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**Clark, Jonathan, 1750-1811
Papers, 1801-1812**

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Biographical Note

Jonathan Clark, son of John and Ann (Rogers) Clark, was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, 12 August 1750, and died in Jefferson County, Kentucky, 25 November 1811. During the Revolutionary War, Clark commanded a company in the Eighth Virginia Regiment. In 1779 he was promoted to Lt. Colonel in the Continental Army. He married Sarah Hite on 13 February 1782. Following the war, Clark resided in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. He was commissioned major general of the Virginia Militia forces in 1793. On 26 May 1802 he moved with his family to Louisville, Kentucky, making their home at "Trough Spring." Jonathan and Sarah had 7 children.

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Scope and Content Note

Collection consists of 32 letters, all but two written to Clark, two legal documents and a series of anonymous essays probably dating to the early 19th century. The letters concern financial and land transactions, Clark's role in settling a Tompkins family legal dispute over an estate settlement in Virginia, and details concerning the schooling of Clark's sons, George Washington Clark and Dr. William Clark. One letter is from Clark's daughter, Ann Pearce, to her brother Isaac, serving in a Ky. volunteer regiment during the War of 1812.

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List of Folders

- Folder 1: Correspondence; 1801-1805
- Folder 2: Correspondence; 1806-1807
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- Folder 6: Essays

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Subject Headings

Business enterprises - Kentucky
Chesapeake-Leopard Affair, 1807
Clark, George Rogers, 1752-1818
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Continental System (Economic blockade)
Education - Kentucky
Indians of North America - Public opinion
Love
Real property - Kentucky
Slavery - Virginia
Suicide
Tompkins family - Trials, litigation, etc.
United States - History - 1801-1809
United States - History - Revolution, 1775-1783 - Veterans
Vice