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Guide to the

## **Virgil Maxcy papers**

1801-1843

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### **Summary**

**Creator:** Maxcy, Virgil, 1785-1844

**Title:** Virgil Maxcy papers

**Date:** 1801-1843

**Size:** .1 linear feet (1 folder)

**Source:** Gift of John Pierpont Morgan, 1899.

**Abstract:** Virgil Maxcy (1785-1844) was born in Attleboro, Massachusetts, graduated from Brown University in 1804, and became an attorney and politician in Maryland. The papers consist of a journal, correspondence, and an undated July Fourth oration. The journal was kept in 1802 while Maxcy was acting as a tutor for the Roberts family near Columbia, South Carolina, and contains discussions of social life, adolescent concerns, and accounts of [Baptist] Association meetings and other religious manifestations in South Carolina and Kentucky. Correspondence dates from 1815 and 1843 with the bulk dating between 1821 and 1843. Letters relate chiefly to professional matters, particularly pertaining to his duties as Solicitor of the Treasury, though a letter from his brother, Jonathan Maxcy, is present.

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### **Custodial History**

Originally received as part of the Ford collection.

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## Key Terms

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Diaries

Speeches

### Geographic Names

South Carolina -- Religious life and customs -- 19th century

South Carolina -- Social life and customs -- 19th century

### Subjects

Statesmen -- Maryland

Statesmen -- United States -- Correspondence

Teenagers -- Diaries

### Occupations

Statesmen -- United States -- 19th century

### Names

Maxcy, Virgil, 1785-1844 -- Correspondence