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JOHN TOD PAPERS

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Ja^s Martin, Bedford County, Letter to John Tod,
Lancaster, Feb. 5, 1810. 1 item.

Regarding an application to be presented to the
Land Office.

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Papers of JOHN TOD (1779-1830) of Bedford, Pennsylvania,
Judge, and Member of Congress 1821-1824.

The John Tod Papers, listed as Item 199 in the Manuscripts Collections and formerly located in Floor Case 17, divide into two groups:

1. Legal papers: dockets, articles of agreement, drafts covering tracts of land, accounts, etc. of John Tod. These remain tied in packets without definite arrangement, in nine small flat, black-cloth-covered document cases.
2. Letters, professional, business and personal, addressed to John Tod during the years 1800-1830. The letters have been filed in chronological order in 151 folders which are contained in five cartons. A very brief listing of the contents of each folder is appended hereto.

John Tod was born in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1779 and attended schools in that state and also Yale College. He left Connecticut while a young man and was briefly connected as an assistant master with Charlotte Hall School at Aquasco, Maryland during 1801 and 1802. By the end of the latter year he was established at Bedford, Pennsylvania, where in 1803 he was admitted to the bar and commenced practice.

Subsequently he became clerk to the Bedford County Commissioners in 1806 and 1807; member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1810-1813, being twice speaker during that interval; member of the Pennsylvania Senate in 1814-1816, acting as its president; member, as a Democrat, of the United States House of Representatives in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Congresses from 1821 to 1824; president judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the Sixteenth Judicial District of Pennsylvania from 1824 to 1827; associate judge of the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court from 1827 until his death at Bedford, Bedford County, in March, 1830.

Judge Tod's career as a legislator began while Lancaster was still the Capital City of Pennsylvania; it took him to the new Capital at Harrisburg in 1812, and to the national Capital, Washington, D. C., in 1821. His later experiences in the judiciary and his profession as a lawyer made him conversant with many parts of Pennsylvania and with eminent contemporaries: bankers, lawyers, assemblymen, congressmen in many areas of the Commonwealth. He remained all the while in close touch with members of his family: with his father David Tod; his sister Isabella Stewart (wife of James Stewart, a New York merchant); his brother George Tod, a legislator in Ohio; his brother David L. Tod in Opelousas, Louisiana; his more widely roving brother Samuel.

Accordingly the letters to him reflect American life of the period 1802 to 1830 at many points, political, social and economic. They throw light upon episodes at Lancaster, Harrisburg, Bedford, Bedford Springs and Washington, as well as upon happenings in New England, New York City, and on Long Island. They reveal the passions and the patriotism of the War of 1812. They mirror the partisan views of politicians, particularly of those in Pennsylvania and at Washington. They recount the building of turnpikes and the financing of turnpike companies. The life of the banks of the era is reflected in references to legislative measures for chartering and regulating banks and in comments on the negotiability, too often dubious, of bank notes.

The letters have much to say of election returns, and also much to say of candidates for office, including Andrew Jackson in the early campaign of 1824.

An occasional letter alludes to schemes for promoting canals in Pennsylvania, one prophesying that a canal passing through Bedford would bring thousands of visitors annually to Bedford Springs. Ironmasters make infrequent appearance, as does the celebrated Dr. Peter Shoenberger.

Notable among the correspondents of John Tod are United States Senator John Smith of New York; Congressmen William Piper, Andrew Stewart, Alexander Thomson, Chauncey Forward; Pennsylvania Assemblymen William Piper, Alexander M. Piper, Alexander Ogle and John Tutwiler; and David Mann, office-holder for many years in Pennsylvania and Auditor General of the State during John Tod's last years. An occasional writer is the well known map maker John Melish. From time to time appear letters from the Rev. George Roberts, promoter of the Welsh settlement in Cambria County [See Pennsylvania History, Volume XXII, No. 2, pp. 134-145 (April, 1955)].

Spirited personal correspondents are Patrick Farrelly, a soldier of the War of 1812; Timothy Phelps of Suffield, Massachusetts; D. L. Tod of Louisiana. Capable business correspondent is Mrs. Mary Ann Scott of Wheeling, (West) Virginia, for whom John Tod managed affairs for many years. Frequent writers on business affairs are William Lane, William Duffield, and Abednego Stephen. An exacting client is the wealthy John Hare Powel of Powelton, near Philadelphia. In and out of the letters moves the peripatetic French dancing master Cezeron, who in his last contribution is offering for sale an impressive library of French authors of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

John Tod married Mary Read, the daughter of General John Andre Hanna (1760-1805) of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania legislator and congressman, and granddaughter of John Harris, the founder of that town. Of his father-in-law and

of John Tod himself detailed accounts are given on pages 84-85 of the Commemorative Biographical Encyclopedia of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, 1896.

FOLDER LIST.

Papers of John Tod (1779-1830)

The Papers of John Tod are set up in 151 folders chronologically arranged from a stray item dated 1775 through papers of 1835 relating to the settlement of the estate of John Tod. In this folder list, only slight and incidental attempts have been made to reflect the contents of letters. For most of the Chronological folders, however, the names of the more prominent correspondents have been listed as a guide to the investigator.

CARTON 1.

FOLDERS:

1. John Penn to Justice George Taylor, 1775.
2. Miscellaneous and undated correspondence . . . 5 letters.
3. Undated letters to John Tod including items from James Dunlop, John Hare Powel, and John Schell, each of whom is elsewhere represented in these Papers by dated letters.
4. Undated copies of letters in the hand of John Tod.
5. Miscellaneous correspondence. 1788-1798 . . . 10 letters, a number of them exchanged between James Black and Ann Powell.
6. Letters to John Tod, 1800-1804, including:
 - a. Pindo Johnson, of Aquasco, Md., on appointment of assistant master at Charlotte Hall School, 1801.
 - b. David Tod to his son John Tod at Aquasco, 1802.
 - c. David L. Tod to his brother John Tod, 1802.
 - d. George Tod to his brother John Tod, 1804.
 - e. Items connected with James Black and Ann Powell.
 - f. Timothy Phelps, Suffield (Mass.), to John Tod, 1804.
7. Letters to John Tod, 1805, January-June, including items from James Hamilton of Carlisle; Joshua Johnson of Lancaster; Alexander Ogle, Member of Pennsylvania House of Representatives; David Tod; George Tod.

8. To John Tod, 1805, July-December, including items from: David Tod; George Tod; U. S. Senator John Smith from Washington City, (Peace made with Tripoli); James Carson; James Hamilton; D. L. Tod; James Espy; Henry Wertz, Jr.
9. To John Tod, 1806, January-February, including items from J. Bonnet; H. Wertz, Jr.; Timothy Phelps of Suffield (Mass.), on a religious ferment in Massachusetts and on political matters; D. L. Tod; William Piper, Member Pennsylvania House of Representatives; David Tod.
10. To John Tod, 1806, March-September, including H. Wertz, Jr.; William Piper; Alexander Ogle; John Smith; David Mann; David Tod; D. L. Tod; James Carson of Somerset; William McCorkle; Otho Shrader, from St. Genevieve, Territory of Louisiana.
11. To John Tod, 1806, October-December, including D. L. Tod; James Carson; John Smith; David Tod; William Piper; Henry Wertz, Jr.
12. To John Tod, 1807, January-March, including William Piper; Henry Wertz, Jr.; D. L. Tod; David Tod; Alexander Ogle; Timothy Phelps of Suffield; A. Morrison of Somerset.
13. To John Tod, 1807, April-September, including D. L. Tod; William Piper; David Tod; John Smith ("late British outrage at the mouth of the Chesapeake"); George Tod; David Reiley.
14. To John Tod, 1807, October-December, including David Mann; Jacob Blocker; Robert Philson; David Tod; Isabella (Tod) Stewart (sister of John Tod, wife of James Stewart); D. L. Tod; John Smith.
15. To John Tod, 1808, January-May, including William Piper; Jacob Blocker; John Smith; David Tod; Isabella Stewart; D. L. Tod.
16. To John Tod, 1808, June-September, including John Smith; William McCorkle; David Tod; David Reiley; Jacob Blocker; William Levingston; Joseph S. Morrison; William Piper; Jacob Puderbaugh; David Mann.
17. To John Tod, 1808, October-December, including William Piper; J. S. Morrison; Jacob Puderbaugh; Thomas Dodson; John Noble; Christian Snider; David Mann; David Tod; John Christ; James Carson; Henry Wertz, Jr.; Jacob Bonnett; John Schell.

18. To John Tod, 1809, January, including Jacob Bonnett; Isabella Stewart; Joseph S. Morrison; David Mann; James Hamilton; Henry Wertz, Jr.; George Lucas; Humphrey Beckett ; Daniel Danniels
19. To John Tod, 1809, February, including Jacob Bonnett; Henry Wertz, Jr.; David Mann; James Stewart; Henry Beltz; John Noble.
20. To John Tod, 1809, March-April, including David Mann; David Wishart; Robert Kenny; Jacob Bonnett; Henry Wertz; David Tod.
21. To John Tod, 1809, May-July, including Jacob Blocher; James McCullauch; Jacob Puderbaugh; David Tod; Thomas Logan.
22. To John Tod, 1809, August-October, including H. Forde, Lieutenant commanding the U. S. Brig Siren, recently arrived at New York from France, with European war news; D. L. Tod; Jacob Blocher; Joseph A. McJimsey; Jacob Puderbaugh; James McCullauch; James Hamilton; Thomas Logan; Henry Beltz; Isabella Stewart; J. S. Morrison; James Roche; David Tod.
23. To John Tod, 1809, November-December, including Joseph McJimsey; D. L. Tod; James Stewart; Henry Wertz, Jr.; James Carson; Jacob Bonnett; David Mann; Jonathan Walker.
24. To John Tod, 1810, January-March, including D. L. Tod; David Tod; James Carson; David Mann; Jacob Fletcher; Richard Smith; James Bonnett; J. S. Morrison; Jonathan Walker; R. Allison; John Moore; John Spayd.
25. To John Tod, 1810, April-September, including David Tod; Jacob Puderbaugh; J. S. Morrison; Thomas Logan; John Noble; D. L. Tod; George Tod; David Mann.
26. To John Tod, 1810, October-December, including David Tod; Jacob Blocher; George Tod; John Smith; James Carson; John Spayd; William Piper.

CARTON 2.

FOLDERS;

27. To John Tod, 1811, January-February, including John Noble; Baltzer Meese; James Carson; David Mann; J. M. Russell; J. Wilson; David Tod;

John Moore; J. Bonnett; John A. Burd; Thomas Vickory; Joseph Lyon; George Burd; H. Wertz, Jr.; Christian Snider; David Riley; J. S. Morrison.

28. To John Tod, 1811, March-April, including David Tod; Henry Beltz; D. L. Tod; Jacob Bonnett; Henry Wertz, Jr.; Simon Gratz; George Heckert.
29. To John Tod, 1811, May-June, including Alexander M. Piper; David Tod; Henry Wertz, Jr.; William Piper; James Clark.
30. To John Tod, 1811, July-August, including Alexander M. Piper; D. L. Tod; J. S. Morrison; Henry Wertz, Jr.; David Tod.
31. To John Tod, 1811, September-October, including D. L. Tod; Jacob Blocher; George Bryan; Alexander M. Piper; James Clark.
32. To John Tod, 1811, November-December, including Seth Pease; Alexander M. Piper; William Piper; David Tod; Jacob Bonnett; Alexander Wright; James Carson; J. S. Morrison; D. L. Tod; David Riley; James Clark; James Stewart.
33. To John Tod, 1812, January, including David Tod; Josiah Randall; William Piper; John A. Burd; J. S. Morrison; James Carson; D. L. Tod; John Wishart; Henry Wertz, Jr.; George Burd; James Herrington.
34. To John Tod, 1812, February-March, including James Graham; Anthony Shoemaker; David Reiley; John Davis; David Mann; Jacob Puderbaugh; J. S. Morrison; George Burd; Henry Wertz, Jr.
35. To John Tod, 1812, April-May, including Alexander M. Piper; William Piper; P. Frailey; Cezeron.
36. To John Tod, 1812, June, including J. Clunn; D. L. Tod; Alexander M. Piper; William Piper; John Whiteside; P. P. Emlen; Patrick Farrelly; P. Frailey; Cezeron; George Heckert; John Noble.
37. To John Tod, 1812, July, including Samuel Tod; Alexander M. Piper; Jacob Blocher; David Tod; James Clark; Patrick Farrelly.
38. To John Tod, 1812, August-September, including Alexander M. Piper; John Ritter; Isaac Bonnett; George Heckert; Moses Rankin; P. Frailey; Jacob Blocher; David Mann; J. S. Morrison; Samuel Tod.

39. To John Tod, 1812, October, including James Carson; Henry Hipple; Samuel Tod; Alexander Ogle; Jacob Radebaugh; James Hanna; Abram Walker; William Piper; Alexander M. Piper; P. Frailey; Isaac Bonnett.
40. To John Tod, 1812, November-December, including David Tod; John Melish, (Cartographer); P. Frailey; James Stewart; David Mann; Moses Rankin; John Binns; Isabella Stewart; S. W. Culbertson; John Schell, Jr.; D. L. Tod.
41. To John Tod, 1813, January-February, including George Burd; David Mann; John Melish (Cartographer); James Wilson; Jonathan Dickey; Benjamin Morgan; William Piper; David Reiley.
42. To John Tod, 1813, March-May, including Jacob Bonnett; J. S. Morrison; David Tod, Henry Wertz, Jr.; James Agnew; John Noble; D. L. Tod; Alexander M. Piper.
43. To John Tod, 1813, June-July, including William Piper; Patrick Farrelly; Alexander M. Piper; James Carson; J. M. Culbertson; John Melish, (Cartographer); Charles Miner (author of History of Wyoming).
44. To John Tod, 1813, August-September, including James Carson; David Tod; Mary Tod (wife of Samuel Tod); Alexander M. Piper; P. Frailey.
45. To John Tod, 1813, October, including James Clark; David Fore; Jacob Blocher; Alexander M. Piper; Alexander Ogle; P. Frailey; Benjamin Chew.
46. To John Tod, 1813, November-December, including Joseph A. McJimsey; Jacob Blocher; David Tod; James Carson, Isabella Stewart.
47. To John Tod, 1814, January, including William N. Brown; David Mann; Nathaniel W. Sample; William Piper; James Carson; Josiah Randall; J. M. Espy; Jacob Bonnett; David Tod; D. Fore; James Hanna.
48. To John Tod, 1814, February, including George Burd; Martin Reiley; William Piper; David Stewart; James Gibson; Isaac Burniston; John Noble; David Mann; James Carson; Jacob Schneider and others.
49. To John Tod, 1814, March-April, including James Hanna; Benjamin R. Morgan; Henry Haines; James Carson; E. W. Thomas; John Thompson; David Mann; J. Mulrony; George Tod; John Noble.
50. To John Tod, 1814, May-June, including John Noble; James Hanna; Alexander M. Piper; John McElderry.

51. To John Tod, 1814, July, including Thomas Crossan; Jane Henry (widow of Judge John Joseph Henry?); Alexander M. Piper.
52. To John Tod, 1814, August, including Alexander M. Piper; Thomas Crossan; Jane Henry.
53. To John Tod, 1814, September-October, including Alexander M. Piper; George Bryan; William Piper; David Tod; Peter Schell; George Burd.
54. To John Tod, 1814, November-December, including Joseph A. McJimsey; George Tod; Peter Schell; John Schell; David Munn; John Murray; George Burd.
55. To John Tod, 1815, January-February, including Peter Schell, David Mann; John Porter; Montgomery; Abraham Schell; Ebenezer Greenough; Charles Miner; John Tantlinger; George Burd; Wm. Martin; J. M. Espy.
56. To John Tod, 1815, March-April, including James Clark, Alexander Ogle; George Tod; David Mann; Peter Schell; Isabella Stewart; Alexander M. Piper; Cezeron (with an excellent French library to dispose of.)
57. To John Tod, 1815, May-June, including Alexander M. Piper; John Blair of Blair's Gap; John Noble.
58. To John Tod, 1815, July-August, including John Melish (Cartographer); David Tod; Alexander M. Piper.
59. To John Tod, 1815, September-October, including Jonathan Walker; Alexander M. Piper; William Lane; Jacob Puderbaugh.
60. To John Tod, 1815, November-December, including John Murray; John Noble; Joseph G. Chambers; William Piper; J. S. Morrison.
61. To John Tod, 1816, January, including Peter Kummil; J. M. Russell; John Schell, Jr.; John Melish (Cartographer); James Carson; Andrew C. Meliss; Thomas Vickory; Jos. S. Morrison; David Mann; Wm. Piper.
62. To John Tod, 1816, February-March, including Wm. Piper; George Metzger; David Mann; John Schell, Jr., J. S. Morrison; Abram Morrison; Alexander Ogle; Charles McDowell; John Murray.
63. To John Tod, 1816, April-June, including William Piper; J. R. Wilson; George Tod; Peter Schell; John Tutwiler.
64. To John Tod, 1816, July-August, including Christian Haldeman.

65. To John Tod, 1816, September-October, including John Schell, Jr.; Christian Haldeman.
66. To John Tod, 1816, November-December, including Francis Carr; David Mann; John Schell, Jr.; John Hare Powel; Wm. Piper; T. R. Getty

CARTON 3.

FOLDERS:

67. To John Tod, 1817, January, including Isaac B. Parke; John Hare Powell; Alexander Thomson; David Mann; John Noble; John Schell, Jr.; George Ross; William Piper; John Anderson and others; A. McLane.
68. To John Tod, 1817, February-March, including Peter Schell; Peter Kimmel; John Melish (Cartographer); John Schell, Jr.; Wm. Piper; J. M. Cune; David Mann; John Tod; Charles Miner, Historian of the Wyoming; Samuel Riddle; T. R. Gettys.
69. To John Tod, 1817, April-May, including Alexander M. Piper; John Noble; Peter Schell; William Piper.
70. To John Tod, 1817, June-July, including Charles D. Bishop; Alexander M. Piper; George Burd; John Hare Powel.
71. To John Tod, 1817, August, including George K. Harper; Edward Carroll; William Baker; Wm. T. Chapman - Election Returns.
72. To John Tod, 1817, September-October, including Alexander M. Piper; John Hare Powel; John Schell, Jr.; David Mann; Wm. Ramsey; Wm. Piper.
73. To John Tod, 1817, November-December, including R. Blodget; John Noble; John Sleek, Jr.; John Forster (of the Harrisburg Bridge Company); D.R.Porter.
74. To John Tod, 1818, January-February, including John Sleek, Jr.; Alexander M. Piper; Wm. Piper; Alexander Ogle; John Fletcher; James Carson; John Noble.
75. To John Tod, 1818, March-April, including Joseph A. McJimsey; Wm. Piper; Wm. Davidson; Susannah Stuart.