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Guide to the

Edward Thornton Tayloe journals

1819-1834; 1850-1858

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Summary

Creator: Tayloe, Edward T. (Edward Thornton), 1803-1876

Title: Edward Thornton Tayloe journals

Date: 1819-1834; 1850-1858

Size: .25 linear feet (2 volumes)

Abstract: Journals kept by Edward Thornton Tayloe, 1819-1834 and 1850-1858, recording his expenses and income during various periods of his life. Included are records from Tayloe's time as a student at Harvard, as Secretary of the Legation in Mexico under Joel R. Poinsett, as bearer of treaties from Mexico to the United States in 1828, as Secretary of the Legation in Columbia in 1828, and during travel throughout the eastern United States. Also included are accounts of Tayloe's plantation in King George County, Virginia ("Powhatan"), recording taxes, slave prices, wharfage, household expenses, grain accounts, stable expenses, subscriptions to magazines and newspapers, books, entertainment, bonds and notes, and costs of education for his children at the Virginia Military Institute and elsewhere

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Key Terms

Subjects

Accounts -- 19th century

Clerks -- 19th century

Cost and standard of living -- 19th century

Dry-goods -- Prices -- 19th century

Plantations -- Virginia -- King George County -- 19th century

Slavery -- Virginia

Treaties -- Transportation -- 19th century

Geographic Names

Colombia -- Description and travel -- 19th century

East (U.S.) -- Description and travel -- 19th century
Mexico -- Description and travel -- 19th century

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Journals (accounts)

Names

Tayloe, Edward T. (Edward Thornton), 1803-1876
Poinsett, Joel Roberts, 1779-1851
Harvard University
Virginia Military Institute