Richard Henry Wilde Papers
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Washington, D.C.
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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.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm81045633
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.

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Richard Henry Wilde is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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

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

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<td>Writings</td>
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| BOX 1     | *Hesperia*, 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 |