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**Content Note**

This collection consists primarily of legal correspondence involving Gov. Isaac H. Williamson and his son Benjamin, both prominent lawyers of Elizabeth, Essex/Union Co., NJ. Both men served as Chancellor of the State of New Jersey -- Isaac through his position as governor from 1817 to 1829, and Benjamin by appointment in 1852. Scattered throughout the series are also a few land records, court documents, and personal letters. Items #7 and #72 in box 2 relate to Gov. Williamson's other son, Isaac H. Williamson Jr. (who was appointed as Elizabeth Borough Prosecutor in 1851). The documents are arranged chronologically, with the exception of two bound volumes in Box 3: a manuscript compendium of laws begun ca. 1796 and used by Isaac H. Williamson in his law practice, and a catalogue of B. Williamson's law library and miscellaneous books dated 1845. [NOTE: Undated items are at the beginning of Box 1.]

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Box 1

1. [?] Halsted to Isaac H. Williamson transmitting mortgage of John Buckley to [Israel] Corse, Trenton, 27 April [?].
2. [?] to John Johnston of Princeton re: infringement on writer's character and Johnston's client, etc., [no date].
3. List of 21 tracts of upland, swamp and beach totalling 3,091 acres on Great Egg Harbor River and other places (including Steelman, Hawkins, [Doles?], and [Verrus?] tracts), [no date].
4. Ogden Edwards to Isaac H. Williamson recommending that William H. Maxwell be designated to take acknowledgements of deeds and depositions, [no date].
5. Isaac G. Ogden to Benjamin Williamson re: Eliza Dayton case involving land of Gen. Elias Dayton and Aaron Dayton, [no date].
6. Articles of agreement between Susannah and John Budd, attorneys of Thomas Budd, deceased, and Thomas Fairman Sr. re: 800 acres on Pettacoin Point and 20 acres on Hickory Point for pulic use by the inhabitants of New Weymouth, 12 September 1694 [copy from Secretary's Office, Burlington].
7. Blank form for juror's oath or affirmation for Loyalist inquisitions, ca. 1777.
8. Samuel Tucker to Josiah Furman re: account, Trenton, 5 January & 12 February 1782.

9. Caleb Russell to Gershom Craft re: Canfield vs. Alling case and engaging Mr. Stockton, Morristown, 10 October 1793.
10. Certificates of Samuel Annin, Collector of Revenue for the 10th Division of New Jersey, showing that John Johnson paid tax on wheel carriages, 14 September 1796 [2 items].
11. Richard Stockton to Isaac H. Williamson re: case involving "P. B." and George Blight, Princeton, 27 March 1807.
12. [Ripley Center?] to Aaron Ogden re: Capt. James Lovett, New York, 11 September 1811.
13. William Morrison's memoranda and copies of accounts under contract for a supply of rations at posts in Illinois and Indiana Territory, 1811-1812 [9 pp.].
14. Anthony Finley to Joseph Bloomfield re: sale of copies of "Regulations &c by Alexr. Smyth, Inspector Genl., By order of the Secretary of War" to the New Jersey legislature, Philadelphia, 11 August 1812.
15. Notice of partnership between William Adamson and Walter F. Osgood in the mercantile commission businesses under the firm name of Adamson & Osgood, New York, 30 April 1813.
16. Harriet [?] to Miss Louisa Lewis re: broken engagement and misery, etc., Elizabeth City, 9 August 1813.
17. Charles Ewing to Isaac H. Williamson re: cases of Holmes execs. vs. Holmes legatees and Harned et al. vs. Martin, Trenton, 17 February 1817.
18. Receipt of deed of Mark and Sarah Townsend to Henry Swain by Jacob G. Smith, Judge, and Abijah Smith, Clerk, Cape May, 7 April & 23 September 1817.
19. Theodore Frelinghuysen to Garret D. Wall re: judges Southard and Van Kirk, etc., Newark, 1 November 1817.
20. R. D. Tucker to Gov. Isaac H. Williamson requesting appointment as Surrogate for Hunterdon County, Trenton, 26 November 1817.
21. James Giles to Gov. Isaac H. Williamson recommending James Clark to Surrogacy of Cumberland County, Bridgeton, 15 May 1819.
22. Deposition of David Van Hook re: land dispute and cutting logs for George Harris, Cumberland County, 16 July 1819.
23. James Trimble, Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to Gov. Isaac H. Williamson transmitting copies of laws passed by the Pennsylvania legislature, Harrisburg, 7 August 1819.
24. Elias P. Seeley to Abraham Reeves Jr. re: \$100 payment due, 6 October 1819.
25. Elias Boudinot to Gov. Isaac H. Williamson recommending his nephew, Elias E. Boudinot, for the position of Clerk of Essex County, Burlington, 15 December 1819.
26. [?] to Col. Thomas J. Kinney requesting his assistance in procuring testimonials on writer's character from prominent New Jersey men (including Gov. Williamson, Gov. Ogden, and Gov. Pennington), U. S. Arsenal near Pittsburgh, 12 January 1820.
27. Daniel D. Tompkins to Gov. Isaac H. Williamson introducing Col. Hagerman, New York, 19 February 1820.
28. John Beatty to Gov. Isaac H. Williamson recommending his son, Richard L. Beatty, for the position of Quarter Master General of New Jersey, Trenton, 12 March 1821.
29. Jos. Bonnel to Gov. Isaac H. Williamson re: petitions being gathered by Taccar Prall to replace Bonnel as Surrogate of Hunterdon County, 31 May 1821.
30. Andrew Kirkpatrick to Gov. Isaac H. Williamson re: case of Dayton vs. Dayton, 23 July 1821.
31. Samuel Richards to Jacob Barr & Brothers re: the Barrs' claim as heirs to Joseph Ball's estate through Owen Richards, Philadelphia, 17 April 1822.
32. George P. MacCulloch to Gov. Isaac H. Williamson re: report of engineers with preliminary survey [of Morris Canal] and meeting with Gov. Clinton, Morristown, 14 September 1823.

33. J. McIlvaine to Garret D. Wall re: bill in Chancery of Boggs and others against Griffith and McIlvaine and \$200 note of Miss Barnes, postmarked [Georgetown, DC?], 5 January 1824.
34. Richard Stockton to Gov. Isaac H. Williamson recommending Mr. Wall for the office vacated by the death of Gen. Wilson, Princeton, 30 July 1824.
35. Zachariah Rossell to Gov. Isaac H. Williamson recommending Mr. Cadwalader for the office of Deputy Adjutant General of the 2nd Divison, Trenton, 16 August 1824.
36. William Vicary to Mrs. Sarah Keen re: lands in Jefferson Co., PA, Sewickly Bottom, 24 August 1824.
37. George Forsyeth to Elias Van Arsdale re: [McVicker?] farm, George Dayton, and Mr. Leddle, Mendham, 21 October 1826.
38. Joseph Stebbins and Samuel L. Hubbard to Gov. Isaac H. Williamson re: payment of money to Delaware Indians residing in New Stockbridge, Clinton, 10 April 1828.
39. William P. Sherman (for George Sherman) to Ralph Johnson re: claim against John Schenck estate, [ca. 1829].
40. John Rutherford to Gov. Isaac H. Williamson re: law relative to use of water of the Delaware River, recommending Professor Douglas of West Point for commission appointment, and accepting same, [Edgerston? ], 23 February 1829.
41. Notice re: Milo Heath's note to David B. Mellick, Newark, 30 December 183?.
42. Samuel [Swartwort?] to Peter D. Vroom Jr. re: 20,000 vote majority for "our candidate," New York, 4 November 1830.
43. William [Wert/Wist?] to Isaac H. Williamson inquiring whether Williamson will take the case of the representatives of the late James Usher for William Brundige re: title of tract of land in Princeton, Baltimore, 20 September 1831.
44. William Brundige to Isaac H. Williamson re: claim to land in Princeton held by Mr. Stockton, Baltimore, 28 October 1831.
45. Robert Campbell to Isaac H. Williamson re: the will of Rev. Benjamin Van De Linde and Adrian Brinkerhoff's rights, 17 September 1832.
46. Henry A. Ford to Isaac H. Williamson re: the estate of Col. Glover (late husband of Eliza), Elizabethtown, 7 December 1832.
47. Jonathan F. Leaming account with Jeremiah Leaming, 1833-1835.
48. [John?] Bray to Isaac H. Williamson re: Chancery case involving the estate of Robert Taylor, Clinton, NJ, 14 January 1834.
49. John Travers to Isaac H. Williamson re: cost of retaining him for all occasions involving the Paterson Bank and the Phenix Manufacturing Company, Paterson, 28 May 1834.
50. Charles C. Stratton to Isaac H. Williamson re: membership custom in Swedish Lutheran Church, Swedesborough, 2 January 1835.
51. Lewis Condict to Nicholas Arrosmith re: Revolutionary War service pension application, Morristown, 23 January 1835.
52. William T. Anderson to Isaac H. Williamson re: recognizance of Uriah Hill, [Newton?], Sussex Co., 11 February 1835.
53. Notice of Isaac H. Williamson to Job S. Halsted re: Chancery case of Aaron [Hazen?] vs. Charity Durling, admin. of John Durling, and Elizabeth and William Tillman, execs. of John Tillman, deceased, 15 September 1835.
54. Abraham Zabriskie to Isaac H. Williamson re: affidavit, 14 May 1836.
55. Charles Kinsey to Isaac H. Williamson re: retaining Williamson for Felix and Frederick Thibault in ejectment case in Salem County by [?] Sharp upon the death of Jacob Thompson, Mount Holly, 17 August 1836.

56. Benjamin G. Whittall to Isaac H. Williamson re: estate of Whittall's wife, Rachel Newbold, daughter of Daniel Newbold, which is entrusted to John Black and Caleb Newbold, Rome, Oneida Co., NY, 10 October 1836.
57. [Brown?] King to Isaac H. Williamson thanking him for defending King in Circuit Court at Newark, Paterson, 11 November 1836.
58. Cephas Dunham to Nicholas Corson re: rights of Corson's minor children to lands of Sarah Sommers, niece of Richard Sommers and wife of William Leaming, Brockville, Jefferson Co., PA, 14 November 1836.
59. Henry P. Green (with certificate from Dr. John Albright) to Isaac H. Williamson requesting instructions regarding writ, Madison, 29 March 1837 [2 items].
60. John Youle to [Isaac H. Williamson?] re: memorandum of agreement between William McKnight, John A. Crossman, and John Youle of 27 April (copied), Stafford, 10 August 1837; fragments of papers relating to a bill in Chancery, 1842 [2 items].
61. Edward Vanderpool to Gov. Isaac H. Williamson requesting him to terminate his father's case in Chancery, [New York?], 27 September 1837.
62. Daniel Elmer to Isaac H. Williamson requesting opinion in case of John F. Brown vs. Cornelius Lupton, Cumberland Pleas, 10 October 1837.
63. [Wheymouth?] to Benjamin Williamson re: case involving Dayton heirs, Cincinnati, OH, 7 April 1838.
64. Theodore Frelinghuysen to David A. Hayes re: Chancery case of Edward Van Selingen and John Tryon vs. Anthony Dey, 28 May 1838 [copy to Frederick T. Frelinghuysen].
65. Joseph F. Randolph to Isaac H. Williamson requesting him to examine papers for Mr. Smock, House of Representatives, Washington, DC, 19 June 1838.
66. Surveyor's field notes for a tract of woodland surveyed for Richard Townsend (purchased by Anthony and Reuben Ludlam, execs. of Jacob Spicer, by deed of 1767), 3 January 1839.
67. T. A. Hartwell to Benjamin Williamson re: coming to Elizabethtown, postmarked Somerville, NJ, 11 January 1839.
68. [I. D.?] Williamson to Benjamin Williamson re: making arrangement with Mr. Stiles, New York, 4 March 1839.
69. O. S. Halsted to Benjamin Williamson re: examination of Mrs. Dayton for Longworth case, Newark, 13 July 1839.
70. Isaac Southard to Benjamin Williamson re: \$750 note, Trenton, 13 July 1839.
71. Edward G. Corlies to Benjamin Williamson re: meeting in Elizabethtown, New York, 29 August 1839.
72. Hamilton Fish to Benjamin Williamson re: bond of Mr. Carroll for John Kean, Niemcewicz estate, etc., New York, 30 November 1839.

## Box 2

1. Circular letter from Philemon Dickerson, Peter D. Vroom, Daniel B. Ryall, William R. Cooper, and Joseph Kille to Benjamin Williamson re: illegal votes in 1838 election, Washington, DC, 12 February 1840.
2. Garret D. Wall to Benjamin Williamson re: [E.& S.R.R.?] meeting, Trenton, 27 April 1840.
3. Joseph F. Randolph to Isaac H. Williamson re: case of Hartshorne vs. Hartshorne, House of Representatives, Washington, DC, 1 July 1840.
4. Lyman [S.?] Averill, Corresponding Secretary of the Democratic Association, to Benjamin Williamson inviting him to rally, Camptown, 24 August 1840.
5. August Belmont to Isaac H. Williamson re: debt involving the City of Newark, New York, 10 October 1840.
6. [George W.] Doane to Benjamin Williamson re: note of Trustees of Burlington College, [Riverside?], 17 October

[1840?].

7. Isaac H. Williamson Jr. and Archer Gifford re: case of John Den ex dem. William Meredith vs. John J. Plume, Newark, 13 & 15 March 1841.
8. Note of [?] Schamp and Nicholas Arrosmith to pay Theodore Rockafellow \$14, 31 March 1841.
9. John Allen Taylor to Isaac H. Williamson re: case of Elizabeth Moore et al. ads. John Collins [involving estate of R. Taylor], with copy of notice received from Garret D. Wall, Brooklyn, NY, 9 July 1841.
10. Col. N. Saxton to Isaac H. Williamson re: Sussex case, Flemington, 5 August 1841.
11. William Pennington to Benjamin Williamson re: meeting [?] Scott about Somerville Railroad case, Newark, 9 August 1841.
12. James Wilson to Benjamin Williamson re: examination of a witness, Trenton, 31 August 1841.
13. Richard Kelly to Isaac H. Williamson re: Mr. Powers, Philadelphia, 9 November 1841.
14. N. Noble to Isaac H. Williamson re: foreclosure of Stanhope Company and Morris Canal mortgage, Indianapolis, 15 December 1841.
15. M. G. Bright to Gov. Isaac H. Williamson re: sale of property of the Stanhope Iron Company, Indianapolis, 28 February 1842.
16. Samuel Cassedy to Isaac H. Williamson re: engaging him for case involving the Bergen [Port?] Company and the North American Trust Company, Jersey City, 2 April 1842.
17. J. M. DeCamp to Benjamin Williamson re: advertising sale of personal property and 1,000 tons of ore at Rockaway, Morristown, 20 June 1842.
18. M. G. Bright to Benjamin Williamson re: business with Mr. Allen, New York, 10 August 1842.
19. George H. McCarter, Sheriff, to Benjamin Williamson re: sale of property from case of Morris Canal & Banking Company vs. The Stanhope Iron Company, Newton, Sussex Co., 31 August 1842.
20. Edwin Post to Benjamin Williamson re: motive of receivers for continuing injunction against the Stanhope Iron Company and theft and damage to property, Stanhope, 9 December 1842.
21. Edwin Post to Benjamin Williamson re: payment for property in case of Morris Canal & Banking Company for the State of Indiana (with copy of letter from M. G. Bright dated New York, 27 October 1842), Stanhope, 11 November 1842.
22. William S. Hubbard, Secretary of the Office Fund Commission, to Isaac H. Williamson re: answer to bill in Chancery, Indianapolis, 1 November 1842.
23. E. Lord to Isaac H. Williamson re: engaging W. W. Van Wagenen to defend against the Morris Canal & Banking Company's "Dutch Mortgage" for the State of Indiana, New York, 18 November 1842.
24. M. G. Bright to Benjamin Williamson re: Willinck [Morris Canal] and Stanhope cases, Indianapolis, 21 November 1842.
25. Samuel Cassedy to Isaac H. Williamson re: case involving the Bergen [Port?] Company and the North American Trust Banking Company, Jersey City, 16 December 1842.
26. M. G. Bright to Benjamin Williamson re: Morris Canal & Banking Company case, Madison, [IN?], 27 December 1842.
27. M. G. Bright to Benjamin Williamson re: retaining Mr. Green, Madison, [IN?], 2 January 1843.
28. M. G. Bright to Benjamin Williamson re: Willinck [Morris Canal] case, Columbus, OH, 8 January 1843.
29. M. G. Bright to Benjamin Williamson re: Willinck [Morris Canal] and Stanhope cases, Detroit, 12 January 1843.
30. George W. Taylor to Isaac H. Williamson re: absence from Trenton, [Clinton, NJ?], 3 April 1843.
31. Thomas [?] to Isaac H. Williamson re: Thomas and Kearny families and Easton, [PA?], etc., New York, 19

August 1843.

32. Richard Kelly to Isaac H. Williamson re: broken engagement with Charlotte Williamson and nature of relationship with Miss Thomas, Philadelphia, 22 September 1843.
33. Notice of James Speer to Isaac H. Williamson re: case of Garret Veghte vs. the executors of Christopher Van Pelt, postmarked Princeton, 2 November 1843.
34. John C. Smallwood to Isaac H. Williamson inquiring into the status of suits involving the estate of Smith Bowen, Woodbury, 30 November 1843.
35. M. G. Bright to Benjamin Williamson re: Willinck [Morris Canal] case, Madison, [IN?], 10 March 1844.
36. E. W. Wheepley to Benjamin Williamson re: Democratic Meeting in Morristown on July 3rd, Morristown, 5 July 1844.
37. J. Hoyt to Benjamin Williamson re: court business, Trenton, 10 July 1844.
38. [J. G.?] Scofield to Benjamin Williamson re: loss of Williamson's father and business with Mr. Hoyt, Trenton, 17 July 1844.
39. George W. Smyth, Alfred Mixsell, Samuel Hibbler, George H. Beatty, A. S. Bennet, George Flummerfelt, P. W. Blair, and G. Woolverton to Benjamin Williamson inviting him to address the Democratic Mass Meeting to be held in Hope on August 10th, Hope, Warren Co., 30 July 1844.
40. J. Hoyt to Benjamin Williamson re: Mr. Bright, Mr. Green [and Indiana/Morris Canal & Banking Company case], postmarked New York, 9 August [1844?].
41. Hamilton Fish to Benjamin Williamson transmitting Mr. Frelinghuysen's report, New York, 13 September 1844.
42. J. Hoyt to Benjamin Williamson re: Mr. Green and opinion of Gov. Vroom, New York, 22 September [1844?].
43. J. Hoyt to Benjamin Williamson re: Mr. Green not answering letters, postmarked New York, 25 September 1844.
44. J. Hoyt to Benjamin Williamson re: case involving Mr. Biddle and Mr. Bryant, postmarked New York, 27 September 1844.
45. James Wilson to Benjamin Williamson re: payment of bill of costs in case of McKnight & Crossman, Trenton, 28 September 1844.
46. Daniel Haines to Benjamin Williamson declining offer to take a case, Hamburg, NJ, 27 December 1844.
47. James Wilson to Benjamin Williamson re: certificate for search, Trenton, 30 December 1844.
48. Thomas Redman to Peter D. Vroom, William L. Day, Henry W. Green, and Stacy G. Potts re: 1836 act entitled "An Act relating to the unincorporated Society of Friends in this State" to be reviewed by the commission to revise the laws of the state, Haddonfield, 2 June 1845.
49. Copy of Benajah Osmun's will (proven 11 July 1815), certified by Ralph North, Clerk of the Probate Court of Adams County, Mississippi, 16 September 1845.
50. I. D. Hall to John C. Henry re: settling land affair; Virginia [Henry?] to [John C. Henry] re: Aunt and Uncle Hall; and Virginia [Henry?] and Henry D. Hall to William [Henry?] re: Henry Hall teaching French to plantation workers, etc., Hortbend, Texas, 22 December 1845.
51. L. Atterbury to Benjamin Williamson requesting him to attend a meeting of the trustees of the Jersey Associates, postmarked New York, 27 December 1845.
52. John [Sloan?] to I. H. Roe re: John Chetwood business, New York, 10 January 1846.
53. Notice of William S. Pennington to Benjamin Williamson re: trial of case of Elias Tooker v. Daniel Coghlan, Newark, 13 February 1846.
54. L. Atterbury to Benjamin Williamson re: improving property east of Hudson Street, Jersey City, and Mr. Southmayd, postmarked New York, 3 June 1846.

55. H. Southmayd to Benjamin Williamson re: improvement of Hudson Street and Jersey Associates (with newsclipping attached), Jersey City, 30 July 1846.
56. S. G. Arnold to Benjamin Williamson requesting support in procuring a position in the Philadelphia [Customs Court?], Trenton, 13 August [1846?].
57. Hamilton Fish to [Benjamin Williamson?] re: Van Wagenen and payment of note, New York, 18 September 1846.
58. A. Whitney to Benjamin Williamson re: subscription to stock, Philadelphia, 31 October 1846.
59. W. M. Scudder to I. H. H. Sayre re: books in Scudder's late father's office belonging to B. Williamson, Newark, 20 November 1846.
60. John C. Henry to Benjamin Williamson re: case between John Cowdrick and I. D. Hall, and ploughs and wagons made by [?] Smith, New York, 13 February 1847.
61. Jacob R. Halsted to Benjamin Williamson re: selling law books, New York, 22 February 1847.
62. H. Southmayd to Benjamin Williamson re: bulkheads on Green and Hudson Sts., Jersey City, 30 March 1847.
63. Charles E. Scofield to Benjamin Williamson re: location of papers relating to Stanhope property (including agreement of Robert P. Bell and Abraham W. Kinney), Morristown, 3 December 1847.
64. G. A. Allen to Benjamin Williamson re: trial for indictment of 7-8 persons for riot disturbing a temperance meeting in Hunterdon County, Flemington, 7 January 1848.
65. Joseph E. Edsall to Benjamin Williamson re: case in U. S. Circuit Court, Washington, DC, 11 March 1848.
66. N. Williams to Benjamin Williamson re: journey to Iowa, etc., Davenport, IA, 5 June 1848.
67. John H. Whelan to Benjamin Williamson requesting he address "The Young Hickory Club," Elizabethtown, 1 November 1848.
68. Hamilton Fish, New York Executive Department, to Benjamin Williamson re: warrants for fugitives John Beverly and Joseph Wilson (alias David Hart), Albany, 22 June 1849.
69. J. W. Scudder to Benjamin Williamson re: trespass case of the [Jersey] Associates against Mr. Morgan, Jersey City, 20 October 1849.
70. Asa Whitehead to Benjamin Williamson re: case involving Gifford and Thorne, and Mr. Hoyt, Newark, 20 November 1849.
71. Ira C. Whitehead to Benjamin Williamson re: notes and Mr. Wood, Morristown, 1 January 1850.
72. Order by Gov. George F. Fort to Isaac H. Williamson [Jr.] appointing him to the office of Prosecutor of the Pleas in the Borough of Elizabeth, Trenton, 11 March 1851.
73. Baldwin Adams & Co. to Benjamin Williamson re: engraving, New York, 14 February 1852.
74. Richard Stockton to [Benjamin Williamson?] re: case against New Brunswick Steam Boat and Canal Transportation Company, Princeton, 29 April 1853.
75. Robert F. Stockton and [?] Garthwaite to [Benjamin Williamson], Chancellor, re: seeing him, Philadelphia, 24 January 1854.
76. W. C. Whitney, Secretary of the Navy, to Robert L. Green re: correcting name of Green's candidate for appointment as a naval cadet, Washington, DC, 20 March 1885.
77. John P. Stockton, Office of the Attorney General, to Benjamin Williamson, Chancellor, re: Morris Canal case, Trenton, 6 May 1887.

### Box 3

1. Manuscript compendium of laws used by Isaac H. Williamson in his law practice, Elizabethtown, ca. 1796-

[1810?].

2. Catalogue of Benjamin Williamson's law library and miscellaneous books, Elizabethtown, 1845.

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