

A Guide to the Nourse Family Papers

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Scope and Content

This accession consists of 16 items, 1768-1904, papers of Joseph Nourse, James Nourse, and Charles J. Nourse. Included in the collection are: bound journals, diaries, account books, and commonplace books of Joseph Nourse (1754-1841), and one memorandum book of James Nourse; two English indentures, 1805, concerning the settlement of an estate; six letters (electrostatic copies) to Charles J. Nourse from Henry Clay, John Adams, and John Quincy Adams; and a copy of a 1724 Northern Neck land grant.

Item Listing

LETTERS

Invitation to dine from "The President of the United States and Mrs. Adams" to Mr. and Mrs. Nourse

Unit Date 1800 Jan. 1

Extent

Printed note (electrostatic copy
)

J[ohn] Q[uincy] Adams to Major C.J. Nourse, Department of War, regarding courts-martial of Captain Boardman and Lieutenant E.K. Smith and J.S. Austin

Unit Date 1828 Aug. 26

Extent

ALS (electrostatic copy
)

Poem, "The Enchantress," by John Quincy Adams

Unit Date 1843 Jan. 20

Extent

AMS(electrostatic
copy)

H[enry] Clay to J. Nourse recommending U.S. Representative William Jordan Graves for a task.

Unit Date 1843 Nov. 20

Extent

ALS(electrostatic copy
)

C.J. Nourse to C.J. Nourse, Jr.

Unit Date 1904 Dec. 30

Extent ALSSw/ enclosure

F.H. Ormink, Military Secretary to C.J. Nourse

Unit Date 1904 Dec. 28

Extent

ALS

"Mr. Clay's respects to Maj. Nourse..." re a visit to Philadelphia

Unit Date n.d.

Extent

Printed note(electrostatic
copy)

BOUND VOLUMES

Notebook, bearing the name of James Nourse.

Unit Date 1768 Apr. 4-?

Scope and Content

on the verso of the front paper cover, containing notes on Virginia real estate for sale, lists of furniture, supplies, and arguments for emigration

Journal, kept by [Joseph Nourse (1754-1891)]

Unit Date 1786 Oct. 11 -1790 Jan. 3

Scope and Content

under "three heads: 1. My Office... 2. My Domestic Affairs... 3. Reflections, or Abstracts on reading," kept in New York. Nourse mentions accounts with several Revolutionary War generals.

Account book, kept by [Joseph Nourse?]

Unit Date 1789-1806

Scope and Content

chiefly for domestic accounts, including some receipts and notes. Index.

Record book, "Register's Office," kept by Joseph Nourse, register [Office of Register of the Treasury created in 1791 (NARS guide)], w/ scrapbook, 1836-1840, containing notes and newspaper clippings re religion tipped in.

Unit Date 1791-1792

Commonplace book and diary, kept by [Joseph] Nourse, with "Meditations and Reflections" beginning in 1792, and diary entries made irregularly, Feb. 22, 1812, until 1839 "last week in August"

Unit Date 1792-1839

Scope and Content

With notes of and thoughts on religion, generally entered on Sundays until October 17, 1828, when daily entries begin, containing comments on his life and public affairs. There is a list of his books made on August 23, 1836.

Letter and account book, kept by Joseph Nourse

Unit Date 1822, 1832-1835

Scope and Content

Containing some letters written as register, Register's Office, Treasury Department, but chiefly personal letters and accounts, 1832-1835.

LEGAL DOCUMENTS (Oversize)

Land deed, signed by Robert Carter

Unit Date 1724

Extent (photostatic copy)

Lease for a Year

Unit Date 1805

Release and Confirmation

Unit Date 1805