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**The Preston Family Papers
Joyes Collection, 1780-1956**

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Size of Collection

2 cubic feet

Locator Number Mss.\A\P937j

Scope and Content Note

Papers of the Preston family, a prominent family of Virginia and Kentucky.

Most of the papers were created by or written to Major William Preston, resident and large landowner of Louisville, and his wife and children. The papers include correspondence, 1788-1866, discussing personal, legal, land, business, social, and political matters; legal papers, 1793-1847; military papers, 1796-1810; certificates and grants, 1788-1817; genealogical material on the Preston, Hancock, Joyes, Lee, Woodson, and Venable families; newspaper clippings; and miscellaneous material. Also included is a printed prospectus for Meriwether Lewis's proposed book on the Lewis and Clark expedition, and documents signed by Edmund Randolph, Henry Lee, Gabriel Slaughter, John Adams, and Littleton Waller Tazewell.

Correspondents include John Bowyer, H. Brady, James Breckinridge, John Breckinridge, John Brown, Cuthbert Bullitt, Thomas Butler, James Freeman Clarke, Nicholas Croghan, Edward Everett, John Floyd, Edmund P. Gaines, Felix Grundy, Jr., J. F. Hamtranck, George Hancock, Nathaniel Hart, James McHenry, Benjamin Howard, Howell E. Jackson, Albert Sidney Johnston, William Preston Johnston, Henry Knox, Meriwether Lewis, James McDowell, Lachlan McIntosh, Eliza Madison, Bishop James Madison, Agatha Marshall, Louis Marshall, James Monroe, Garnett Peyton, John Pope, Jr., Maria Preston Pope, Worden Pope, Caroline Hancock Preston, Edmonia M. Preston, Francis Preston, Henrietta Preston, James Patton Preston, John Preston, William Preston, William Campbell Preston, Edmund Randolph, Jason Rogers, Josephine Preston Rogers, John Smith, Abram Trigg, Daniel Trigg, Rachel Walker, Anthony Wayne, James Wilkinson, Oliver Wolcott, and A. R.. Woolley.

Box 1

- fl. 1 Correspondence, 1780-1791.
- fl. 2 Correspondence, 1792.
- fl. 3 Correspondence, 1793.
- fl. 4 Correspondence, 1794.
- fl. 5 Correspondence, 1795.
- fl. 6 Correspondence, 1796.
- fl. 7 Correspondence, 1797.
- fl. 8 Correspondence, 1798 Jan.-May.
- fl. 9 Correspondence, 1798 June-Dec.
- fl. 10 Correspondence, 1799.

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- fl. 11 Correspondence, 1800.
- fl. 12 Correspondence, 1801.
- fl. 13 Correspondence, 1802.
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- fl. 48 Correspondence, 1847-1848.
- fl. 49 Correspondence, 1850-1855.
- fl. 50 Correspondence, 1856.
- fl. 51 Correspondence, 1857-1866.
- fl. 52 Correspondence, 1890-1963.
- fl. 53 Correspondence, n.d.

Box 5

- fl. 54 Land papers, 1786-1817.
- fl. 55 Land papers, 1825-1866.
- fl. 56 Legal papers, 1793-1847.
- fl. 57 Military papers, 1796-1810.
- fl. 58 Certificates and grants, 1788-1817.
- fl. 59 Appointment of William Preston as Commissioner, U.S. 3rd Division, Va. Signed by John Adams, 1798 Nov. 17.
- fl. 60 Political notes of Francis Preston and memo on river distances.
- fl. 61 Miscellaneous papers.
- fl. 62 Prospectus for the publication of Lewis & Clark's travels, by Meriwether Lewis, 1807.
- fl. 63 Newspaper clippings.

Box 6

- fl. 64 Genealogical material.
- fl. 65 "A Conflict of Laws: An Episode in Slavery," typescript.
- fl. 66 Miscellaneous transcripts of manuscripts from various sources.
- fl. 67 "Romance and Legends of Fotheringay Mansion," and "Greenfield and the Prestons of Greenfield and Smithfield."
- fl. 68 Positive photostats of letters of Francis Preston to William Preston, 1804-1820.
- fl. 69 Negative photostat of a memorandum of Zachary Taylor, n.d.