

# A Guide to the Francis Jerdone Cargo Wastebook, 1748-1749

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## Descriptive Summary

**Manuscript number**

MS 1929.6a

**Language**

English

**Creator**

Francis Jerdone, 1721-1777.

**Extent**

1 item 1X oversize (276 p. ; 41 x 19 cm.) Bound in leather with spine title: Jerdone Cargo Waste Book, 1748-49.

**Repository**

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Library, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

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## Additional Descriptive Data

### Separated Material at Colonial Williamsburg

There are five collections within the Special Collections department, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Library that are related to this collection. There are two letters, a deed, an account and an account book.

The Francis Jerdone Account Book, 1751-1752, Special Collections, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Library; primarily accounts of Jerdone's business as a merchant.

**Unit Title** Francis Jerdone Account Book,

**Extent** 1 item.

**Unit ID** Collection number: MS 29.4

Francis Jerdone Account, September 12, 1798, Special Collections, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Library; an account of Jerdone with Ryal Thompson and Joseph Chew, jailors of Spotsylvania County, for apprehending a runaway slave, Nathan.

**Unit Title** Francis Jerdone Account,

**Extent** 1 item.

**Unit ID** Collection number: MS 001798Sep12

Francis Jerdone Deed, Special Collections, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Library; a deed that conveyed one thousand acres of land in Louisa County from the heirs of Thomas Martinus of Bristol, England to Francis Jerdone.

**Unit Title** Francis Jerdone Deed,

**Extent** 1 item.

**Unit ID** Collection number: MS 001752Mar24

Francis Jerdone Letter, Special Collections, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Library; discusses the destruction of Jerdone's crops and reports on the visit of Raphaele Peale to Williamsburg.

**Unit Title** Francis Jerdone Letter,

**Extent** 1 item.

**Unit ID** Collection number: MS 001803Sep29

Littleton Waller Tazewell Letter, Norfolk, to Francis Jerdone, Mitchel's Store, Louisa County, Special Collections, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Library; letter discusses a letter of credit Jerdone gave to Daniel McClaren.

**Unit Title** Littleton Waller Tazewell Letter, Norfolk, to Francis Jerdone, Mitchel's Store, Louisa County,  
**Extent** 1 item.  
**Unit ID** Collection number: MS 001809Jan26

## Biographical/Historical Information

Francis Jerdone was a Scots merchant who arrived in Virginia in 1740 to manage the Hanover store of William Johnston, factor for Neill Buchanan. In 1746, Jerdone moved to Yorktown to act as factor for Buchanan & Hamilton, London merchants. He married Sarah Macon in 1753 and in that year moved with her to Louisa County. Just before his death, he purchased, with Wm. Holt, the forge and mills at Providence, New Kent County. He died in November, 1777 leaving a considerable fortune to his several children.

## Scope and Content Information

Wastebok of cargo imported, and tobacco shipped, by Francis Jerdone (1721-1771), merchant, of Yorktown, Va. The book shows the great variety and volume of goods sold by Jerdone, and the numerous customers he had at many places in Virginia. Customers included Col. Carter Burwell, the Rev. John Camm, Alexander Craig, Col. Dudley Digges, James Dixon, Robert Donald, Thomas Everard, Alexander Finnie, the Rev. Mr. Fontaine, William Jerdone, Warner Lewis, John Lightfoot, William Lightfoot, Thomas Nelson, William Nelson, John Norton, John Palmer, James Shield, Capt. John Tabb, and Bennitt Tomkins.

## Index Terms

### Persons:

Jerdone, Francis, 1721-1777.  
Burwell, Carter, 1716-1756.  
Camm, John 1718-1778 or 9.  
Craig, Alexander.  
Digges, Dudley, 1718- 1790.  
Dixon, James.  
Donald, Robert.  
Everard, Thomas, d. 1781.  
Finnie, Alexander.  
Fontaine, Rev.  
Jerdone, William.  
Lewis, Warner, b. 1720.  
Lightfoot, John, 1735-1788.  
Lightfoot, William, 1724-1764.  
Nelson, Thomas, 1716-1782.  
Nelson, William, 1711-1772.  
Norton, John, 1719- 1777.  
Palmer, John.  
Shields, James, d. 1794.  
Tabb, John, Captain, d. 1762?  
Tomkins, Bennitt.

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Merchants--Virginia--History--18th century.  
Tobacco--Virginia--History--18th century.

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Account books--Virginia--Yorktown--18th century.

