

Chief Justice James Logan
1674-1751

Term
1731-1739

Professional Experience

- Apprentice to Edward Webb, Ireland, 1687, linen merchant
- Master, Friar Meetinghouse School, 1693-1699
- Admitted to Chester County bar, 1734
- Penn appoints Logan, Chief Steward and Secretary to William Penn, 1699; commissioned 27, 8 months 1703
- Penn appoints Logan, Commissioner of Property, 1701-1710, 1711-1725, 1725-1728
- Penn appoints Logan, Receiver-General of the Land Office, October 29, 1701-January 30, 1714
- Penn appoints Logan, Clerk and Secretary of the Province, Pennsylvania Provincial Council, 1701
- Member, Provincial Council, 1702-1747
- Deputy, Master of the Rolls, July 11, 1702 and February 3, 1705
- Penn appoints Logan, Receiver General, Pennsylvania, Delaware, West New Jersey 1703
- Goes to England, December 1709-February 1712
- Fur Trader, 1712-1717
- Justice of the Peace, Philadelphia County, commissioned June 4, 1715; September 2, 1717; August 19, 1718 and November 29, 1718; December 5, 1719; June 4, 1722, February 18, 1723; September 1, 1726; September 2, 1727
- Justice, Court of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Orphans' Court, City and County of Philadelphia, June 4, 1715; Orphans' Court in office, August 17, 1719
- Associate Justice of the Philadelphia City Court, October 1, 1717
- Master, Court of Equity, 1720
- Judge, Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas, City and County of Philadelphia, September 2, 1723
- Mayor of Philadelphia, October 2, 1722-October 7, 1723
- Judge, Philadelphia County, 1726
- Penn appointed Logan, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, commissioned April 9, 1731; recommissioned December 28, 1733,
- President of Provincial Council, August 5, 1736
- Acting Governor, Pennsylvania, 1736-1738
- Signed the Walking Treaty of 1737

Memberships and Associations

- Founder, Academy of Philadelphia
- Trustee, University of Pennsylvania, 1749-1751

Publications

- Pennsylvania. Commissioners of Property. Pensilvania & Counties of Newcastle & C. Advertisement[.]: Whereas the Proprietor William Penn Esq; ... Hath Thought Fit to Appoint Edward Shippen, Samuel Carpenter, Richard Hill, Isaac Norris and James Logan, to Be His Commissioners of Property.... (1712)
- The Swedes Petition to the House of Representatives of the Province of Pennsylvania, the Governor's Letter Thereupon to the Commissioners of Property, with Their Report in Answer to the Same (1722)
- A Letter from James Logan, Esq; to Mouns Justis, with the Answer. (1722).
- Pennsylvania. Court of Quarter Sessions (Philadelphia County). The Charge Delivered from the Bench to the Grand-jury, at the Court of Quarter Sessions, Held for the County of Philadelphia, the

Second Day of September 1723. Published at the Desire of the Said Grand-jury. : Together with Their Address (1723).

- The Antidote. In Some Remarks on a Paper of David Lloyd's, Called a Vindication of the Legislative Power. Submitted to the Representatives of All the Freemen of Pennsylvania (1725).
- A Dialogue Shewing, What's Therein to Be Found. A Motto Being Modish, for Want of Good Latin, Are Put English Quotations (1725).
- A More Just Vindication of the Honourable Sir William Keith, Bart. Against the Unparalleled Abuses Put upon Him, in a Scandalous Libel Call'd, a Just and Plain Vindication of Sir William Keith, &C. (1726).
- Remarks on Sir William Keiths Vindication (1726).
- Remarks upon the Advice to the Freeholders, &C. Paragraph by Paragraph (1727).
- Pennsylvania. Court of Oyer and Terminer (Philadelphia County). The Latter Part of the Charge Delivered from the Bench to the Grand Inquest, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, Held for the City and County of Philadelphia, at Philadelphia the 24th Day of September 1733.: Published at the Request of the Said Inquest. With Their Address. (1733).
- Catonis Disticha. English. Cato's Moral Distichs Englished in Couplets (1735).
- Pennsylvania. Court of Oyer and Terminer (Philadelphia County). The Charge Delivered from the Bench to the Grand Inquest, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal-delivery : Held for the City and County of Philadelphia, April 13. 1736 (1736).
- To Robert Jordan, and Others the Friends of the Yearly Meeting for Business, Now Conven'd in Philadelphia. My Friends, it Is with No Small Uneasiness That I Find Myself Concerned to Apply Thus to this Meeting ... (1741)
- Cicero, Marcus Tullius. Cato Major : Or, a Treatise on Old Age. With Explanatory Notes from the Roman History by Mr. Loggan [i.e. Logan]. To Which Is Prefixed, the Life of Marcus Tullius Cicero. (1744, 1750, 1751, 1778, 1809).
- Experimenta et Meletemata De Plantarum Generatione / Auctore Jacobo Logan ... Experiments and Considerations on the Generation of Plants / by James Logan; Translated from the Original Latin (1747).
- Lokken, Roy N., ed. The Scientific Papers of James Logan. 62 pt. 6 Transactions of the American Philosophical Society (1972)
- The Correspondence of James Logan and Thomas Story, 1724-1741 (1927).
- Correspondence Between William Penn and James Logan, Secretary of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Others, 1700-1750. From the Original Letters in Possession of the Logan Family. With Notes by Deborah Logan. Ed. With Additional Notes by Edward Armstrong. (2 vols., 1870-72). (Memoirs of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. v. 9-10)

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