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## **Biographical Information:**

George Keith was founder of "Christian Quakers." Surveyor-general of New Jersey to run boundary between East and West Jersey. In 1700 entered Anglican church and served in America as agent of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. Francis Nicholson was colonial governor of Virginia, Maryland and South Carolina. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: [http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/George\\_Keith](http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/George_Keith).

## **Scope and Contents**

"Benefactions of Francis Nicholson, Esqr. to the Church & Clergy in North America" prepared by Rev. George Keith, which lists the churches and amounts of money given by Nicholson to build churches from 1689 to 1704. Also noted is "Benefaction to the College of Williamsburgh in Virginia of several hundred pounds." Keith was agent for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. 8 pages. There is an incomplete contemporary copy as well as a typescript of the manuscript. From the library of Gordon W. Jones.

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