Guide to the
Thomas Jefferson account book
1791-1803
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Summary

Creator: Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826

Title: Thomas Jefferson account book

Date: 1791-1803

Size: .2 linear feet (1 volume)

Source: Received from the Tilden Trust, 1895

Abstract: Account book kept by Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States, showing receipts and disbursements mainly at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Monticello, Virginia; and Washington, D.C., 1791-1803. Daily entries in daybook form concern family accounts, household costs, money paid to servants, slave labor, farming matters, taxes, loans, traveling expenses, and money donated to charity, as well as income from salary and crops. Tables show quarterly or annual analyses of expenditures by category, with income. Notable content includes travel itineraries with expenses for a trip with James Madison from Philadelphia to New York and New England, returning via Long Island, 1791 May 17-June 19, and from Philadelphia to Monticello, 1791 September 2-12. Accounts are paginated (odd numbers only, p. 1-173, [174]), with index. The volume also includes a table of weather data at Philadelphia and Monticello, 1791-1794; a list of wines provided at Washington, 1801-1808; and an inserted sheet noting how long some casks of madeira lasted from receipt to consumption.

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Accounts -- Washington (D.C.) -- 19th century
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Occupations
Landowners
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Geographic Names
Monticello (Va.)

Names
Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826 -- Finance, Personal
Madison, James, 1751-1836
Jefferson family