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Isaac Zane Collection
Collection Number: 642 WFCHS/THL

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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Initial processing undertaken in 1997. Last updated by Buffy Knappenberger in October 2024.

EXTENT: .21 linear feet

CREATOR: Zane, Isaac, 1743-1795

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The Isaac Zane Collection contains materials concerning the life Isaac Zane. There are copies of correspondence, some of which is on microfilm (1761-1806), information about Zane's iron works at Marlboro and his service as a Justice of the Peace in Frederick County and in the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1775. There are also copies of maps and estate settlement papers.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: Zane was born into a devout Quaker family in Philadelphia in 1743. He moved to Frederick County in about 1756 and established the Marlboro Iron Works. The iron works produced stoves, pots, and bar iron which were shipped to Bristol, London, Glasgow, and Boston from the ports of Alexandria and Falmouth. During the Revolutionary War, Zane turned the iron works to the production of munitions. He was not paid for this work and Zane remained in debt for the rest of his life. Nonetheless, Zane's will showed that he had substantial property holdings at the time of his death. Zane was active in Virginia politics and served in the House of Burgesses (1775), the Revolutionary Conventions of 1774 and 1776, and the Virginia House of Delegates (1778-1781).

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Moss, Roger W. "Isaac Zane, Jr., a "Quaker for the Times"." *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 77, no. 3 (1969): 291-306; Frederick County Superior Court Will Book No. 1, pp. 224-305 (Microfilm available in Archives); Gunderman, Mark P. "The Village that Time Forgot." *Royal Examiner*. March 30, 2020.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of multiple donors.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Correspondence - Isaac Zane to Colonel William Booth, November 11, 1794, and enclosure on Marshall's opinion as to penalties under the Militia Law, 3 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Correspondence - Sarah Zane to cousin in the Wyandot tribe, 1796, 3 copies, 2 leaves, manuscript (photocopy); explanation, 1 leaf, manuscript (photocopy); transcript, 1 leaf, typescript

Correspondence - Thomas Jefferson to Isaac Zane, June 17, 1783, 2 copies, 1 leaf, manuscript (photocopy)

Map of Isaac Zane land holdings, 4 leaves, manuscript (photocopy), 2nd copy oversize

"Marlboro Iron-Works" - sale broadside, c. 1783, 2 copies, 1 leaf, typescript (photocopy)

Newspaper clippings (folder contains the following):

Gunderman, Mark P. "The Village that Time Forgot." *Royal Examiner*. March 30, 2020, printed
Winchester Evening Star, July 28, 1976, 1 leaf, printed (photocopy)

Old Forge Farm—National Register of Historic Places—registration form prepared by Helen Lee Fletcher, Sept. 2003, 26 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Settlement of Isaac Zane Estate records, 1812-1818 (incomplete), Historical Society of Pennsylvania, leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 22

Sale of Estate of Issac Zane - broadside, no date, 1 leaf, manuscript (photocopy)

"Gentleman Ironmaster: Isaac Zane and Marlboro Furnace," by John Bivins, November 1970, 2 items, 44 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

"Isaac Zane, Jr., A Quaker for the Times," by Roger W. Moss, Jr., July 1969, article in *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, 18 leaves, printed (photocopy)

"Decorative Cast Iron on the Virginia Frontier," by John Bivins, Jr., article in *Antiques Magazine*, March 1972, 5 leaves, printed

Zane papers and other references, no date, 1 leaf, printed/manuscript, 2 pages, manuscript

MICROFILM - Microfilm Case C, Drawer 18

Microfilm Items:

Zane Family correspondence - Coates-Reynell Papers, 1761-1806, Historical Society of Pennsylvania
Isaac Zane - records, Memorandum book, 1780-1783 Receipt book, 1784-1785, Historical Society of Pennsylvania