

**The Filson Historical Society**

**The Papers of  
William Clark**

The papers of William Clark, physician, farmer, and manufacturer of hemp products.

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**Size of Collection**

**2 cubic feet**

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## **Biographical Note**

William Clark (1795-1879), the son of Jonathan Clark and brother of George Rogers Clark was born in Louisa County, Va. on Nov. 13, 1795. In 1800, he came to Ky. with his father. He graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and moved to Huntsville, Ala. where he practiced medicine for just over one year. He moved to Fayette County, Ky. where he lived as a farmer. About 1835, he moved to Jefferson County. Clark was an early Ky. Mason who founded the Clark Lodge of Masons about 1818. He married Francis Tompkins of Louisville. Clark died in Louisville, February 3, 1879.

### **Scope and Content Note**

Collection includes business and personal correspondence; an account book, 1812-1861; bills for the sale of slaves, 1829-1848; and land papers.

Correspondents include Clark's daughter, Frances Ann Lawson Biddle and her family, R. A. Bacon, William S. Bodley, George W. Clark, General Jonathan Clark, James G. Gordon, George B. Kinkead, Judge John McKinley, Edmund Pearce, H. C. Smith, James R. Steelman, James Taylor of Harrodsburg, John B. Temple, H. G. Tompkins, Dr. Benjamin Tompkins, and George Woolfolk.

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Papers. 1811-1879.

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- fl. 1 Clark Lodge (Masons) certificate.  
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- fl. 20 Correspondence, 1871-1879.
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- fl. 22 Correspondence from Frances Ann Biddle and her family, 1847-1852.
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- fl. 27 Correspondence from Frances Ann Biddle and her family, 1873.
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- fl. 29 Correspondence from Robert T. Cosby to Frances Ann (Tompkins) Clark, 1848-1852.

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