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Francis Jerdone, 1721-1771.

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1 item (85 p. ; 24 cm.)

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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, a cargo waste book and an account.

The Francis Jerdone Cargo Waste Book, 1748-1749, Special Collections, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Library; primarily details cargo purchased and tobacco shipped by Jerdone.

Unit Title Francis Jerdone Cargo Waste Book,

Extent 1 item.

Unit ID Collection number: MS 29.4a

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.

Other Finding Aids

There is a name index to this volume in Special Collections.

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

Ledger kept by Francis Jerdone (1721-1771), merchant in Yorktown, Va., including accounts with individuals for goods purchased from Jerdone, with merchants in Great Britain, and with the ship captains who carried goods between Virginia and England; lists of supplies of staples such as salt and rum; invoices for tobacco shipped to England; and a summary of Jerdone's finances.

The accounts include those of Robert Anderson, John Backhouse, Col. John Baylor, Col. John Chiswell, Henry Cooke, John Cooper, Capt. Archibald Crawford, Robert Donald, John Goldsmith, Dr. Alexander Jameson, Bennitt Kirby, Edward Lankford, Thomas Nelson, John Norton, Mann Page, Proprietors of the Raleigh Tavern, William Stevenson, John Thomson, John Winn, and George Wythe.

Index Terms

Persons:

Anderson, Robert.
Backhouse, John.
Baylor, John, d. 1772.
Chiswell, John, d. 1766.
Cooke, Henry.
Cooper, John.
Crawford, Archibald.
Donald, Robert B.
Goldsmith, John.
Jameson, Alexander, Dr.
Jerdone, Francis, 1721-1771.
Kirby, Bennitt.
Lankford, Edward.
Nelson, Thomas, 1738-1789.
Norton, John, 1719- 1777.
Page, Mann, b. 1718.
Stevenson, William.
Thomson, John.
Winn, John.
Wythe, George, 1726-1806.

Subjects:

African Americans--Virginia.
Commission merchants--Virginia.
Slave trade-- Virginia.
Slavery- -Virginia.

Tobacco industry--Virginia.

Corporate Names:

Raleigh Tavern (Williamsburg, Va.)

Genre and Form Terms:

Account books-- Virginia-- 18th century.

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