and their buyers, provisions made for aged slaves, and other notes.

Samuel Chew and General Benjamin Chambers owned Morgan's Creek Mill in Kent County, Maryland jointly then sold it to Thomas Murphy in 1808. For many years, Chew's and Chambers's accounts remained unsettled as neither was sure exactly what monies he had paid and received. The Morgan's Creek Mill files record their transactions until the account was finally settled in 1822 by the executors of their estates.

A day book and a ledger record transactions from 1809-1819. The day book lists transactions chronologically, including household expenses, property sold, slaves hired out, payments on bonds and debts, and inheritance payments to family members. The ledger records transactions chronologically within account and includes an alphabetical index in the front of the volume. Accounts in stocks and cash, with individuals, businesses, and banks are included. Receipts and other records created during Benjamin Chew Jr.'s administration of the estate are filed in Series 4, Family Estates. Benjamin Chew Jr.'s notes frequently include references to his administration of John Chew's estate, which took place during the same time as the settlement of Samuel Chew's estate.

Accounts	(1786-1815, undated)		Box 60	ff. 1
Accounts - James Scanlon's ledger	(1809-1810)		Box 60	ff. 2
Inventories - comprehensive/official	(1809-1812, undated)		Box 60	ff. 3
Inventories - partial & notes	(1809-1812, undated)		Box 60	ff. 4
Morgan's Creek Mill - B. Chambers	(1792-1822)		Box 60	ff. 5
Morgan's Creek Mill - B. Chambers	(1793-1822)	<b>[oversize]</b>	Box 47	ff 9
Property Sales - Conditions	(1809-1811, undated)		Box 60	ff. 6
Property Sales - Inventories	(1809-1812, undated)		Box 60	ff. 7-8
Property Sales - Notes & Securities taken & received	(1809-1810, undated)		Box 60	ff. 9
Property Sales - Notices	(1809-1812, undated)	<b>[oversize]</b>	Box 47	ff 10
Slaves	(1792-1812, undated)		Box 60	ff. 10
Will, Exemplification, & notes	(1799-1809, undated)		Box 60	ff. 11
Day Book	(1809-1819)		Box 61	
Ledger	(1809-1819)		Box 62	

### **E. Miscellaneous**

These materials include documents pertaining to legal cases in which Samuel Chew had some interest, architectural plans and notes, recipes for home remedies and food.

Architectural notes	(undated)		Box 63	ff. 1
Commissions - Attorney General & Supreme Court Justice of the Three Lower Counties	(1760-1773)	<b>[oversize]</b>	Box 47	ff 11
Ephemera	(1742-1792)		Box 63	ff. 2
Legal - Miscellaneous	(1771-1803, undated)		Box 63	ff. 3
Plans for a stable	(undated)		Box 63	ff. 4
Powers of attorney	(1802)		Box 63	ff. 5
Recipes	(undated)		Box 63	ff. 6
Surveys	(1768, undated)		Box 63	ff. 7