

Burr Conspiracy Collection
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Collection Summary

Title: Burr Conspiracy Collection

Inclusive Dates: 1806-1808

ID No.: MSS14415

Extent: 100 items

Extent: 1 container

Extent: .2 linear feet

Extent: 1 microfilm reel

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Chiefly letters to Thomas Jefferson and James Madison relating to the Burr Conspiracy, 1805-1807, including Aaron Burr's involvement with Harman Blennerhassett and James Wilkinson; Burr's trial for treason; and his acquittal.

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

Blennerhassett, Harman, 1764-1831.

Bollmann, Erick, 1769-1821--Correspondence.

Burr, Aaron, 1756-1836--Trials, litigation, etc.

Burr, Aaron, 1756-1836.

Claiborne, William C. C. (William Charles Cole), 1775-1817--Correspondence.

Eaton, William, 1764-1811--Correspondence.

Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826--Correspondence.

Madison, James, 1751-1836--Correspondence.

Tyler, Comfort, 1764-1827--Correspondence.

Wilkinson, James, 1757-1825--Correspondence.

Wilkinson, James, 1757-1825.

Subjects

Burr Conspiracy, 1805-1807.

Conspiracies--United States.

Trials (Treason)--United States.

Places

United States--Politics and government--1801-1809.

Acquisition Information

The Burr Conspiracy Collection was transferred to the Library of Congress by the Department of State in 1906.

Processing History

The Burr Conspiracy Collection was processed and bound after being received by the Library in 1906. The collection was microfilmed in 1977, and the finding aid was created in 2016.

Copyright Status

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Scope and Content Note

The Burr Conspiracy Collection spans the years 1806-1808 and consists chiefly of letters to Thomas Jefferson and James Madison relating to the Burr Conspiracy, 1805-1807, including Aaron Burr's involvement with Harman Blennerhassett and James Wilkinson; Burr's trial for treason; and his acquittal. Correspondents include Erick Bollmann, William C. C. Claiborne, William Eaton, Comfort Tyler, and James Wilkinson.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically in a bound volume.

Container List

Microfilm shelf no. 17112

Container	Contents
BOX 1 REEL 1	Bound vol. of correspondence and related material concerning Aaron Burr's conspiracy, trial, and acquittal, 1806-1808