

# **Richard Henry Wilde Papers**

## **A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**

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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; 5 containers; 2 linear feet

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

**Repository:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Abstract:** U.S. 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 Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### Personal Names

Dante Alighieri, 1265-1321.

Wilde, Richard Henry, 1789-1847.

### Subjects

Literature.

Poetry.

### Locations

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

### Related Names

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

### Occupations

Lawyers.

Poets.

Representatives, U.S. Congress--Georgia.

## Administrative Information

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Richard Henry Wilde is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

### 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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
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

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
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