

The Filson Historical Society
The Papers of
William and George Wood Meriwether

The papers of William Meriwether (ca. 1757-1814), Ky. pioneer, and George Wood Meriwether (1789-1864), retail merchant of Louisville, Ky.

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Size of Collection

1 cubic foot

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Biographical Note

William Meriwether (ca. 1757-1814) was a Kentucky pioneer who settled in Jefferson County.

Scope and Content Note

Collection includes the papers of William and George Wood Meriwether.

The papers of William Meriwether consist of correspondence, 1787-1811, chiefly with his brother, Valentine Meriwether of Louisa County, Va., about the estate of their father, William Meriwether, and litigation in which they were engaged; statements of account, 1788-1813; bond of Nicholas Meriwether to William Meriwether for the sale of 1100 acres of land on Mulberry Creek, a branch of Brashear's Creek, and for 600 acres on the waters of Beargrass Creek, 1780 July; slavery documents, including a bill of sale for a girl, 1795 Dec. 21, and a contract for hire of a man, 1801 Mar. 23; agreement of William Meriwether and James Speed about land, undated legal papers in the case of Isaac Hite v. William Meriwether, 1811-1815; fee bills, 1789-1811; estate papers, 1814-1818; and statements of account, 1814-1827, against Sarah Oldham Meriwether.

The papers of George Wood Meriwether consist of correspondence, 1809-1831, regarding his mercantile business, including eighteen letters from his partner, John H. Hanna, a letter from James Berthoud and Son, and letters from merchants in Philadelphia and Baltimore; correspondence with Charles Clarkson, his uncle Nicholas Meriwether, Henry W. Meriwether, Richard Meriwether, and A. M. Barker about land matters; a letter from brother Samuel Meriwether, 1812 Oct. 7, during military service in the War of 1812; a letter from James Guthrie as member of the Ky. legislature; personal accounts and accounts of George W. Meriwether and Co., 1812-1831, including statements of account for merchandise purchased in Philadelphia, 1815-1817; receipts; promissory notes; accounts with doctors Richard Ferguson and Richard Booth; and fee bills.

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A William and George Wood Meriwether
563 Papers. 1780-1831.

Box 1

- fl. 1 William Meriwether correspondence, 1787-1799.
- fl. 2 William Meriwether correspondence, 1800-1802.
- fl. 3 William Meriwether correspondence, 1803-1805.
- fl. 4 William Meriwether correspondence, 1806-1809.
- fl. 5 William Meriwether correspondence, 1810-1814 and n.d.
- fl. 6 William Meriwether accounts, 1788-1799.
- fl. 7 William Meriwether accounts, 1800-1802.
- fl. 8 William Meriwether accounts, 1803-1804.
- fl. 9 William Meriwether accounts, 1805-1806.
- fl. 10 William Meriwether accounts, 1807-1808.
- fl. 11 William Meriwether accounts, 1809.
- fl. 12 William Meriwether accounts, 1810.
- fl. 13 William Meriwether accounts, 1811.
- fl. 14 William Meriwether accounts, 1812-1813.
- fl. 15 William Meriwether accounts, n.d.
- fl. 15a William Meriwether Jefferson County land papers, 1780.
- fl. 16 William Meriwether slavery documents, 1795-1801.
- fl. 17 William Meriwether legal papers, 1803-1817.
- fl. 17a William Meriwether legal papers-fee bills, 1789-1811.
- fl. 18 William Meriwether estate papers, 1814-1818.
- fl. 19 Sarah Meriwether accounts, 1814-1827.

Box 2

- fl. 20 George Wood Meriwether correspondence, 1809-1812.
- fl. 21 George Wood Meriwether correspondence, 1813-1816.
- fl. 22 George Wood Meriwether correspondence, 1817.
- fl. 23 George Wood Meriwether correspondence, 1818-1822.
- fl. 24 George Wood Meriwether correspondence, 1823-1825.
- fl. 25 George Wood Meriwether correspondence, 1826-1827.
- fl. 26 George Wood Meriwether correspondence, 1828-1830.
- fl. 27 George Wood Meriwether correspondence, 1831.
- fl. 27a George Wood Meriwether retail license, 1816 Nov. 2.
- fl. 28 George Wood Meriwether accounts, 1812-1814.
- fl. 29 George Wood Meriwether and George W. Meriwether & Co. accounts, 1815
Jan.-Mar.
- fl. 30 George Wood Meriwether and George W. Meriwether & Co. accounts, 1815

- Aug. 1-4.
- fl. 31 George Wood Meriwether and George W. Meriwether & Co. accounts, 1815 Aug. 5-31.
- fl. 32 George Wood Meriwether and George W. Meriwether & Co. accounts, 1815 Sept.-Dec.
- fl. 33 George Wood Meriwether and George W. Meriwether & Co. accounts, 1816 Jan.-June.
- fl. 34 George Wood Meriwether and George W. Meriwether & Co. accounts, 1816 Aug.
- fl. 35 George Wood Meriwether and George W. Meriwether & Co. accounts, 1816 Sept.-Dec.
- fl. 36 George Wood Meriwether and George W. Meriwether & Co. accounts, 1817.
- fl. 36a George Wood Meriwether and George W. Meriwether & Co. accounts, 1818.
- fl. 37 George Wood Meriwether accounts, 1819-1820.
- fl. 38 George Wood Meriwether accounts, 1821-1831.
- fl. 39 George Wood Meriwether accounts, n.d.

Box 3

- fl. 40 George W. Meriwether & Co. orders for merchandise, 1808-1815.
- fl. 41 George W. Meriwether & Co. orders for merchandise, 1816 Jan.-June.
- fl. 42 George W. Meriwether & Co. orders for merchandise, 1816 July-Dec.
- fl. 43 George W. Meriwether & Co. orders for merchandise, 1817 and n.d.
- fl. 44 George Wood Meriwether list of queensware, n.d.
- fl. 45 George Wood Meriwether canceled checks, 1810-1832.
- fl. 46 George Wood Meriwether land papers, 1813-1823.
- fl. 47 George Wood Meriwether legal papers.
- fl. 48 George Wood Meriwether miscellaneous papers.
- fl. 49 Charles Meriwether letter to his mother, Mrs. Margaret Terrell, 1791 Aug. 30. Typed copy.
- fl. 50 Charles Meriwether deed for a lot in Louisville, 1894 Nov. 5.
- fl. 51 Charles Meriwether essay on "American Character."
- fl. 52 David Meriwether accounts, 1809-1819.
- fl. 53 H. W. Meriwether accounts, 1816.
- fl. 54 Nicholas Meriwether miscellaneous papers, 1774-1820.
- fl. 55 Samuel Meriwether letter to Mr. Washington, 1806 Jan. 7.
- fl. 56 William Meriwether accounts, 1816-1821.
- fl. 57 Valentine Meriwether miscellaneous papers, 1780-1812.
- fl. 58 Merchants Louisville Insurance Co. subscription list, 1830 Mar. 1, bearing names of N. Berthoud, James Guthrie, George Keats and others.