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**The Papers of
John Jeremiah Jacob**

The papers of John Jeremiah Jacob, merchant, banker, real estate investor, councilman, and railroad president of Louisville, Ky.

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Size of Collection

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Scope and Content Note

Includes papers of Jacob, his children, grandchildren, and business partner Thomas Prather.

Jacob's papers consist of correspondence, 1806-1851, including letters from business associates and his partner, Thomas Prather, discussing business, crops, lands in Ky. and Mo., the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, and the Louisville Library; accounts, 1896-1850, including statements of accounts with merchants, doctors, teachers, schools, colleges, publishers, and others for support and education of his family; accounts with contractors and others for the upkeep and improvement of his real property; bills of lading; promissory notes; canceled checks, 1817-1849, including ones drawn by Jacob as treasurer of the Louisville and Portland Canal Co.; receipts, including a receipt of Charles Wolford for painting a portrait of a lady in 1843; contracts with an overseer of a farm, 1844; contracts for brickwork, carpenter work, plastering, and digging a well; land papers, 1808-1849, concerning land in Bullitt and Jefferson counties, Ky., Louisville, Ky., Ind., Mo., legal papers; fee bills, 1833-1845; and slavery documents, 1813-1846, including bills of sale, deed of trust, and receipts.

The papers of Louisville merchant Thomas Prather (d. 1823) includes letters, 1810-1812, discussing business, including counterfeit notes and ships built at Marietta, Ohio, in 1807; receipts, 1818-1822, for dividends for the Shelbyville and Louisville Turnpike Co., the Beargrass Toll Bridge Co., and the Louisville and Portland Turnpike; land papers; and miscellaneous papers.

The papers of Thomas Prather Jacob, son of John J. Jacob, consist of correspondence, 1843-1886, with sister Susan Clay, James B. Clay, John W. Tyler, H. Slaughter, John B. Smith, Brown Brothers and Co., J. M. Womack, James P. Helm, Charles D. Jacob, and son John Jacob during a trip to Europe, 1879-1880; accounts, 1857-1886, including receipts of John Kitts and Co. for flat silver purchased in 1857 and 1859; subscription to Henry Clay statue in 1863; receipts of Benoni Irwin, 1870 Jan. 2, for \$150 for portrait of Thomas P. Jacob; statement of expenses of erection of house at Fourth and Breckinridge streets in 1866; "Taxes and Insurance," 1854-1886, containing a record of payments made on property owned by him, his brothers, sisters, and his wife; and miscellaneous papers.

Small groups of Mrs. Thomas Jacob (Henrietta Pope Jacob), Charles D. Jacob, and Richard Taylor Jacob are also included, and concern household affairs, the death of Isabel Keats, and a proposed visit of John Quincy Adams to Louisville in 1843.

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J15 John Jeremiah Jacob
 Papers. 1806-1851.

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fl. 1 Notes on the Jacob family history.
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fl. 3 John Jacob Jeremiah correspondence, 1807.
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fl. 6 John Jacob Jeremiah correspondence, 1826-1835.
fl. 7 John Jacob Jeremiah correspondence, 1840-1845.
fl. 8 John Jacob Jeremiah correspondence, 1847-1849.
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fl. 10 John Jacob Jeremiah correspondence, (transcripts).

Box 2

fl. 11 John Jacob Jeremiah accounts, 1806-1825.
fl. 12 John Jacob Jeremiah accounts, 1826-1828.
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fl. 15 John Jacob Jeremiah accounts, 1831-1832.
fl. 16 John Jacob Jeremiah accounts, 1833.
fl. 17 John Jacob Jeremiah accounts, 1834 Jan.-June.
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- fl. 33 John Jacob Jeremiah accounts, 1843 Jan.-Mar.
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- fl. 37 John Jacob Jeremiah accounts, 1844 Jan.-June.
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- fl. 41 John Jacob Jeremiah accounts, 1846.
- fl. 42 John Jacob Jeremiah accounts, 1847-1848.
- fl. 43 John Jacob Jeremiah accounts, 1849.
- fl. 44 John Jacob Jeremiah accounts, 1850.
- fl. 45 John Jacob Jeremiah accounts, n.d.
- fl. 46 John Jacob Jeremiah city, county, and state tax receipts, 1826-1847.

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- fl. 47 John Jacob Jeremiah contracts, 1844-1850.
- fl. 48 John Jacob Jeremiah Bullitt County land papers, 1808.
- fl. 49 John Jacob Jeremiah Jefferson County land papers, 1812-1825.
- fl. 50 John Jacob Jeremiah Louisville land papers, 1816-1829.
- fl. 51 John Jacob Jeremiah Louisville land papers, 1831-1836.
- fl. 51a John Jacob Jeremiah Louisville land papers, 1840-1845.
- fl. 52 John Jacob Jeremiah Louisville land papers, 1846-1849.
- fl. 53 John Jacob Jeremiah Indiana land papers, 1816.
- fl. 54 John Jacob Jeremiah Missouri land papers, 1822.
- fl. 55 John Jacob Jeremiah legal papers, 1824-1844.
- fl. 56 John Jacob Jeremiah legal papers-fee bills, 1833-1845.
- fl. 57 John Jacob Jeremiah slavery documents, 1813-1846.
- fl. 58 John Jacob Jeremiah miscellaneous papers, 1820-1844.

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- 59 Canceled checks, 1817?-1849.

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- fl. 60 John J. Jeremiah and Co. articles of copartnership, 1806 Aug. 20.
- fl. 61 John J. Jeremiah and Co. accounts, 1808-1811.
- fl. 62 John J. Jeremiah and Co. Bullitt County land papers, 1808.
- fl. 63 Prather and Jacob correspondence, 1810-1813.
- fl. 64 Prather and Jacob accounts, 1810-1823.
- fl. 65 Prather and Jacob notes and receipts, 1813-1822.
- fl. 66 Prather and Jacob account with the Louisville Branch Bank, 1814-1824.
- fl. 67 Prather and Jacob Jefferson County land papers, 1818.
- fl. 68 James Cox, Jr. power of attorney, 1819 Apr. 14.
- fl. 69 Thomas Prather correspondence, 1801-1812.

- fl. 70 Thomas Prather notes and receipts, 1810-1822.
- fl. 71 Thomas Prather receipts, 1818-1822.
- fl. 72 Thomas Prather land papers, 1806-1819.
- fl. 73 Thomas Prather slavery documents, 1823-1826.
- fl. 74 Thomas Prather estate receipts, 1823-1838.
- fl. 75 Seaton, Sanders and Co. accounts, 1815-1819.

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- fl. 76 Thomas Prather Jacob letter about the death of Isabel Keats, 1843 Nov. 8.
- fl. 77 Thomas Prather Jacob correspondence, 1843-1850.
- fl. 78 Thomas Prather Jacob correspondence, 1851-1867.
- fl. 79 Thomas Prather Jacob correspondence, 1878-1886.
- fl. 80 Thomas Prather Jacob correspondence from his son in Europe, 1879-1880.
- fl. 81 Thomas Prather Jacob correspondence to his son in Europe, 1879-1880.
- fl. 82 Thomas Prather Jacob accounts, 1857-1886.
- fl. 83 Thomas Prather Jacob minutes of Christ Church, 1870 Apr. 25.
- fl. 84 Thomas Prather Jacob miscellaneous papers.
- fl. 84a Taxes and insurance book.

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- fl. 85 Thomas Prather Jacob correspondence as trustee of Mary Tyler, 1878-1881.
- fl. 86 Thomas Prather Jacob correspondence as trustee of Mary Tyler, 1882.
- fl. 87 Thomas Prather Jacob correspondence as trustee of Mary Tyler, 1883-1888.
- fl. 88 Thomas Prather Jacob contracts and specifications as trustee of Mary Tyler, 1862-1886.
- fl. 89 Thomas Prather Jacob accounts as trustee of Mary Tyler, 1878-1879.
- fl. 90 Thomas Prather Jacob accounts as trustee of Mary Tyler, 1880.
- fl. 91 Thomas Prather Jacob accounts as trustee of Mary Tyler, 1881.
- fl. 92 Thomas Prather Jacob accounts as trustee of Mary Tyler, 1882.
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- fl. 97 Thomas Prather Jacob accounts as trustee of Mary Tyler, 1887.
- fl. 98 Thomas Prather Jacob accounts as trustee of Mary Tyler, 1888.
- fl. 99 Thomas Prather Jacob accounts as trustee of Mary Tyler, 1889.
- fl. 100 A. E. Richards statements of rents collected and expended as agent of Mary Tyler, 1878-1880.
- fl. 101 Thomas Prather Jacob statements of account as trustee of Mary Tyler, 1878-1886.

Box 10

- fl. 102 Henrietta Jacob correspondence, 1854-1880.
- fl. 103 Henrietta Jacob correspondence from her son John in Europe, 1879-1880.
- fl. 104 Henrietta Jacob correspondence to her son John in Europe, 1879-1880.
- fl. 105 Henrietta Jacob-Thomas Prather Jacob correspondence, 1883-1884.

- fl. 106 John Jeremiah Jacob correspondence from Thomas Prather Jacob while in Europe, 1879-1880.
- fl. 107 John Jeremiah Jacob correspondence from Susan Clay, 1880-1882.
- fl. 108 Charles D. Jacob correspondence, photograph (photocopy, original transferred to Photographs and Prints Dept.), and obituary.
- fl. 109 Charles D. Jacob accounts, 1884-1886, and land papers.
- fl. 110 Kate Jacob papers, 1857-1860.
- fl. 111 Matilda Jacob account with William Prather for trip expenses, 1835.
- fl. 112 Transcript from *The Louisville Journal*, 1865 Jan. 28, about the arrest of Lt. Governor Richard T. Jacob by General Burbridge.
- fl. 113 Petition to the Fayette Circuit Court requesting the resignation of Richard T. Taylor be accepted and a successor appointed. Contemporary copy, 1870?
- fl. 114 William Rinaldo Jacob recommendations from Indiana University, 1846.
- 115 Louisville plat book.
Report of John J. Jacob estate commissioners.
Map of St. Louis.