West Florida Collection

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Collection Summary

Title: West Florida Collection
Span Dates: 1764-1848
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1764-1810)
ID No.: MSS62281
Extent: 150 items; 15 containers; 2.2 linear feet; 4 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in English
Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Abstract: Minutes, a letterbook, journals, claims, financial records, land records, and other records of West Florida as a British colony and a republic.

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.

Organizations
West Florida.
West Florida. West Florida records.

Places
Great Britain--Colonies--America.
West Florida--History.
West Florida--Politics and government.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The West Florida Collection was transferred to the Library of Congress from the U.S. Department of the Interior in 1915.

Processing History

The West Florida Collection was prepared for microfilming in 1976. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings in the West Florida Collection is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The records of the West Florida Collection 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.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on four reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, West Florida Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The West Florida Collection spans the years 1764-1848, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1764-1810. The collection consists of minutes, a letterbook, journals, claims, financial records, land records, and other documents pertaining largely to West Florida between its establishment by the British colonial government in 1763 out of land formerly controlled by the French and Spanish and its transfer to Spain in 1783. Included are minutes of the first Assembly of the Province of West Florida; minutes of the House and Council; records of commissioners; registers of petitions, warrants, and grants of land; and an account book of the Pensacola Secretary's Office.

Also in the collection is material relating to a rebellion of settlers in 1810 and the Republic of West Florida, as well as miscellaneous items subsequent to the region's annexation by the United States.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is organized by type of record or material.

Container List

Microfilm available. Shelf no. 16,641

Container	*Contents*
BOX 1 REEL 1	Minutes of the 1st Assembly of the Province of West Florida, 1766, Aug. 18-1767, Jan. 3, 61 pages
BOX 2 REEL 1	Minutes of the House, 1767, Feb. 23-1769, June 29, unpaginated
BOX 3 REEL 1	Minutes of the Council, 1769, Apr. 3-July 22, 96 pages
BOX 4 REEL 1	Minutes of the Council, 1769, Dec. 27-1772, Mar. 14, 234 pages
BOX 5 REEL 1	Record of Commissioners, 1764-1781, 355 pages and an index
BOX 6 REEL 1	Secretary of State, letterbook A, 1770, Apr. 14-1774, Sept. 23, 275 pages
BOX 7 REEL 2	Register of petitions, warrants, and grants of land, 1774, May-1777, Apr., unpaginated
BOX 8 REEL 2	Flats, 1770, Sept. 23-1775, Nov. 28, 232 pages and an index
BOX 9 REEL 2	Pensacola Secretary's Office, account book, 1775, Dec. 2-1778, Sept. 23, unpaginated
BOX 10 REEL 2	Governor and secretary's fees on all small tracts of five hundred acres or under, 1774, June 16-1778, Oct. 28, unpaginated
BOX 11 REEL 2	Conveyances of land, Liber A, no. 1, 1771, June-1772, Aug. 1, 585 pages and an index
BOX 12 REEL 3	Conveyances of land, Liber D, no. 4, 1774, Apr.-1775, Oct. 1, 530 pages and an index
BOX 13 REEL 3	Conveyances of land, Liber D, no. 5, 1775, Oct. 2-1777, Dec. 11, 925 pages and an index
BOX 14 REEL 4	Journal of the Convention and Legislature, 1810 (2 vols and 10 miscellaneous items)

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BOX 14 REEL 4	Journal of the Senate, 1810 (2 vols and 10 miscellaneous items)
BOX 14 REEL 4	Sawmill ledger, 1825-1830 (1 item)
BOX 14 REEL 4	Claims, 1810-1848 (circa 25 items)
BOX 14 REEL 4	Revolution of 1810 and financial papers, 1810-1845 (circa 25 items)
BOX 15 REEL 4	Documents and papers concerning transactions during civil commotions in West Florida, 1799-1827 (1 vol. of 61 items arranged chronologically and inventoried)