

John Leeds Bozman Family Papers

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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; 6 containers; 2.0 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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

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, fl. 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.

Kerr, John Bozman, 1809-1878. John Bozman Kerr papers.

Kerr, John Leeds, 1780-1844. John Leeds Kerr papers.

Leeds family.

Lloyd, John, 1750 or 1-1811--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, fl. 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.

Administrative Information

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.

Correspondents include Edward Johnson Coale, Arnold Elzey, Charles Goldborough, Nicholas Goldsborough, Robert Henry Goldsborough, Isaac Appleton Jewett, John Lloyd, Isaac Edward Morse, William Vans Murray, Benjamin Richardson, Charles S. Storrow, and William Tudor.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Correspondence and related matter
BOX 1	Bound
BOX 1	Vol. 1, 1688-1797
BOX 2	Vol. 2, 1810-1856
BOX 3	Vol. 3, 1711-1729
BOX 4	Unbound
BOX 4	Bozman, John Leeds, 1784-1840
BOX 4	Goldsborough family, 1789-1849, undated
BOX 4	Kerr, John Leeds, 1814-1843, undated (4 folders)
BOX 4	Miscellaneous family, 1777-1883
BOX 4	Unidentified
BOX 4	Financial matter
BOX 5	Maryland legal and financial documents, 1708-1771
BOX 5	Notebooks and scrapbooks of John Leeds Kerr (3 folders)
BOX 5	Poetry
BOX 5	Printed matter
BOX 6	Volumes on Central America annotated by John Bozman Kerr (2 folders)
BOX 6	Biography of Daniel Carroll by John Bozman Kerr (unpublished)