

The Filson Club Historical Society

**The Papers of
Joseph Hamilton Daviess**

The papers of Joseph Hamilton Daviess, Kentucky lawyer and soldier.

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Size of Collection

1 cubic foot

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Biographical Note

- 1774 Born in Virginia.
- 1779 Moved to Boyle County, Kentucky.
- 1793 Served in the Kentucky militia in action against the Indians.
- 1795 Began the practice of law in Danville.
- 1799 Became a U.S. attorney.
- 1800 Elected to the Kentucky legislature.
- 1801 Moved to Washington, D.C.
- 1803 Married Anne Marshall, sister of John Marshall.
- 1806 Prosecuted Aaron Burr for treason.
- 1809 Practiced law in Lexington, Ky.
- 1811 Joined the expedition of William Henry Harrison and was killed at the battle of Tippecanoe.

Scope and Content Notes

Collection includes correspondence, legal papers, land papers, statements of account, commissions, and estate papers.

Correspondence, 1797-1811, relates chiefly to Ky. lands and slaves, Daveiss' opposition to Aaron Burr, his removal from office as U.S. attorney for the District of Kentucky in 1807, publication of his pamphlet vindicating his conduct, and authorship of a bill before Congress for arming and disciplining the militia of the U.S. in 1811.

Legal papers, 1797-1810, include an opinion of Edmund Randolph, 1800.

Also included are papers of Daviess' brother, Samuel Daveiss (1775-1856), lawyer of Harrodsburg, Ky., consisting of letters, 1811-1855, legal papers, 1812-1850, and statements of account, 1816-1854; and correspondence of Patrick Moore, lawyer of Harrodsburg, Ky., while serving as U.S. minister to Colombia, 1829-1833.

Correspondents include John Breckinridge, James Brown, Joseph Desha, Andrew Jackson, Richard M. Johnson, James Madison, Humphrey Marshall, James Monroe, John Pope, John Rowan, James Speed, John Speed, Robert Todd, Thomas Todd, Thomas Tunstall, and others.

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Box 1

- fl. 1 Correspondence, 1797-1800.
- fl. 2 Correspondence, 1801-1802.
- fl. 3 Correspondence, 1803-1805.
- fl. 4 Correspondence, 1806-1809.
- fl. 5 Correspondence, Rowan letters. 1807 Apr. 18, and n.d.

Box 2

- fl. 6 Correspondence, 1810-1811.
- fl. 7 Correspondence, n.d.
- fl. 8 Legal papers, 1797-1810.
- fl. 9 Land papers, 1780-1801.
- fl. 10 Accounts, 1798-1813.
- fl. 11 Commissions, 1800-1808.
- fl. 12 Estate papers, 1812-1819.

Box 3

- fl. 13 Appointment of Thomas Davis, 1800.
- fl. 14 Samuel Daveiss correspondence, 1811-1855.
- fl. 15 Legal papers, accounts, 1812-1849.
- fl. 16 Legal papers, accounts, 1843-1856 and n.d.
- fl. 17 Accounts, 1816-1854.
- fl. 18 Thomas P. Moore correspondence, 1829-1833.
- fl. 19 Miscellaneous.