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**The Papers of  
James Taylor**

The papers of James Taylor, Newport, Kentucky farmer, land speculator, and officer of the Kentucky militia.

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**Size of Collection**

**2.33 cubic feet**

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## Biographical Note

- 1769 Born in Virginia.
- 1793 Moved to Kentucky to supervise the sale of his father's lands there and established the town of Newport.
- 1795 Married Keturah (Moss) Leitch.
- 1812 Served as quartermaster general on General William Hull's campaign against Detroit.
- 1848 Died and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Southgate, Kentucky.

For more information consult the [Kentucky Encyclopedia](#).

### **Scope and Content Note**

Papers include miscellaneous papers relating to land in Ohio and Ky.; correspondence, deeds, and agreements, 1774-1883; papers of James Taylor, Sr., as paymaster-general, showing payments to soldiers in the War of 1812 and containing information on suits and claims; his papers in connection with the building of the U.S. Barracks and Arsenal at Newport, Ky.; papers, 1856-1873, of Barry Taylor regarding farming and personal affairs; papers, 1782-1815, of Major David Leitch; letters and documents from Julius Smalley, 1863, Reuben and Charles Taylor, 1806-1821, Edmund Taylor, 1811-1838, Andrew J. Barry, 1851-1858, and James W. Abert of the U.S. Corps of Engineers and his wife, Lucy Taylor Abert, 1851-1869; and miscellaneous family letters and papers.

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A James Taylor  
T243 Papers. 1774-1888.

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- fl. 1 Kentucky and Ohio land papers.
- fl. 2 Kentucky and Ohio land papers.
- fl. 3 Kentucky and Ohio land papers.
- fl. 4 Kentucky and Ohio land papers, 1815-1817.
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- fl. 6 Miscellaneous papers mostly relating to land in Kentucky and Ohio.
- fl. 7 Miscellaneous, mostly land papers.

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- fl. 8 Miscellaneous, mostly land papers, 1835-1839.
- fl. 9 Miscellaneous, mostly Kentucky and Ohio land papers, 1840-1844.
- fl. 10 Miscellaneous, mostly Kentucky and Ohio land papers, 1845-1848.
- fl. 11 Miscellaneous, mostly Kentucky and Ohio land papers, 1850-1859.
- fl. 12 Miscellaneous, mostly Kentucky and Ohio land papers, 1860-1883.
- fl. 13 Land papers, 1817.
- fl. 14 Correspondence from the General Land Office, Washington, D.C. to Taylor, 1817-1848.
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- fl. 16 Correspondence regarding the sale of land in Ohio by Taylor to Jehiel Gregory, 1815-1818.

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- fl. 17 Land papers, 1792-1829. Deeds.
- fl. 18 Lewis County, Ky. land papers, 1841-1848.
- fl. 19 Hugh Stuart estate papers; James McAlister indenture, John Byron patent for Greenup County, Ky. land, 1783-1824.
- fl. 20 Hugh Stuart estate papers; Ann Stuart land papers, 1825-1828.
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- fl. 23 Correspondence, 1845-1866.
- fl. 24 William Barret and heirs land papers, 1830-1844.
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- fl. 26 William Barret correspondence regarding Ophelia Watson, 1852-1880.

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- fl. 27 Hugh Mercer papers, 1785-1810.
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- fl. 36 U.S. paymaster papers, 1809-1817.
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- fl. 44 David Leitch notes, accounts, papers, etc., 1782-1815.
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Martha Taylor tuition bills.  
Mary T. McKinney accounts.
- fl. 48 Charlotte T. Haines correspondence to James Taylor, 1867-1870.
- fl. 49 Isaac D. Barnard papers and suit of Thomas Clayton v. Francis Swayne, 1823-1827.
- fl. 50 Barry papers, 1851-1858.
- fl. 51 James W. Abert, Lucy C. Abert, and I. I. Abert papers, 1851-1869.
- fl. 52 Correspondence, 1856-1864.
- fl. 53 Prospectus of the *Newport Eagle*; bills of the Patapsco Female Institute; and printed material from St. Paul's Church, Newport, Ky.
- fl. 54 Josephine Tibbatts bills, 1853-1854.
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- fl. 58 Papers, n.d.

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- fl. 60 Letter from Colonel H. Butler to James Taylor, 1813 Sept. 1.
- fl. 61 Additional papers, 1787-1858.