

# William Taylor Papers

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** William Taylor Papers

**Span Dates:** 1775-1859

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1775-1822)

**ID No.:** MSS42432

**Creator:** Taylor, William

**Extent:** 40,000 items ; 83 containers ; 20 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** Merchant. Correspondence and business and legal records of Taylor, a merchant of Baltimore, Maryland, who carried on a business trade through Sylvanus Bourne & Co. of Amsterdam, Netherlands.

## 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.

### People

Bourne, Sylvanus, 1761-1817. Sylvanus Bourne papers.

Bricker, J. H.--Correspondence.

Bullitt, T. I.--Correspondence.

Harris, David--Correspondence.

Lee, W.--Correspondence.

Mackey, J.--Correspondence.

Meredith, Jonathan D., 1783-1872--Correspondence.

Norris, R.--Correspondence.

Payne, W. O.--Correspondence.

Taylor, William (Merchant)

### Subjects

Merchants--Maryland--Baltimore.

### Places

Amsterdam (Netherlands)--Commerce.

Baltimore (Md.)--Commerce.

### Occupations

Merchants.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The papers of William Taylor, merchant, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1903.

### Processing History

The collection was processed before 1950 and partially reprocessed circa 1980. The finding aid was created in 2009 and revised in 2014.

### Additional Guides

Handbook of Manuscripts in the Library of Congress (Washington, D. C.: Government Printing Office, 1918): 404-405

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of William Taylor is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The William Taylor Papers 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.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, William Taylor Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of William Taylor span the years 1775-1859, with the bulk concentrated in the period 1775-1822. The collection consists of the correspondence and legal and financial records of William Taylor, a Baltimore merchant who was engaged in extensive foreign and domestic commercial enterprises in the late eighteenth century and early part of the nineteenth century. William Taylor carried on a large business through Sylvanus Bourne & Co., of Amsterdam, and the accounts of that firm make up the major portion of the collection. A number of the papers of Sylvanus Bourne are also included.

The largest series in the collection, [General Correspondence](#), contains letters sent and received with attached and related legal and financial documents. A series of [Financial Records](#) consists of accounts, statements, bills, receipts, invoices, wills, contracts, and business and financial miscellany. There are maritime items in the form of sailing lists, marine registers, port charges, and the like, including Prices Current from Baltimore, Maryland; Hamburg, Germany; Havana, Cuba; Leghorn, Italy; Liverpool, England; and Rotterdam, Netherlands. A series of [Printed Matter, 1805-1807](#), consists entirely of *Koophandel en Zeevaart Tydingen*, a publication printed in Amsterdam that gives the rates of exchange and prices current at various European ports, a list of the ships lying in lading, ship tidings, and notes on the wind and tides.

Correspondents include Sylvanus Bourne, J. H. Bricker, T. I. Bullitt, David Harris, W. Lee, J. Mackey, Jonathan D. Meredith, R. Norris, and W. O. Payne.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in three series:

- [General Correspondence, 1775-1858](#)
- [Financial Records, 1779-1859](#)
- [Printed Matter, 1805-1807](#)

## Description of Series

*Container*

BOX 1-67

*Series*

**General Correspondence, 1775-1858**

Bound volumes of letters sent and received with attached and related Prices Current, sailing lists, various legal documents, and miscellaneous items.

Organized chronologically.

BOX 68-81

**Financial Records, 1779-1859**

Receipts, bills, accounts, statements, purchase orders, contracts, and miscellaneous legal and financial material.

Organized chronologically.

BOX 82-83

**Printed Matter, 1805-1807**

Copies of Koophandel en Zeevaart Tydingen, printed in Amsterdam.

Organized chronologically.

# Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
<b>BOX 1-67</b>	<b>General Correspondence, 1775-1858</b> Bound volumes of letters sent and received with attached and related Prices Current, sailing lists, various legal documents, and miscellaneous items. Organized chronologically.
<b>BOX 1</b>	1775, May 13-1793, Oct. 16
<b>BOX 2</b>	1793, Nov. 8-1794, Sept. 2
<b>BOX 3</b>	1794, Sept. 4-1795, Apr. 14
<b>BOX 4</b>	1795, Apr. 15-Oct. 17
<b>BOX 5</b>	1795, Oct. 18-1796, May 6
<b>BOX 6</b>	1796, May 7-Sept. 14
<b>BOX 7</b>	1796, Sept. 15-1797, Feb. 23
<b>BOX 8</b>	1797, Mar. 2-Aug. 19
<b>BOX 9</b>	1797, Aug. 20-1798, Mar. 8
<b>BOX 10</b>	1798
<b>BOX 10</b>	Mar. 10-June 30
<b>BOX 11</b>	July 1-Dec. 19
<b>BOX 12</b>	1798, Dec. 26-1799, June 20
<b>BOX 13</b>	1799, June 22-Nov. 27
<b>BOX 14</b>	1799, Dec. 1-1800, Apr. 8
<b>BOX 15</b>	1800
<b>BOX 15</b>	Apr. 13-July 14
<b>BOX 16</b>	July 15-Nov. 15
<b>BOX 17</b>	1800, Nov. 17-1801, Mar. 3
<b>BOX 18</b>	1801, Mar. 4-July 8
<b>BOX 19</b>	1801, July 11-1802, Jan. 16
<b>BOX 20</b>	1802
<b>BOX 20</b>	Jan. 19-June 18
<b>BOX 21</b>	June 19-Oct. 4
<b>BOX 22</b>	1802, Oct. 5-1803, May 7
<b>BOX 23</b>	1803, May 12-Oct. 7
<b>BOX 24</b>	1803, Oct. 8-1804, Mar. 7
<b>BOX 25</b>	1804
<b>BOX 25</b>	Mar. 12-July 9
<b>BOX 26</b>	July 11-Nov. 23
<b>BOX 27</b>	1804, Nov. 24-1805, May 10
<b>BOX 28</b>	1805
<b>BOX 28</b>	May 11-Aug. 29
<b>BOX 29</b>	Aug. 31-Dec. 9
<b>BOX 30</b>	1805, Dec. 10-1806, Feb. 28
<b>BOX 31</b>	1806
<b>BOX 31</b>	Mar. 2-Apr. 19

## General Correspondence, 1775-1858

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BOX 38	1806, Dec. 29-1807, Mar. 2
BOX 39	1807
BOX 39	Mar. 4-Apr. 29
BOX 40	May 1-June 27
BOX 41	June 30-Aug. 18
BOX 42	Aug. 19-Oct. 20
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BOX 46	1808, Oct. 11-1809, Mar. 31
BOX 47	1809, Apr. 2-Sept. 24
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BOX 49	Feb. 7-May 11
BOX 50	May 12-July 20
BOX 51	July 21-Oct. 29
BOX 52	1810, Oct. 30-1811, Mar. 2
BOX 53	1811
BOX 53	Mar. 6-May 22
BOX 54	Mar. 24-Aug. 3
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BOX 56	1811, Nov. 12-1812, Mar. 28
BOX 57	1812, Mar. 29-Sept. 28
BOX 58	1812, Sept. 29-1813, Mar. 30
BOX 59	1813, Apr. 1-Dec. 20
BOX 60	1813, Dec. 25-1815, Jan. 19
BOX 61	1815, Jan. 31-1816, July 30
BOX 62	1816, Aug. 2-1820, Mar. 6
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BOX 64	1822, Oct. 12-1832, Sept. 21
BOX 65	1832, Oct. 4-1835, June 4
BOX 66	1835, June 10-1840, Feb. 1
BOX 67	1840, Mar. 6-1858, Nov. 22
BOX 68-81	<b>Financial Records, 1779-1859</b> Receipts, bills, accounts, statements, purchase orders, contracts, and miscellaneous legal and financial material. Organized chronologically.

## Financial Records, 1779-1859

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
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BOX 72	1806 (5 folders)
BOX 73	1807-1808 (5 folders)
BOX 74	1809-1810 (4 folders)
BOX 75	1810-1811 (4 folders)
BOX 76	1812-1813 (5 folders)
BOX 77	1814-1816 (5 folders)
BOX 78	1817-1821 (5 folders)
BOX 79	1822-1842 (8 folders)
BOX 80	1851-1859 (4 folders)
BOX 80	Undated
BOX 80	(2 folders)
BOX 81	(7 folders)
BOX 82-83	<b>Printed Matter, 1805-1807</b> Copies of Koophandel en Zeevaart Tydingen, printed in Amsterdam. Organized chronologically.
BOX 82	1805-Jan.-July 1806 (3 folders)
BOX 83	1806, Aug.-Dec.-1807 (4 folders)