

Richard Henry Wilde Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Richard Henry Wilde Papers

Span Dates: 1807-1867

ID No.: MSS45633

Creator: Wilde, Richard Henry, 1789-1847

Extent: 60 items

Extent: 5 containers

Extent: 2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English with Italian, German, and Latin.

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: United States representative from Georgia, lawyer, and poet. Correspondence relating chiefly to national politics and to writings by Wilde.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Dante Alighieri, 1265-1321.

Wilde, Richard Henry, 1789-1847.

Wilde, Richard Henry, 1789-1847. Hesperia. 1867.

Subjects

Literature.

Poetry.

Places

United States--Politics and government--1815-1861.

Occupations

Lawyers.

Poets.

Representatives, U.S. Congress--Georgia.

Provenance

The papers of Richard Henry Wilde, U.S. representative from Georgia, lawyer, and poet were given to the Library of Congress by Emily Wilde in 1917. An additional item was purchased in 1995.

Processing History

The papers of Richard Henry Wilde were arranged and described in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Richard Henry Wilde is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Richard Henry Wilde are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Richard Henry Wilde Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1789 Sept. 24	Born, Dublin, Ireland
1797	Immigrated to United States with parents and settled in Baltimore, Md.
1809	Began law practice, Augusta, Ga.
1815-1817	United States representative, Georgia
1819	Married Caroline Buckle
1825	United States representative, Georgia
1827-1835	United States representative, Georgia
1835-1840	Engaged in literary pursuits while traveling in Europe
1843	Resumed law practice, New Orleans, La.
1847	Professor of constitutional law, University of Louisiana (later Tulane University), New Orleans, La.
1847, Sept. 10	Died, New Orleans, La.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Richard Henry Wilde (1789-1847) span the years 1807-1867. The papers are in English, Italian, German, and Latin. The correspondence relates chiefly to national politics, but the bulk of the material consists of writings by Wilde, including drafts of his poem *Hesperia*, unpublished works entitled "The Italian Lyric Poets" and "The Life and Times of Dante" as well as other poems, essays, and notes.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1828-1846
BOX 1	Writings
BOX 1	<i>Hesperia</i> , 1867 (4 folders)
BOX 2	"The Italian Lyric Poets," undated
BOX 2	Vol. I
BOX 3	Vol. II
BOX 4	"The Life and Times of Dante," undated (3 folders)
BOX 5	(2 folders)
BOX 5	Miscellany, 1835, undated
BOX 5	Unidentified poetry, 1807-1842