Collection Summary

Title: John Leeds Bozman Family Papers
Span Dates: 1669-1883
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1784-1841)
ID No.: MSS13524
Creator: Bozman, John Leeds, 1757-1823
Extent: 800 items
Extent: 6 containers
Extent: 2.0 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm81013524
Summary: Historian and lawyer of Maryland. Correspondence and other material pertaining to John Leeds Bozman, John Leeds Kerr, John Bozman Kerr, J. S. Bozman, William Vans Murray, Daniel Carroll (1730-1796), and others.

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
Bozman family.
Bozman, John Leeds, 1757-1823.
Carroll, Daniel, 1730-1796--Will.
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Coale, Edward Johnson, 1776-1832--Correspondence.
Elzey, Arnold, active 1766--Correspondence.
Fishbourne, William, 1677-1742.
Goldsborough family.
Goldsborough, Charles, 1765-1834--Correspondence.
Goldsborough, Nicholas--Correspondence.
Goldsborough, Robert Henry, 1779-1836--Correspondence.
Jewett, Isaac Appleton, 1808-1853--Correspondence.
Kerr family.
Leeds family.
Lloyd, John, 1750 or 1751-1811--Correspondence.
Martin, Luther, 1748-1826.
McHenry, James, 1753-1816.
Morse, Isaac Edward, 1809-1866--Correspondence.
Murray, William Vans, 1760-1803--Correspondence.
Richardson family.
Richardson, Benjamin, active 1779--Correspondence.
Richardson, Daniel, 1670-1722. Daniel Richardson papers.
Richardson, Ruth, 1677-1728. Ruth Richardson papers.
Storrow, Charles S. (Charles Storer), 1809-1904--Correspondence.
Tudor, William, 1779-1830--Correspondence.
Williams, Ennion.

Organizations
United States. Constitutional Convention (1787)

Subjects
Canals, Interoceanic.
Canals--Central America.
Poetry.

**Places**
Central America.
Eastern Shore (Md. and Va.)--History.
Great Britain--Commerce--Maryland.
London (England)--Commerce.
Maryland--Commerce--Great Britain.
Maryland--Commerce--Pennsylvania.
Maryland--Commerce.
Maryland--History.
Maryland--Politics and government.
Pennsylvania--Commerce--Maryland.
Philadelphia (Pa.)--Commerce.
United States--Politics and government--1783-1789.

**Occupations**
Historians.
Lawyers.

**Provenance**
The papers of the family of John Leeds Bozman, historian and lawyer of Maryland, were purchased in 1909.

**Processing History**
The papers of John Leeds Bozman were processed prior to 1970. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

**Copyright Status**
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the family of John Leeds Bozman is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

**Access and Restrictions**
The papers of the John Leeds Bozman family 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, John Leeds Bozman Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Scope and Content Note**
The papers of the family of John Leeds Bozman date from 1688 to 1883, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1784-1841. The focus is on the correspondence of three men from Talbot County on the Eastern Shore of Maryland: John Leeds Bozman (1757-1823), a lawyer and minor public official who wrote poetry and a history of Maryland after his
retirement from public life; his nephew, John Leeds Kerr, a Whig who served in the House and Senate in the Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-third, and Twenty-seventh Congresses; and his son, John Bozman Kerr, a Whig House member in the Thirty-first Congress who served as charge d’affaires in Nicaragua under President Millard Fillmore. The papers relate chiefly to political, legal, and financial developments in the early history of Maryland and particularly to the Eastern Shore. The collection is organized by type of material.

The collection contains correspondence and other papers dating back to 1688 of the allied Bozman, Goldsborough, Kerr, Leeds, and Richardson families, including correspondence in bound volumes annotated by John Bozman Kerr (circa 1850). The documents probably were held by the David Kerr family (late eighteenth century) but cover a wide range of materials, from family accounts to the will of Daniel Carroll (1730-1796) of Rock Creek.

John Leeds Kerr was a friend of the prominent Goldsborough family of Maryland, and married Mary Elizabeth Goldsborough Greenbury in 1828. The collection includes correspondence with Robert and Charles Goldsborough, Goldsborough family letters from 1799 to 1834, a family history, and related material.

Present are poetry of John Leeds Bozman and letters written while he studied in England, circa 1785; political notebooks and a scrapbook of John Leeds Kerr; and John Bozman Kerr’s unpublished biography of Daniel Carroll. Also included are mercantile and estate papers of Daniel Richardson and his wife, Ruth Richardson, pertaining chiefly to trade with William Fishbourne, Ennion Williams, and other merchants of Philadelphia and London; manuscript copies of speeches delivered by Luther Martin and James McHenry in the Maryland legislature about the proceedings of the Constitutional Convention of 1787; and two volumes on Central America annotated by John Bozman Kerr. One of the volumes concerns preliminary surveys for an isthmian canal, circa 1850.


**Arrangement of the Papers**

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