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Biographical/Historical Information

Francis Jerdone (1720/1-1771) arrived in Virginia from Jedburgh, Scotland about 1740 and established a mercantile firm in New Kent County. In 1752, he moved to Louisa County, Virginia, and built "Jerdone Castle." Jerdone married Sarah Macon (1731/2-1818) 10 February 1753. His son, Francis Jerdone, Jr. (1756-1841), inherited "Jerdone Castle," as well as lands and businesses in Louisa and New Kent Counties upon his father's death, but may have almost lost them during the American Revolution. Jerdone reputedly was a tory, but his mother was a friend of Martha Washington and his property was not confiscated. Jerdone maintained a business network with relatives and friends in New Kent and York Counties, Richmond, Virginia, and England. Jerdone married Mary "Polly" Byars 20 June 1799. Three of their sons, John (b. 1800), Francis (1802- 1874), and William (b. 1805) became planters in Spotsylvania, Orange, and New Kent Counties respectively.

Scope and Content Information

Papers, 1762-1866, of the Jerdone family of Louisa, New Kent, Orange and Spotsylvania Counties, Virginia, consisting mainly of correspondence to Francis Jerdone, Jr. (1756-1841), of Louisa County from his sons, relatives, friends, and business partners regarding personal, family, and business matters. Also includes personal and business correspondence to and from his sons John Jerdone (b. 1800) of Spotsylvania County, Francis Jerdone (1802-1874) of Orange County, and William Jerdone (b. 1805) of New Kent County. Also contains business accounts, receipts for business purchases, personal purchases, and tax payment, as well as a list of slaves for the Jerdones' New Kent County plantation. Also includes the account book of Francis Jerdone (1720/1-1771) of Louisa County which also contains the will of Patrick Belsches (d. 1764) and the inventory of the estate of Judy Belsches (d. 1768), both of Louisa County.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically, with the undated material, business records, and account book of Francis Jerdone located at end of collection.

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