

The Filson Historical Society

**The Papers of
Green Clay**

The papers of Green Clay, soldier, pioneer, and surveyor, and his son and executor, Sidney Payne Clay.

For information regarding literary and copyright interests for these papers, see the Curator of Manuscripts, James J. Holmberg.

Size of Collection

0.33 cubic feet

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Biographical Note

Green Clay was born in Powhatan County, Va. in 1757. He was a second cousin of Henry Clay, and brother-in-law of Kentucky Governor James Garrard. Clay speculated in Ky. lands and moved to Madison County, Ky. in the 1780s. He held many political offices, served in the Kentucky legislature and fought in the War of 1812. He was a very prominent landowner with more than 40,000 acres of Kentucky lands. In 1795, he married Sallie Lewis who bore him several children including Cassius Marcellus, and Brutus Junius Clay. Green Clay died on October 31, 1826, and was buried in the Richmond Cemetery.

Scope and Content Note

Papers consist of correspondence, 1799-1834, land papers, 1780-1833, legal papers, 1830-1833, and accounts, 1780-1834, concerning land in the Jackson Purchase region of Ky. A complete list of the heirs of Green Clay, living in 1833, is given in a summons.

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Green Clay
Papers. 1780-1834.

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- fl. 1 Correspondence, 1799-1828.
- fl. 2 Correspondence, 1830.
- fl. 3 Correspondence, 1831.
- fl. 4 Correspondence, 1832.
- fl. 5 Correspondence, 1833-1834.
- fl. 6 Accounts and receipts, 1820-1833.
- fl. 7 Legal papers, 1830-1833.
- fl. 8 Land papers, 1780-1796.
- fl. 9 Miscellaneous land papers, 1781-1833.
- fl. 10 Miscellaneous, 1820.