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Guide to the

**James Madison papers**

1773-1847

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## Summary

**Creator:** Madison, James, 1751-1836

**Title:** James Madison papers

**Date:** 1773-1847

**Size:** 1.78 linear feet (4 boxes, 1 oversized folder)

**Source:** The James Madison papers were compiled from various purchases, gifts, and donations from multiple sources between 1892 and 1959.

**Abstract:** James Madison (1751-1836) was one of the key contributors in the drafting of the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights and the fourth President of the United States. The James Madison papers, dated 1773-1847, primarily consist of correspondence and documents either written by or sent James Madison. Topics of the correspondence include the American Revolution, war intelligence reports, foreign relations, political events, slavery, and domestic and family affairs. Other documents include checks, contracts, an annotated address, and a note of Madison's accounts with James Monroe. Letters to and from Madison's family, the bulk of which were addressed to Dolley Madison, are also included. The bulk of these pertain to domestic and social affairs.

**Alternative Form Available:** The James Madison correspondence, anonymous letters, and family correspondence are available on microfilm. Transcripts of James Madison and family correspondence are available via Founders Online (<http://founders.archives.gov/>). Some letters are available only as abstracts rather than full text.

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## Creator History

James Madison (1751-1836) was one of the key contributors in the drafting of the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights. He co-authored *The Federalist Papers* along with Alexander Hamilton

and John Jay. He held several political offices including House Representative from Virginia from 1789-1797 and Secretary of State under President Thomas Jefferson. Madison was elected the fourth President of the United States in 1808. He was elected to a second term in 1812. Later in life, Madison served as the President of the University of Virginia.

## **Custodial History**

The bulk of the collection is comprised of Lenox Library accession 10773, purchased from W.R. Benjamin on May 10, 1897; Lenox Library accession 10784, purchased from E.B. Sterling of Trenton, N.J., August, 1897; and transfers from the Ford collection and Thomas Addis Emmet collection. The Ford Collection was compiled by Gordon L. Ford, business manager of the New York Tribune from 1873 to 1881 and collector of documents pertaining to early American history. Ford's collection was later purchased by J. Pierpont Morgan and portions of it were donated to The New York Public Library in 1899. Additional Madison items were received as part of the Thomas Addis Emmet collection. The Emmet Collection was collected by Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet, a collector of early American history manuscripts. His collection was later purchased by John S. Kennedy and donated to The New York Public Library in 1896. Letters to Edmund Pendleton, Lenox Library accession number 9466, were purchased from F.W. Morris, October 1896.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The James Madison papers, dated 1773-1847, primarily consist of correspondence and documents either written by or sent to James Madison. It is a synthetic collection which combines various gifts and purchases from multiple sources. Topics of the correspondence include the American Revolution, war intelligence reports, foreign relations, political events, slavery, and domestic and family affairs. Other documents include checks, contracts, an annotated address, and a note of Madison's accounts with James Monroe. Letters to and from Madison's family, the bulk of which were addressed to Dolley Madison, pertain chiefly to domestic and social affairs.

Madison's correspondents include many notable citizens and political figures of the time including John Adams, Henry Clay, Noah Webster, Charles Pinckney, Samuel Morse, Caesar A. Rodney, and George William Featherstonehaugh. Subjects cover the range of Madison's activities as a statesman. Items of note include intelligence reports for Edmund Pendleton during the Revolutionary War and correspondence documenting the United States' relationship with England and France during his tenure as Secretary of State. His presidential correspondence pertains to the lead up to the War of 1812, nominations for political offices, appointments to his cabinet, and requests for favors from friends and political supporters. Also included is correspondence with his brother, Ambrose Madison, his nephews, and other family members. These letters, particularly those exchanged with his nephews, are personal in nature and pertain more to domestic life.

The anonymous letters, some signed with pseudonyms, mainly question Madison's domestic and foreign policy as President. Of the letters critical of Madison, some include threats and conspiracy theories. Two pseudonyms that appear frequently are "Charles Hall" and "Edmund Kelly." While many of the letters are critical, some were from political supporters. Items of note here include a series of letters dated 1808-1809 that are signed "H." which detail recent events in New York State politics and include negative opinions of DeWitt Clinton.

The family correspondence includes letters sent or received by members of Madison's family other than those to or from Madison himself. The bulk of the material is addressed to Dolley Madison, although

there are several letters written to Madison's stepson, John Payne Todd and a letter written by Madison's father, James Madison, Sr. Many of the letters received by the family address the death of James Madison in 1836.

The remainder of the collection consists of documents written or signed by James Madison excluding correspondence. Included are checks, contracts, an address delivered by Madison that includes notations, and a note of Madison's accounts with James Monroe. Several documents that are neither Madison correspondence nor signed by Madison are also included within this collection. The bulk are documents that were either used by or pertain to him, two exceptions being a French patent of John Payne Todd's and Dolley Madison's handwritten copy of the poem "Niagara" by Lord Morpeth, dated 1847.

## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Deeds

### **Subjects**

Diplomatic and consular service, American  
Espionage, American  
Slavery -- United States

### **Geographic Names**

United States -- Foreign relations  
United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783  
United States -- History -- War of 1812  
United States -- Politics and government -- 1783-1865  
United States -- Social life and customs -- 1783-1865  
Virginia -- Politics and government -- 1775-1865

### **Names**

Adams, John, 1735-1826  
Beckley, John James, 1757-1807  
Clay, Henry, 1777-1852  
Coles, Edward, 1786-1868  
Dohrman, Henry, 1749-1813  
Dorchester, Guy Carleton, Baron, 1724-1808  
Featherstonehaugh, George William, 1780-1866  
Fraser, Donald, 1755?-1820  
Hassler, F. R. (Ferdinand Rudolph), 1770-1843  
Jay, John, 1745-1829  
Jones, William, 1760-1831  
Latrobe, Benjamin Henry, 1764-1820  
Madison, Ambrose, 1755-1793  
Madison, Dolley, 1768-1849  
Madison, James, 1751-1836  
Monroe, James, 1758-1831  
Pendleton, Edmund, 1721-1803  
Preston, Francis, 1765-1835  
Todd, John Payne, 1792-1858  
United States -- Navy

## Container List

### James Madison correspondence 1782-1836, undated

#### 1782

##### Letters to Edmund Pendleton

- b. 1 f. 1 r. 1 1782 April 9 (1 page)
- b. 1 f. 1 r. 1 1782 April 23 (3 pages)
- b. 1 f. 1 r. 1 1782 June 25 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 1 r. 1 1782 July 9 (1 page)
- b. 1 f. 1 r. 1 1782 July 16 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 1 r. 1 1782 July 23 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 1 r. 1 1782 August 20 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 1 r. 1 1782 September 3 (3 pages)
- b. 1 f. 1 r. 1 1782 September 12 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 1 r. 1 1782 September 20 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 1 r. 1 1782 October 1 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 1 r. 1 1782 October 22 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 1 r. 1 1782 October 29 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 1 r. 1 1782 November 4 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 1 r. 1 Letter from Isaac Hite 1782 December 23 (2 pages)

#### 1783

- b. 1 f. 2 r. 1 Letter to Edmund Pendleton 1783 September 8 (2 pages)

#### 1785

- b. 1 f. 3 r. 1 Letter from Richard Barbour 1785 May 19 (3 pages)

##### Letters to Ambrose Madison

- b. 1 f. 3 r. 1 1785 September 20 (3 pages)
- b. 1 f. 3 r. 1 1785 December 1 (3 pages)
- b. 1 f. 3 r. 1 1785 December 19 (3 pages)

#### 1786

##### Letters to Ambrose Madison

- b. 1 f. 4 r. 1 1786 January 21 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 4 r. 1 1786 September 8 (3 pages)
- b. 1 f. 4 r. 1 1786 November 8 (3 pages)
- b. 1 f. 4 r. 1 1786 November 16 (2 pages)

#### 1787

##### Letters to Ambrose Madison

- b. 1 f. 5 r. 1 1787 February 10 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 5 r. 1 1787 July 18 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 5 r. 1 1787 October 11 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 5 r. 1 1787 November 8 (4 pages)
- b. 1 f. 5 r. 1 Letter from George Lee Turberville 1787 December 11 (4 pages)

James Madison correspondence (cont.)  
1787 (cont.)

- b. 1 f. 5 r. 1 Letter from Andrew Shepherd 1787 December 28 (1 page)

1788

Letters from George Lee Turberville

- b. 1 f. 6 r. 1 1788 January 8 (4 pages)  
b. 1 f. 6 r. 1 1788 April 16 (4 pages)  
b. 1 f. 6 r. 1 Letter to Ambrose Madison 1788 June 24 (2 pages)  
b. 1 f. 6 r. 1 Letter from John Witherspoon 1788 August 11 (1 page)

Letters from George Lee Turberville

- b. 1 f. 6 r. 1 1788 October 20 (1 page)  
b. 1 f. 6 r. 1 1788 October 24 (2 pages)  
b. 1 f. 6 r. 1 1788 October 27 (1 page)  
b. 1 f. 6 r. 1 1788 October 27 (1 page)  
b. 1 f. 6 r. 1 1788 November 10 (3 pages)  
b. 1 f. 6 r. 1 1788 November 13 (3 pages)  
b. 1 f. 6 r. 1 1788 November 16 (3 pages)  
b. 1 f. 6 r. 1 1788 December 12 (3 pages)  
b. 1 f. 6 r. 1 1788 December 14 (3 pages)  
b. 1 f. 6 r. 1 Letter from Andrew Sheperd 1788 December 14 (2 pages)

1789

Letters from George Lee Turberville

- b. 1 f. 7 r. 1 1789 March 30 (2 pages)  
b. 1 f. 7 r. 1 1789 June 16 (4 pages)  
b. 1 f. 7 r. 1 Letter from George Nicholas 1789 June 29 (2 pages)  
b. 1 f. 7 r. 1 Letter to Alexander White 1789 August 24 (2 pages)

1790

- b. 1 f. 8 r. 1 Letter from George Lee Turberville 1790 January 20 (2 pages)  
b. 1 f. 8 r. 1 Letter from William Cavenough 1790 February 10 (2 pages)  
b. 1 f. 8 r. 1 Letter from George Lee Turberville 1790 April 7 (4 pages)  
b. 1 f. 8 r. 1 Letter to Ambrose Madison 1790 May 27 (2 pages)

1791

- b. 1 f. 9 r. 1 Letter from Fontaine Maury 1791 January 20 (2 pages)  
b. 1 f. 9 r. 1 Letter from Martha Bland 1791 February 2 (1 page)  
b. 1 f. 9 r. 1 Letter from Thomas Goodwin 1791 September 7 (2 pages)

1792

Letters from John Beckley

- b. 1 f. 10 r. 1 1792 September 2 (4 pages)  
b. 1 f. 10 r. 1 1792 September 10 (4 pages)  
b. 1 f. 10 r. 1 1792 October 17 (3 pages)  
b. 1 f. 10 r. 1 Letter from George Lee Turberville 1792 November 19 (4 pages)

1794

- b. 1 f. 11 r. 1 Letter from Charles Fierer 1794 January 26 (1 page)

James Madison correspondence (cont.)  
1794 (cont.)

Letters from James Madison

- b. 1 f. 11 r. 1 1794 April 14 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 11 r. 1 1795 May 15 (1 page)

Letters from John Jay to James Monroe

- b. 1 f. 11 r. 1 1794 November 25 (1 page)  
Enclosure to an unknown letter.
- b. 1 f. 11 r. 1 1794 November 28 (1 page)  
Enclosure to an unknown letter.

1795

Letters from Henry Dohrman

- b. 1 f. 12 r. 1 1795 March 24 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 12 r. 1 1795 April 6 (1 page)
- b. 1 f. 12 r. 1 Letter from John Beckley 1795 May 23 (4 pages)
- b. 1 f. 12 r. 1 Draft of a letter to unknown correspondent 1795 August 23 (6 pages)
- b. 1 f. 12 r. 1 Letter from John Beckley 1795 September 10 (1 page)

1796

- b. 1 f. 13 r. 1 Letter from Jared Ingersoll 1796 February 9 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 13 r. 1 Letter from Henry Dohrman 1796 February 26 (1 page)
- b. 1 f. 13 r. 1 Letter from Mark Pragers and Company 1796 March 3 (1 page)
- b. 1 f. 13 r. 1 Letter from Henry Dohrman 1796 March 11 (1 page)
- Letter from John Beckley
- b. 1 f. 13 r. 1 1796 June 20 (4 pages)
- b. 1 f. 13 r. 1 1796 October 15 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 13 r. 1 Letter from Alexander Fowler 1796 December 15 (2 pages)

1797

- b. 1 f. 14 r. 1 Letter from William Eve 1797 February 27 (1 page)

1800

- b. 1 f. 15 r. 1 Letter from James Madison, Sr 1800 February 15 (3 pages)

1801 January-June

- b. 1 f. 16 r. 1 Letter from William Taylor, Jr 1801 February 15 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 16 r. 1 Letter from Alexander Fowler 1801 February 19 (3 pages)
- b. 1 f. 16 r. 1 Letter from Charles Pinckney 1801 March 6 (4 pages)
- b. 1 f. 16 r. 1 Letter from James Yard 1801 March 19 (7 pages)
- b. 1 f. 16 r. 1 Letter from John H. Barney 1801 April 27 (1 page)
- b. 1 f. 16 r. 1 Letter from Ebenezer Potter 1801 May 9 (4 pages)
- b. 1 f. 16 r. 1 Letter from John Walker 1801 May 11 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 16 r. 1 Letter from John Lee 1801 May 12 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 16 r. 1 Letter from Daniel C. Brent 1801 May 17 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 16 r. 1 Letter from Samuel Morse 1801 June 4 (4 pages)
- b. 1 f. 16 r. 1 Letter to Israel Whelen 1801 June 9 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 16 r. 1 Letter from Theodore Gaillard 1801 June 16 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 16 r. 1 Circular to the Collectors of Customs 1801 June 22 (2 pages)

James Madison correspondence (cont.)  
1801 January-June (cont.)

- b. 1 f. 16 r. 1 Letter from John M. Forbes 1801 June 24 (4 pages)
- b. 1 f. 16 r. 1 Letter from Samuel Morse 1801 June 25 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 16 r. 1 Letter to Wrad-Whelen, Esq 1801 June 26 (2 pages)

1801 July-December

- b. 1 f. 17 r. 1 Letter from John Minor 1801 July 12 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 17 r. 1 Letter from Caesar A. Rodney 1801 July 17-28 (7 pages)
- b. 1 f. 17 r. 1 Letter from Charles Pinckney 1801 July 22 (4 pages)
- b. 1 f. 17 r. 1 Letter from Francis Preston 1801 September 2 (3 pages)
- b. 1 f. 17 r. 1 Letter from Carlos Martinez de Yrujo 1801 September 4 (4 pages)
- b. 1 f. 17 r. 1 Letter from William Thornton 1801 September 8 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 17 r. 1 Letter from James Madison, Jr 1801 September 29 (1 page)
- b. 1 f. 17 r. 1 Letter from John Morton 1801 October 21 (3 pages)
- b. 1 f. 17 r. 1 Letter from Caesar A. Rodney 1801 October 29 (4 pages)
- b. 1 f. 17 r. 1 Letter from Moses Robinson 1801 November 24 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 17 r. 1 Letter from Noah Webster 1801 November 30 (4 pages)
- b. 1 f. 17 r. 1 Letter from John G. Jackson 1801 December 19 (3 pages)

1802

- b. 1 f. 18 r. 1 Letter from James Madison 1802 January 15 (1 page)
- b. 1 f. 18 r. 1 Letter from From Louis-André Pichon 1802 April 2 (3 pages)
- b. 1 f. 18 r. 1 Letter from Joseph Fenwick 1802 April 28 (3 pages)

1803

- b. 1 f. 19 r. 1 Letter from John Beckley 1803 May 5 (3 pages)
- b. 1 f. 19 r. 1 Letter from Carlos Martinez de Yrujo 1803 July 1 (4 pages)
- b. 1 f. 19 r. 1 Letter from John M. Forbes 1803 September 4 (2 pages)

1804

- b. 1 f. 20 r. 1 Letter from Richard Cutts 1804 June 8 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 20 r. 1 Letter to Marien Lamar 1804 June 22 (3 pages)
- b. 1 f. 20 r. 1 Letter from John Madison 1804 June 24 (4 pages)

1805

- b. 1 f. 21 r. 1 Letter from John Madison 1805 February 18 (4 pages)
- b. 1 f. 21 r. 1 Letter from Joseph C. Cabell to Fulwar Skipwith 1805 April 9 (4 pages)  
Enclosure to an unknown letter.
- b. 1 f. 21 r. 1 Letter to A.J. Dallas 1805 May 25 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 21 r. 1 Circular to the Governors of the Several States 1805 May 29 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 21 r. 1 Letter to unknown 1805 August 8 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 21 r. 1 Letter from Joseph C. Cabell 1805 October 25 (4 pages)

1806

- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 Letter from Henry Waddell 1806 January 22 (2 pages)
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 Letter from James G. Jackson 1806 June 23 (3 pages)
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 Letter from Fulwar Skipwith 1806 September 3 (3 pages)
- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 Letter from James G. Jackson 1806 September 29 (3 pages)

James Madison correspondence (cont.)

1806 (cont.)

- b. 1 f. 22 r. 1 Letter from Joseph C. Cabell 1806 December 1 (4 pages)

1807

- b. 1 f. 23 r. 1 Letter from David M. Erskine 1807 November 9 (2 pages)

- b. 1 f. 23 r. 1 Letter from Donald Fraser 1807 November 14 (1 page)

1808

- b. 1 f. 24 r. 1 Letter from Donald Fraser 1808 January 11 (1 page)

- b. 1 f. 24 r. 1 Letter to unknown 1808 April 4 (2 pages)

- b. 1 f. 24 r. 1 Letter from John Madison 1808 October 12 (3 pages)

- b. 1 f. 24 r. 1 Letter from Arthur Campbell 1808 December 29 (4 pages)

1809

- b. 1 f. 25 r. 1 Letter from Donald Fraser 1809 February 9 (3 pages)

- b. 1 f. 25 r. 1 Letter from Francis Preston 1809 February 23 (4 pages)

- b. 1 f. 25 r. 1 Letter from Joel Barlow 1809 May 9 (4 pages)

- b. 1 f. 25 r. 1 Letter from Richard Forrest 1809 July 25 (3 pages)

- b. 1 f. 25 r. 1 Letter from Alfred Madison 1809 November 24 (2 pages)

1810

- b. 1 f. 26 r. 1 Letter from Alfred Madison 1810 January 13 (4 pages)

- b. 1 f. 26 r. 1 Letter from John Martin Baker 1810 February 22 (3 pages)

- b. 1 f. 26 r. 1 Letter from William Madison 1810 March 10 (4 pages)

- b. 1 f. 26 r. 1 Letter from Samuel Fulton 1810 April 20 (2 pages)

- b. 1 f. 26 r. 1 Letter from Richard Forrest 1810 September 12 (4 pages)

- b. 1 f. 26 r. 1 Letter from David Howell to Thomas Jefferson 1810 November 27 (4 pages)

Enclosure to a letter to James Madison dated November 26, 1810.

1811

- b. 1 f. 27 r. 1 Letter from Benjamin Henry Latrobe 1811 January 31 (2 pages)

- b. 1 f. 27 r. 1 Letter from Richard Forrest 1811 March 2 (2 pages)

- b. 1 f. 27 r. 1 Letter from Gideon Granger 1811 March 23 (1 page)

- b. 1 f. 27 r. 1 Letter from John Morris 1811 July 16 (4 pages)

- b. 1 f. 27 r. 1 Letter from William Esenbeck 1811 July 24 (1 page)

- b. 1 f. 27 r. 1 Letter from Aaron Fontaine 1811 August 19 (1 page)

- b. 1 f. 27 r. 1 Letter from Daniel Lescallier 1811 August 30 (2 pages)

- b. 1 f. 27 r. 1 Letter from Levett Harris 1811 September 3 (1 page)

- b. 1 f. 27 r. 1 Letter from Richard Cutts 1811 October 19 (2 pages)

- b. 1 f. 27 r. 1 Letter from Donald Fraser 1811 November 18 (1 page)

- b. 1 f. 27 r. 1 Letter from Richard Forrest 1811 December 14 (2 pages)

1812

- b. 2 f. 1 r. 1 Letter from M. de Richecour 1812 January 30 (1 page)

- b. 2 f. 1 r. 1 Letter from John Cox 1812 February 15 (2 pages)

- b. 2 f. 1 r. 1 Letter from James Sulley 1812 May 21 (4 pages)

- b. 2 f. 1 r. 1 Letter from Edmund Foster 1812 June 8 (1 page)

- b. 2 f. 1 r. 1 Letter from Donald Fraser 1812 June 12 (2 pages)

James Madison correspondence (cont.)  
1812 (cont.)

- b. 2 f. 1 r. 1 Letter from Francis Preston 1812 July 5 (4 pages)
- b. 2 f. 1 r. 1 Letter from Richard Forrest 1812 September 9 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 1 r. 1 Letter to Henry Foxall 1812 October 10 (2 pages)  
Includes two enclosures of copies of letters by Henry Foxall to Thomas Sargent dated October 1, 1812 and October 6, 1812.
- Letters from Samuel Fulton
- b. 2 f. 1 r. 1 1812 October 12 (3 pages)
- b. 2 f. 1 r. 1 1812 October 15 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 1 r. 1 Letter from Levett Harris 1812 October 27 (1 page)
- 1813 January-June
- b. 2 f. 2 r. 1 Letter from William Wingate 1813 January 1 (5 pages)
- b. 2 f. 2 r. 1 Letter from Louis Serunier 1813 January 1 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 2 r. 1 Letter from Francis Preston 1813 January 2 (4 pages)
- b. 2 f. 2 r. 1 Letter from John Winthrop 1813 January 7 (4 pages)
- b. 2 f. 2 r. 1 Letter from Thomas Melvill, Jr 1813 March 12 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 2 r. 1 Letter from John Adams 1813 March 14 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 2 r. 1 Letter from Benjamin Shulz 1813 March 27 (3 pages)
- b. 2 f. 2 r. 1 Letter from Anthony Morris 1813 April 16 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 2 r. 1 Letter from Hugh Ferguson 1813 April 20 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 2 r. 1 Letter from Robert Louis Madison 1813 April 22 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 2 r. 1 Letter from André Daschkoff 1813 May 7 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 2 r. 1 Letter from William Hill Wells 1813 June 15 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 2 r. 1 Letter from Anthony Charles Cazenove 1813 June 19 (3 pages)
- 1813 July-December
- b. 2 f. 3 r. 1 Letter from Isaac Shelby 1813 July 18 (3 pages)
- b. 2 f. 3 r. 1 Letter from Richard Forrest 1813 September 12 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 3 r. 1 Letter from Robert Louis Madison 1813 October 19 (4 pages)
- Letters from Peyre Ferry [?]
- b. 2 f. 3 r. 1 1813 October 26 (4 pages)
- b. 2 f. 3 r. 1 1813 November 4 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 3 r. 1 Letter from Richard Ferguson 1813 December 8 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 3 r. 1 Letter from Robert Louis Madison 1813 December 27 (2 pages)
- 1814
- b. 2 f. 4 r. 1 Letter from Robert Fairchild 1814 January 3 (3 pages)
- b. 2 f. 4 r. 1 Letter from Henry Fanning 1814 February 12 (4 pages)
- b. 2 f. 4 r. 1 Letter from Robert Louis Madison 1814 February 13 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 4 r. 1 Letter from Isaac Shelby 1814 May 15 (8 pages)  
Two different copies of the original.
- b. 2 f. 4 r. 1 Letter from Henry Fanning 1814 July 30 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 4 r. 1 Letter from Robert Louis Madison 1814 September 14 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 4 r. 1 Letter regarding John Henry 1814 September 20 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 4 r. 1 Letter from Donald Fraser 1814 October 3 (3 pages)

James Madison correspondence (cont.)

1814 (cont.)

- b. 2 f. 4 r. 1 Letter from John Payne Todd 1814 October 9 (4 pages)
- b. 2 f. 4 r. 1 Letter from George Harrison to William Jones 1814 October 15 (4 pages)  
Enclosure to an unknown letter. The enclosure includes an enclosure from Murray, Draper, Fairman and Company to George Harrison dated October 14, 1814.
- b. 2 f. 4 r. 1 Letter from Robert Louis Madison 1814 November 12 (4 pages)

1815

- b. 2 f. 5 r. 1 Letter from Robert Louis Madison 1815 March 7 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 5 r. 1 Letter from Richard Forrest 1815 April 17 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 5 r. 1 Letter from H. Holmes 1813 June 9 (3 pages)

1816

- b. 2 f. 6 r. 1 Letter from Henry Clay 1816 February 8 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 6 r. 1 Letter from Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette 1816 April 12 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 6 r. 1 Letter from Anthony Charles Cazenove 1816 May 3 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 6 r. 1 Letter from Joseph Story 1816 February 8 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 6 r. 1 Letter from Richard Forrest 1816 June 25 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 6 r. 1 Letter from Francis Preston 1816 June 25 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 6 r. 1 Letter from Morris Furst 1816 June 26 (4 pages)
- b. 2 f. 6 r. 1 Letter from Richard Forrest 1816 July 4 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 6 r. 1 Letter from R. Smith 1816 July 15 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 6 r. 1 Letter from Simon Schyder 1816 July 21 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 6 r. 1 Letter from Richard Forrest 1816 August 9 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 6 r. 1 Letter from Benjamin Homans to Daniel P. Patterson 1816 October 5 (3 pages)  
Enclosure from an unknown letter.
- b. 2 f. 6 r. 1 Letter from Gibbs Crawford Antrobus 1816 November 1 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 6 r. 1 Letter from Timothy Pitkin 1816 December 31 (1 page)

1817

- b. 2 f. 7 r. 1 Letter from Samuel Dickens 1817 January 11 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 7 r. 1 Letter from Robert Louis Madison 1817 January 21 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 7 r. 1 Letter from Richard T. Fenner 1817 March 20 (4 pages)
- b. 2 f. 7 r. 1 Letter from William Lee 1817 April 4 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 7 r. 1 Letter from John Sinclair 1817 May 29 (2 pages)
- Letter from Donald Fraser  
1817 June 8 (4 pages)
- b. 2 f. 7 r. 1 1817 August 30 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 7 r. 1 Letter from Lewis Deblois 1817 September 3 (4 pages)

1818

- b. 2 f. 8 r. 1 Letter from James Smith 1818 March 28 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 8 r. 1 Letter from Edward Wyer 1818 November 1 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 8 r. 1 Letter from Xaverio Naudi 1818 December 29 (2 pages)

1819

- b. 2 f. 9 r. 1 Letter from George Divers 1819 October 11 (2 pages)

James Madison correspondence (cont.)  
1819 (cont.)

Letter from Hazelwood Farish 1819 November 27

b. 2 f. 9 r. 1 1819 November 27 (4 pages)

b. 2 f. 9 r. 1 1819 December 22 (1 page)

1820

b. 2 f. 10 r. 1 Letter to Noah Webster 1820 January 18 (3 pages)

b. 2 f. 10 r. 1 Letter from Francis Preston 1820 January 30 (2 pages)

b. 2 f. 10 r. 1 Letter from George William Featherstonhaugh 1820 March 1 (2 pages)

b. 2 f. 10 r. 1 Letter from Francis Preston 1820 April 5 (1 page)

Letter from Levett Harris 1820 June 15 (3 pages)

b. 2 f. 10 r. 1 1820 June 15 (3 pages)

b. 2 f. 10 r. 1 1820 June 29 (1 page)

b. 2 f. 10 r. 1 Letter from Sarah Stevenson 1820 December 3 (3 pages)

b. 2 f. 10 r. 1 Letter from George William Featherstonhaugh 1820 December 7 (4 pages)

1821

b. 2 f. 11 r. 1 Letter from George William Featherstonhaugh 1821 March 19 (4 pages)

b. 2 f. 11 r. 1 Letter to Joseph Gales 1821 June 30 (2 pages)

1822

b. 2 f. 12 r. 1 Letter to Samuel B.H. Judah 1822 June 28 (1 page)

b. 2 f. 12 r. 1 Letter to Virgil Maxcy 1822 November 20 (2 pages)

1823

b. 2 f. 15 r. 1 Letter from Preston Francis 1823 May 15 (4 pages)

1824

b. 2 f. 14 r. 1 Letter from Henry Clay 1824 May 25 (2 pages)

b. 2 f. 14 r. 1 Draft of a letter to the President and Directors of the Literary Fund 1824  
October 5 (5 pages in the hand of Madison with annotations on the fifth page by Thomas  
Jefferson)

1825

b. 2 f. 15 r. 1 Letter to Samuel Asbury Dickins 1825 July 19 (1 page)

1826

b. 2 f. 16 r. 1 Letter to Edward Everett 1826 April 9 (1 page)

b. 2 f. 16 r. 1 Letter to Martin Van Buren 1826 April 10 (1 page)

1827

b. 2 f. 17 r. 1 Letter from Haym M. Salomon 1827 January 9 (2 pages)

b. 2 f. 17 r. 1 Letter from John Hartwell Cooke 1827 January 20 (2 pages)

b. 2 f. 17 r. 1 Letter to Ferdinand R. Hassler 1827 February 6 (2 pages)

b. 2 f. 17 r. 1 Letter from George Graham 1827 April 27 (2 pages)

b. 2 f. 17 r. 1 Letter to Ferdinand R. Hassler 1827 May 2 (1 page)

b. 2 f. 17 r. 1 Letter from George Graham 1827 May 4 (2 pages)

b. 2 f. 17 r. 1 Letter from Haym M. Salomon 1827 October 18 (4 pages)

b. 2 f. 17 r. 1 Letter from Fletcher and Toler 1827 October 26 (1 page)

1828

James Madison correspondence (cont.)

1828 (cont.)

- b. 2 f. 18 r. 1 Letter to George William Featherstonehaugh 1828 February 28 (4 pages)  
With an enclosure of the "Proceedings of the Geological Society of London. 1827-1828. No. 4."
- b. 2 f. 18 r. 1 Promissory note to Richard Smith 1828 April 1 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 18 r. 1 Letter from William Jones 1828 April 16 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 18 r. 1 Promissory note to Richard Smith 1828 June 3 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 18 r. 1 Letter from William T. Barry 1828 July 28 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 18 r. 1 Letter from Richard Forrest 1828 September 5 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 18 r. 1 Letter to Ferdinand R. Hassler 1828 September 25 (2 pages)

1829

- b. 2 f. 19 r. 1 Letter from George William Featherstonehaugh 1829 March 1 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 19 r. 1 Letter from Isaac Foster 1829 July 15 (4 pages)
- b. 2 f. 19 r. 1 Letter from Edward Livingston 1829 October 22 (1 page)

1830

- b. 2 f. 20 r. 1 Letter from George William Featherstonehaugh 1830 January 3 (4 pages)
- b. 2 f. 20 r. 1 Letter from Francis Preston 1830 January 19 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 20 r. 1 Letter to Ferdinand R. Hassler 1830 June 24 (2 pages)

1831

- b. 2 f. 21 r. 1 Letter to Littleton Dennis Teackle 1831 March 15 (1 page)

1832

- b. 2 f. 22 r. 1 Letter to Robert T. Paine 1832 February 19 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 22 r. 1 Letter from Henry Clay 1832 March 17 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 22 r. 1 Letter from Peter S. Du Ponceau 1832 April 14 (1 page)

1833

- b. 2 f. 23 r. 1 Letter from Thomas Jefferson Randolph 1833 January 3 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 23 r. 1 Letter from Andrew Stevenson 1833 March 10 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 23 r. 1 Letter from Josiah Quincy 1833 March 10 (3 pages)
- b. 2 f. 23 r. 1 Letter from James B. Longacre 1833 August 21 (4 pages)

1834

- b. 2 f. 24 r. 1 Letter from Edward Coles 1834 January 23 (3 pages)
- b. 2 f. 24 r. 1 Letter to William Allen 1834 March 1 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 24 r. 1 Letter to Littleton W. Tazewell 1834 May 17 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 24 r. 1 Letter to George William Featherstonehaugh 1834 September 1 (4 pages)

1835

- b. 2 f. 25 r. 1 Letter from Edward Coles 1835 March 2 (4 pages)
- b. 2 f. 25 r. 1 Letter from William B. Quarrier 1835 May 13 (1 page)
- b. 2 f. 25 r. 1 Letter from George William Featherstonehaugh 1835 July 15 (3 pages)

1836

- b. 2 f. 26 r. 1 Letter from Thomas McClelland 1836 January 23 (4 pages)
- b. 2 f. 26 r. 1 Letter from Joseph Wood 1836 February 16 (4 pages)
- b. 2 f. 26 r. 1 Letter from George William Featherstonehaugh 1836 June 29 (2 pages)
- b. 2 f. 27 r. 1 Undated correspondence

James Madison correspondence (cont.)

Anonymous letters 1790-1836, undated

- b. 2 f. 28 r. 1 1790 February 17
- b. 2 f. 29 r. 1 1801 August 4
- b. 3 f. 1 r. 1 1808 February-April
- b. 3 f. 2 r. 1 1808 May-June
- b. 3 f. 3 r. 1 1808 September-November
- b. 3 f. 4 r. 1 1809
  - b. 3 f. 5 1810
  - Not microfilmed
- b. 3 f. 6 r. 1 1811
  - o. 1 r. 1 1811 December 10
  - Letter from Paris exposing Aaron Burr's plan for the conquest of the United States by France and Great Britain.
- b. 3 f. 8 r. 1 1812
- b. 3 f. 9 r. 1 1813
- b. 3 f. 10 r. 1 1814
- b. 3 f. 11 r. 1 1815
  - b. 3 f. 12 1817
  - b. 3 f. 13 1818
  - b. 3 f. 14 1819 October
  - b. 3 f. 15 1820
  - b. 4 f. 1 1821
  - b. 4 f. 2 1824 January 1
  - b. 4 f. 3 1834-1836
- b. 4 f. 4-5 undated

Family correspondence 1773-1841

1773

- b. 4 f. 6 Letter from James Madison, Sr. to William Daingerfield 1773 February 5 (1 page)

1796

- b. 4 f. 7 Letter from José Ignacio de Viar to Dolley Madison 1796 February 16 (1 page)

1804

- b. 4 f. 8 Letter from Dolley Madison to Elizabeth Parke Custis Law 1804 October 17 (1 page)

1809

Letters from Benjamin Henry Latrobe to Dolley Madison

- b. 4 f. 10 1809 March 17 (3 pages)
- b. 4 f. 10 1809 March 20 (2 pages)
- b. 4 f. 10 1809 April 21 (4 pages)
- b. 4 f. 10 1809 May 7 (1 page)
- b. 4 f. 10 1809 July 4 (4 pages)
- b. 4 f. 10 1809 December 7 (3 pages)

1811

Family correspondence (cont.)

1811 (cont.)

- b. 4 f. 10 Letter from Edward Coles to Dolley Madison 1811 June 10 (4 pages)
- b. 4 f. 10 Letter from William Henry Latrobe to Dolley Madison 1811 July 20 (4 pages)
- 1812
- b. 4 f. 11 Letter from Edward Coles to Dolley Madison 1812 October 12 (2 pages)
- 1813
- b. 4 f. 12 Letter from Edward Coles to Dolley Madison 1813 June 14 (2 pages)
- b. 4 f. 12 Letter from Robert Louis Madison to Dolley Madison 1813 July 25 (2 pages)  
Only the first page of the letter is present
- b. 4 f. 12 Letter from William Henry Latrobe to Dolley Madison 1813 August 27 (2 pages)
- 1814
- b. 4 f. 13 Letter from Ruth Barlow to Dolley Madison 1814 January 9 (3 pages)
- b. 4 f. 13 Letter from Robert Louis Madison to William Madison 1814 February 9 (2 pages)
- b. 4 f. 13 Letter from Ruth Barlow to Dolley Madison 1814 December 12 (3 pages)
- 1815
- b. 4 f. 14 Letter from Ruth Barlow to Dolley Madison 1815 April 6 (2 pages)
- 1816
- b. 4 f. 15 Letter from Edward Coles to Dolley Madison 1816 February 22 (4 pages)
- b. 4 f. 15 Letter from Walter Langdon to Dolley Madison 1816 March 19 (1 page)
- b. 4 f. 15 Letter from Edward Coles to Dolley Madison circa 1816 April (3 pages)
- 1818
- b. 4 f. 16 Letter from R.M. Patterson and John Vaughan to John Payne Todd 1818  
August 21 (3 pages)
- 1825
- b. 4 f. 17 Letter from Francis Preston to Dolley Madison 1825 July 17 (4 pages)
- 1828
- b. 4 f. 18 Letter from Francis Preston to Dolley Madison 1828 March 3 (1 page)
- 1832
- b. 4 f. 19 Letter from Edward Coles to Dolley Madison 1832 February 22 (6 pages)
- b. 4 f. 19 Letter from Dolley Madison to Edward Coles 1832 March 4 (2 pages)
- b. 4 f. 19 Letter from Edward Coles to Dolley Madison 1832 April 24 (2 pages)
- 1834
- Letters from Edward Coles to Dolley Madison
- b. 4 f. 20 1834 March 30 (4 pages)
- b. 4 f. 20 1834 August 18 (4 pages)
- b. 4 f. 20 Letter from John Vaughan to Dolley Madison 1834 December 24 (1 page)
- 1835
- b. 4 f. 21 Letter from Edward Coles to Dolley Madison 1835 September 6 (3 pages)
- 1836
- b. 4 f. 22 Letter from Charles Jared Ingersoll to Dolley Madison 1836 June 9 (1 page)
- b. 4 f. 22 Letter from Ann Maury to Dolley Madison 1836 July 2 (3 pages)
- b. 4 f. 22 Letter from William Cabell Rives to John Payne Todd 1836 July 2 (3 pages)

Family correspondence (cont.)  
1836 (cont.)

- b. 4 f. 22 Letter from John T. Kelly to Dolley Madison 1836 July 13 (3 pages)  
With an enclosure dated July 11, 1836
- b. 4 f. 22 Letter from J.M. Porter to Dolley Madison 1836 July 21 (3 pages)  
With an enclosure by J.M. Porter to Daniel Mixsell.
- b. 4 f. 22 Letter from Edward Everett to Dolley Madison 1836 July 23 (2 pages)
- b. 4 f. 22 Letter from John Frazee to Dolley Madison 1836 July 30 (2 pages)
- b. 4 f. 22 Letter from Charles Jared Ingersoll to Dolley Madison 1836 July 31 (2 pages)
- b. 4 f. 22 Letter from Henry Clay to Dolley Madison 1836 August 18 (1 page)
- b. 4 f. 22 Letter from George Tucker to Dolley Madison 1836 August 23 (4 pages)
- b. 4 f. 22 Letter from Charles Jared Ingersoll to Dolley Madison 1836 September 3 (2 pages)
- b. 4 f. 22 Letter from James Barbour to Dolley Madison 1836 December 22 (2 pages)
- b. 4 f. 22 Letter from F.P. Blair to John C. Payne 1836 November 26 (4 pages)

1837

- b. 4 f. 23 Letter from William Cabell Rives to Dolley Madison 1837 January 12 (3 pages)

1839

- b. 4 f. 24 Letter from Dolley Madison to Lewis Tappan and a reply from Lewis Tappan to Dolley Madison 1839 April 3-8 (3 pages)

1840

- b. 4 f. 25 Letter from William C. Preston to Dolley Madison 1840 March 7 (3 pages)

1841

- b. 4 f. 26 Letter from unknown to Dolley Madison 1841 January 27 (3 pages)

Documents 1793-1847

- b. 4 f. 27 "Transcript of General Orders," signed by Edward Hand 1781 April 23 (1 page)
- b. 4 f. 28 Resolution from the Virginia Council of State to delegates in Congress 1786 December 12 (1 page)
- b. 4 f. 29 Notes on accounts with James Monroe circa 1793 March 29 (2 pages)
- b. 4 f. 30 Check signed by James Madison 1808 July 16 (2 pages)
- b. 4 f. 31 Permission for brig to transport goods and merchandise 1809 May 13 (1 page)
- b. 4 f. 32 Land contract for consideration of military service 1811 May 5 (1 page)
- b. 4 f. 33 Deed for 91 acres of land from John C. Payne to James Madison 1815 July 26 (2 pages)
- b. 4 f. 34 Contracts for building sections of the Cumberland Road under the act of February 14, 1815 1815 September 5-9 (24 pages)
- b. 4 f. 35 "Hymn, Composed for the Dedication of St. John's Church, December 27th, 1816. by B. H. Latrobe" 1816 December 27 (2 pages)
- b. 4 f. 36 Brevet d'Invention for a priming composition of John Payne Todd 1816 (3 pages)
- b. 4 f. 37 Check signed by James Madison 1817 February 1 (1 page)
- b. 4 f. 38 Manuscript of an address delivered before the Albermarle, Virginia Agricultural Society 1818 May 12 (20 pages)
- b. 4 f. 39 "Niagara" by Lord Morpeth 1847 November 28 (1 page)  
Copy in the hand of Dolley Madison