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Guide to the

Thomas Jefferson account book

1791-1803

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Summary

Creator: Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826

Title: Thomas Jefferson account book

Date: 1791-1803

Size: .2 linear feet (1 volume)

Source: Received from the Tilden Trust, 1895

Abstract: Account book kept by Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States, showing receipts and disbursements mainly at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Monticello, Virginia; and Washington, D.C., 1791-1803. Daily entries in daybook form concern family accounts, household costs, money paid to servants, slave labor, farming matters, taxes, loans, traveling expenses, and money donated to charity, as well as income from salary and crops. Tables show quarterly or annual analyses of expenditures by category, with income. Notable content includes travel itineraries with expenses for a trip with James Madison from Philadelphia to New York and New England, returning via Long Island, 1791 May 17-June 19, and from Philadelphia to Monticello, 1791 September 2-12. Accounts are paginated (odd numbers only, p. 1-173, [174]), with index. The volume also includes a table of weather data at Philadelphia and Monticello, 1791-1794; a list of wines provided at Washington, 1801-1808; and an inserted sheet noting how long some casks of madeira lasted from receipt to consumption.

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Related Materials:

Account book, 1779-1782. Thomas Jefferson papers (Library of Congress, Manuscripts Division, Washington, D.C.).

Account book, 1783-1790 and Expenses, 1804-1826. Coolidge Collection of Thomas Jefferson Manuscripts, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Massachusetts.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Account books

Subjects

Accounts -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia -- 18th century

Accounts -- Virginia -- 18th century

Accounts -- Virginia -- 19th century

Accounts -- Washington (D.C.) -- 19th century

Presidents -- United States

Occupations

Landowners

Politicians

Statesmen

Geographic Names

Monticello (Va.)

Names

Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826 -- Finance, Personal

Madison, James, 1751-1836

Jefferson family