

The Filson Historical Society

**The Papers of
John Jeffrey**

The papers of John Jeffrey, architect, engineer, and businessman of New York, Ohio, and Kentucky.

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Size of Collection

3.33 cubic feet

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Scope and Content Note

Collection includes correspondence, reports, contracts, estimates, specifications, drawings, accounts, and engineering notebooks concerning Jeffrey's career.

Includes papers of the firm of John Jeffrey and Co., Cincinnati, including time books, receipt books, and account books of the company, 1852-1859; papers concerning the gasworks built by the company in many southern and midwestern cities and in Havana and Matanzas, Cuba, from the plans of John Jeffrey.

Also includes letters from Clarence George Keats, Jeffrey's stepson, and business associate; letters, 1868, from Alexander Jeffrey concerning the administration of the estate of their brother, William Jeffrey; notes, plans, and specifications of iron gunboats for river service proposed to be built by John Jeffrey at Cincinnati in 1861 and 1862; contracts concerning the preparation of Ohio River steam rams, 1862; papers concerning resumption of operations of the Vicksburg Gas Co. in 1863; and engineering notebooks kept at Utica, N.Y., and Louisville, Ky., 1837-1841, containing measurements of Louisville streets made for the Louisville Gas Co.

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fl. 22 Accounts, 1865.
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fl. 28 Bills of lading and receipts of T.G. Gaylord and Co., 1865-1866.
fl. 29 Partnership agreement of John Jeffrey and Frederic Hopper, 1858 Apr. 1.
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- 35 Engineering notebook, 1836-1837.
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- fl. 51 Papers concerning the Prosperidad coal mine near Havana, Cuba, 1840-1846.

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- fl. 52 Spanish Gas Light Co., Havana, Cuba-Matanzas Branch, papers, 1853-1854.
- fl. 53 Spanish Gas Light Co., Havana, Cuba-Matanzas Branch, papers, 1855-1858.
- fl. 54 Vera Cruz Gas Works papers, 1850.

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- fl. 55 Cincinnati Gas Light & Coke Co. maps, tracings, and pamphlets.
- fl. 56 Cincinnati Gas Light & Coke Co. papers, 1846-1856.
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- fl. 58 Cincinnati Gas Light & Coke Co. papers, 1861-1867.

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- fl. 59 Covington Gas Light Co. papers, tracings and map of the city, 1851-1867.
- fl. 60 Cincinnati Hamilton and Dayton Railroad papers about the construction of an iron roof for the depot, 1863-1864.
- fl. 61 Cleveland Gas Light & Coke Co. papers, 1846-1851.
- fl. 62 Clarksville Gas Light Co. notes and printed forms, 1859.
- fl. 63 Dayton Gas Works papers, 1850-1864.
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- fl. 66 Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Co. papers, 1859.
- fl. 67 Louisville Gas Co. papers, 1847-1853.
- fl. 68 Lynchburg Gas Works, n.d.
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- fl. 70 Memphis Gas Light Co. papers and tracings, 1852-1853.
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- fl. 73 Newport Extension papers and map of Newport, Ky., 1858-1859.
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- fl. 77 Vicksburg Gas Light Co. papers, 1853-1860.
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