

**The Filson Historical Society  
The Papers of  
Arthur Campbell**

The papers of Arthur Campbell, Virginia state legislator, and Revolutionary War soldier.

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**Size of Collection**

**1.33 cubic feet**

**Locator Number Mss.A\C187**

## Scope and Content Note

Collection includes correspondence, statements of account, receipts, promissory notes, land papers, military papers, and legal papers.

Papers reflect Campbell's activities as county lieutenant of Washington County, Va., from its formation in 1777 through the Revolution and the Indian wars that followed, his service as sheriff of Washington County, and as a member of the Virginia Assembly.

Correspondence, 1774-1811, concerns land, the state militia, frontier defense against the Indians, military aid to Ky., Indian treaties, the Creek War, the Va.-N.C. boundary, the state of Franklin, separation of Ky. from Va., navigation of the Mississippi River, Anglo-American relations, national and state politics, proceedings of Congress in 1790, Anthony Wayne's campaign against the Northwest Indians, the French Revolution, and Jedidiah Morse's *Geography*.

Includes an account, 1764-1765, against Colonel John Buchanan for "teaching scholars."

Land papers, 1752-1806, includes papers concerning lands in Lee, Russell, and Washington counties, Va., including a "short narrative of the discovery of Powell's Valley"; petition of inhabitants of Washington and Montgomery counties that Dr. Thomas Walker's grant be buried in oblivion; papers, 1773-1806, concerning lands in Sullivan and Claiborne counties, Tenn..

Legal papers include bonds, 1797-1798, to Arthur Campbell as sheriff; writ in the case of *Arthur Campbell v. Andrew Vance*, 1799; transcript of record in case of *Salathiel Martin v. Arthur Campbell and John Jones*, 1804-1811.

Military papers, 1773-1797, include a certificate signed by Daniel Boone, 1774, and a military journal kept by William Dells on an expedition against the Cherokee in 1776.

Correspondents include Moses Austin, David Campbell, Jr., William Christian, Lord Dunmore, Reverend William Graham, Benjamin Harrison, Thomas Hutchings, Aaron Lewis, Joseph Martin, George Mason, Valentine Meriwether, Jedidiah Morse, Francis Preston, William Preston, Edmund Randolph, John Sevier, Isaac Shelby, Daniel Smith, John Steele, John Todd, Jr., and George Washington.

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Papers.                      1752-1811.

Box 1

- fl. 1          Arthur Campbell correspondence, 1774-1779.
- fl. 2          Arthur Campbell correspondence, 1780-1782.
- fl. 3          Arthur Campbell correspondence, 1783-1785.
- fl. 4          Arthur Campbell correspondence, 1786-1789.
- fl. 4a        To Richard Henry Lee, 1784 Dec. 20. Negative photostat of A.L.S. enclosing letter from Arthur Campbell.
- fl. 5          Arthur Campbell correspondence, 1790-1791.
- fl. 6          Arthur Campbell correspondence, 1792-1793.
- fl. 7          Arthur Campbell correspondence, 1794.
- fl. 8          Arthur Campbell correspondence, 1795-1798.
- fl. 9          Arthur Campbell correspondence, 1799-1811.
- fl. 10        Arthur Campbell correspondence, n.d.
- fl. 11        Arthur Campbell accounts, 1764-1769.
- fl. 12        Arthur Campbell accounts, 1770-1773.
- fl. 13        Arthur Campbell accounts, 1774-1777.
- fl. 14        Arthur Campbell accounts, 1779.
- fl. 15        Arthur Campbell accounts, 1780-1786.
- fl. 16        Arthur Campbell accounts, 1788-1801.
- fl. 17        Arthur Campbell accounts, 1807-1811.
- fl. 18        Arthur Campbell Kentucky land papers, 1773-1806.
- fl. 19        Arthur Campbell Tennessee land papers, 1780-1809.
- fl. 20        Arthur Campbell Sullivan County, Tennessee land papers, 1787.
- fl. 21        Arthur Campbell Virginia land papers, 1752-1806.
- fl. 22        Arthur Campbell Virginia land papers, n.d.
- fl. 23        Arthur Campbell legal papers, 1777-1809.
- fl. 24        Arthur Campbell military papers, 1773-1797.
- fl. 25        Arthur Campbell military papers, 1774-1779.
- fl. 26        William Dells military journal kept on an expedition against the Cherokee, 1776 Aug.-Sept.
- fl. 27        Arthur Campbell miscellaneous papers.
- fl. 28        John Buchanan's will, 1769 June 25.

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- fl. 29        Arthur Lee Campbell correspondence, 1801-1810.
- fl. 30        Arthur Lee Campbell correspondence, 1812.
- fl. 31        Arthur Lee Campbell correspondence, 1813.
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- fl. 41 Arthur Lee Campbell correspondence, 1836.
- fl. 42 Arthur Lee Campbell correspondence, 1837.
- fl. 43 Arthur Lee Campbell journal and memo book, 1812-1815.

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- fl. 44 Arthur Lee Campbell accounts, 1816-1822.
- fl. 45 Arthur Lee Campbell accounts, 1833-1837.
- fl. 46 Arthur Lee Campbell land papers for Hardin County, Ky., 1834.
- fl. 47 Arthur Lee Campbell land papers for Jefferson County, Ky., 1773-1813.
- fl. 48 Arthur Lee Campbell land papers for Jefferson County, Ky., 1814-1836.
- fl. 49 Arthur Lee Campbell land papers for Louisville, Ky., 1833-1837.
- fl. 50 Arthur Lee Campbell land papers for Portland (Louisville, Ky.), 1818-1823.
- fl. 51 Arthur Lee Campbell land papers for Tenn., 1803-1827.
- fl. 51a Arthur Lee Campbell land papers for Lee County, Va., 1836.
- fl. 52 Arthur Lee Campbell miscellaneous papers.
- fl. 53 Biography of Isaac Shelby by Alfred Shelby.

#### Box 4

- fl. 54 Arthur Lee Campbell legal papers: Commonwealth v. George Rose, 1801.
- fl. 55 Arthur Lee Campbell legal papers: Campbell, Martin & Co. v. Caleb & Thomas Reece, 1809.
- fl. 56 Arthur Lee Campbell legal papers: Francis and William Preston v. Arthur Lee Campbell, 1819.
- fl. 57 Arthur Lee Campbell legal papers: Arthur L. Campbell, executor v. Robert D. Pierce, Stephen Cordon, et al., 1816.
- fl. 58 Arthur Lee Campbell legal papers: William Beard and wife v. Arthur Lee Campbell, et al. 1817.
- fl. 59 Arthur Lee Campbell legal papers: William Beard and wife v. Arthur L. Campbell et al.
- fl. 60 Arthur Lee Campbell legal papers: James C. Johnston v. Arthur L. Campbell, 1834-1837.
- fl. 61 Arthur Lee Campbell legal papers: James D. Breckinridge v. Arthur L. Campbell, et al., 1837.
- fl. 62 Arthur Lee Campbell legal papers: Caroline H. Preston, guardian v. Arthur L. Campbell, 1837.
- fl. 63 Arthur Lee Campbell miscellaneous papers, 1811-1816.
- fl. 64 Arthur Lee Campbell miscellaneous papers, 1817-1837.

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- fl. 65 Matthew Monroe Campbell correspondence, 1829-1831.
- fl. 66 Matthew Monroe Campbell correspondence, 1832.
- fl. 67 Matthew Monroe Campbell correspondence, 1833.
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- fl. 72 Matthew Monroe Campbell correspondence, 1838.
- fl. 73 Matthew Monroe Campbell correspondence, 1839.
- fl. 74 James Madison Campbell papers, 1833-1835.

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Papers of Arthur Lee Campbell. Collection includes correspondence, journal, and memorandum book, 1812-1815, statements of account and promissory notes, 1816-1837; land papers concerning lands in Hardin and Jefferson counties, Ky., and in Tenn., records of purchase of lots in Portland (Louisville, Ky.) from General William Lytle and others, 1818-1823; and legal papers, 1801-1837.

Correspondence relates to Campbell's mercantile business at Mossy Creek, 1805-1812; his proposal to supply rations for U.S. troops in Ky. and Tenn. in 1810; the military service of his brother, Captain James H. Campbell, 24<sup>th</sup> Regiment Kentucky Infantry, in the War of 1812; arrangements for a duel with Colonel George Rogers Clark Floyd in 1815; Campbell's removal to Louisville in 1818; the administration of this father's lands near Louisville; banks and banking in Ky. and Tenn.; Ky. politics; the education of his son, Matthew, in colleges at Danville, Ky. and Bloomington, Ind.; and other family matters.

The legal papers are records of litigation with Caleb and Thomas Reece, Francis and William Preston, Robert D. Pierce, et al., William Beard and his wife, James C. Johnston, James D. Breckinridge, and Caroline H. Preston.

Correspondents include William T. Barry, Arthur Campbell, , William Eustis, Judge Joseph Eve, Joseph Ficklin, John T. Gray, James Guthrie, James Haggin, Andrew Jackson, Amos Kendall, James T. Morehead, Samuel Nicholson, William Owsley, Levi Tyler, Jenkin Whiteside, George Work, and members of the Campbell family.

Also included are the papers of Matthew Monroe Campbell (b. 1810), son of Arthur Lee Campbell. These papers are chiefly comprised of correspondence, 1829-1839, from his family in Louisville to him, while he was employed at the post office in Lexington, Ky., a college student in Bloomington, Ind. and Danville, Ky., and working as a collector of claims in Miss. The letters regard life in Louisville, Campbell's graduation from Indiana College in 1836, religion and politics in Ky., cholera in La. in 1832 and 1835, John Campbell's service in the Sabine expedition in 1836, the character of James D. Breckinridge, financial matters and the Panic of 1837, and Arthur Lee Campbell's death and his estate. A small group of James Madison Campbell's (b. 1807) papers, 1833-1835, is included.