

**Collection #**  
**SC 1728,**  
**OM 0084**

**BENJAMIN SEBASTIAN (1745–1834)**  
**PAPERS, 1795–1807**

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Sebastian was a Kentucky attorney and judge of the Kentucky Appellate Court (1792-1806). He participated in the intrigues with Spain to break Kentucky and the western country away from the United States (1796); received a pension from Spain; and resigned his judgeship after public disclosure of his Spanish ties (1806).

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of documents and letters relating to Sebastian's involvement in the Spanish Conspiracy. Included are documents relating to the 1796 meeting between Sebastian and Francisco Luis Hector de Carondelet, Spanish governor of Louisiana; letters of Sebastian and his attorney, James Brown, regarding the accusations against Sebastian; and letters regarding Sebastian's efforts to have his pension from Spain continued after 1806.

Correspondents include James Brown, Francisco Luis Hector de Carondelet, and Henry Clay.

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION**

4 folders, 1 oversized folder

**NOTES**

Description taken from Eric Pumroy and Paul Brockman, *A Guide to the Manuscript Collections of the Indiana Historical Society and Indiana State Library*. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1986 (entry A-326).

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