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MG 58 Thomas Gilpin Collection

~~GILPIN PAPERS~~. 1771-1854.

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(62 small volumes, 1 envelope, 5 folders).

Joshua Gilpin (1765-1840) and Thomas Gilpin, Jr. (1776-1853), were the sons of Thomas Gilpin, Sr. (1728-1778), who established the Gilpin mills on the Brandywine. The two sons operated as partners at both their commercial establishment in Philadelphia and at their mills on the Brandywine. In 1795 Joshua, leaving these enterprises in charge of Thomas, undertook a trip to the British Isles and the Continent, in the interest of investigating European practices in trade and industry. Despite the ingenuity, industry and financial resources of the Gilpins, they fell prey to a series of financial difficulties. In March of 1825 a serious fire devastated much of the paper mills. The following month Thomas, Jr., filed a petition in bankruptcy.

The great bulk of the papers of Joshua Gilpin and Thomas Gilpin, Jr., are to be found among the extensive Gilpin Papers (1727-1872, approx. 20,000 items) held by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania (See entry No. 238 in the Society's Guide to the Manuscript Collections of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania [2nd ed., Philadelphia, 1949]).

The Gilpin Papers at the Division of Public Records consist of two parts — the Journals and Notebooks of Joshua and miscellaneous business papers of Thomas, Jr.

The Journals and Notebooks of Joshua Gilpin long formed a part of the Division's collection of Diaries and Journals. During the summer of 1955 they were called to the attention of the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley

Foundation and microfilmed. In September Martha Simonetti, of the Division staff, discovered loose papers of Thomas Gilpin, Jr., in a group of Miscellaneous Boxes. It was then decided, on the grounds of convenience -- and in the lack of contrary evidence concerning provenance -- to withdraw the Journals and Notebooks of Joshua from the collection of Diaries and Journals and to combine them with the papers of Thomas, Jr., in a single Gilpin Collection. This has been done by Eugene E. Doll, who added the Minutes of a Committee of Stockholders of the Arbon Land and Coal Companies, an item which has every appearance of having once formed an integral part of the papers of Thomas Gilpin, Jr. The present inventory and new catalogue cards have been prepared by Doll.

Biographical material on Joshua and Thomas Gilpin, Jr., may be found in both Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography (New York: 1888-1889) and John W. Jordan's Colonial Families of Philadelphia (New York: 1911). Relevant also are a memoir of Thomas Gilpin, Sr., written by one of the sons, and a paper, "Fairmount Dam and Water Works," both published in The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, (XLIX, 289-328, and XXXVII, 471-479). Other items in the Magazine may be conveniently located in its Index: Volumes 1-75, edited by Doll (Philadelphia: 1954). Interesting comments on the Gilpins and their mills on the Brandywine are to be found in the diary (1825-1828) of W. P. Brobson, an item also held by the Division of Public Records.

The materials in the inventory following are at present housed at the Division of Public Records in Room 221, Floor Case 21, being contained in three black document boxes, as follows:

- Box 1. Items No. 1 - No. 36
- Box 2. Items No. 37 - No. 62
- Box 3. Items No. 63 - No. 68

- I. Journals and Notebooks of Joshua Gilpin. 1790-1809, 1830-1833.
62 small volumes and 1 envelope.

These are chiefly a record of travels in Great Britain, Ireland, and Continental Europe, with special attention to industrial developments, internal improvements, mechanical devices, and public institutions. The individual notebooks deal with an early normal school for women;

Caracas, Venezuela; vines and wines of Bordeaux; paper; canals; observations on Continental Europe; a ledger (1830-1833); and an inventory of books, silver and linens.

The journals are arranged in a chronological sequence, with some gaps. Exact chronology is at times difficult to determine, as certain volumes include sections written from back to front, while the narrative is frequently interrupted by extended observations on special subjects. The indication of dates is not always precise, and not infrequently the year, month, or day is omitted altogether. In a number of instances tables of contents are to be found at the front of volumes.

These materials cover primarily the sojourn of Joshua Gilpin in England 1795-1801, a period during which he toured both Ireland and Continental Europe. Miscellaneous volumes include items pertaining to the United States and to Venezuela.)

There is also a transcript of a journal of a tour from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh and down the Ohio and Mississippi, 1809, published in The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography: L, 64-78, 163-178, 380-382; LI, 172-190, 351-375; LII, 29-58. Associated is a negative photographic plate used in this printing.

A. Eastern Tour. United States. 1790.

1. Cover title: "Journal of a Tour through New England. 1790."
Dated: July 8, 24, 1790.

B. Sojourn in the British Isles. 1795-1801. Part I:

2. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. IV."
Dated: September 20 - October 14, 1795.
3. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. V."
Dated: October 15 - December 5, 1795
4. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. VI & VIII."
Dated: December 6, 1795 - January 11, 1796; March 13-20, 1796.
5. Cover title: "Journal Vol. VII. Memorandums in Kent. No. 1."
Dated: March 8 - 12, 1796.
6. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. IX."
Dated: March 22 - April 9, 1796.

7. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. X."
Dated: April 10 - 28, 1796.
8. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XI."
Dated: April 28 [continued] - May 5, 1796.
9. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XII."
Dated: May 6 - 18, 1796
10. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XIV."
Dated: May 29 - June 10, 1796.
11. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XVI."
Dated: July 19-22, 1796.
12. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XVII."
Dated: July 23 - July 31, 1796.
13. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XVIII."
Dated: July 31 [continued] - August 9, 1796.
14. Cover title: "These compose Journal Vol. 20th."
Title: "Journal of an excursion to the Lakes of Killarney."
Dated: August 18-21, 1796.
15. [Continuation of the Journal of an excursion to the Lakes of Killarney]
[August 21, 1796 ?]
16. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XXI."
Dated: August 24 - September 12, [1796]
17. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XXII."
Dated: September 12-15 [1796]
18. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XXIII."
Dated: September 17-25, [1796]
19. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XXIV."
Dated: September 25-30, 1796
20. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XXV."
Dated: September 30, 1796.
21. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XXVI."
Dated: September 30 [continued], 1796
22. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XXVII."
Dated: October 1 - October 16, [1796].

23. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XXVIII."
Dated: October 16 [continued] - October 22, [1796].
24. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XXX."
Dated: October 23 - 28, 1796.
25. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XXXI."
Dated: October 29 - October 31 [1796].
26. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XXXII."
Dated: October 31 [continued] - November 8, [1796].
27. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XXXIII."
Dated: November 9-13, 1796 [?].
28. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XXXIV."
Dated: November 13 [continued] - 29, [1796].
29. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XXXV."
Dated: November 29 - December 1, 1796.
30. Cover title: "Journal. Vol. XLVIII."
Dated: February 12-17, [1797].
31. Cover title: "XLI. Journal."
Dated: February 27 - March 3, [1797].
32. Cover title: "LV. Journal."
Dated: July 10-19, [1797].
33. Cover title: "Journal. 1797. LXXXI."
Dated: August 25 - September 2, 1797.

In this numbered arrangement the volumes are in order of chronology. First comes, "A. Eastern Tour. United States, 1790", second comes, "B. Sojourn in Great Britain. Part I", third comes, "C. Tour of Continental Europe", and fourth, "D. Sojourn in Great Britain, Part II."

C. Tour of Continental Europe. 1797-1798.

34. Pencilled index guide reads: "1797. Oct. 6 to Oct. 13. Margate to Amsterdam & Holland."
Dated: October 6-13 [1797].
35. Cover title: "1797. Nov."
Title: "Journal. France."
Pencilled index guide reads: "1797. Nov. 12 to Dec. 3. reached Paris."
Dated: November 12 - December 2, 1797.

36. Dated: December 28, 1797 - January 5, [1798].
37. Cover title: "1798 January."
Pencilled index guide reads: "1798. Jan. 5 - Bourdeaux."
Dated: January 5 - 24, [1798].
38. Cover title: "1798. Feb."
Pencilled index guide reads: "1798. Bordeaux."
Lacks dates.
39. Cover title: "1798. Feb."
Pencilled index guide reads: "1798 - 13 Feb. left Bordeaux.
Toulouse."
Dated: February 13 - 20, 1798.
40. Cover title: "1798. Mar."
Pencilled index guide reads: "1798. Feb. 2. Montpellier
to Nismes & Pont de Gard."
41. Pencilled index guide reads: "1798 - 2 March to Montpelier & Nismes."
Dated: March 2, 1798.
42. Cover title: "1798. March."
Pencilled index guide reads: "1798 - 6 March to Nismes to
Tarascon."
Dated: March 6, 1798.
43. Cover title: "1798. March."
Pencilled index guide reads: "1798 - 6 March - Tarascon;
18 March - Marseilles."
Dated: March 6 [continued] - March 18, 1798.
44. Cover title: "1798. April."
Pencilled index guide reads: "1789 April. Leave Marseilles to
Aix. Vaucluse, Avignon, Orange."
Dated: April.
45. Cover title: "1798. April."
Pencilled index guide reads: "April. Douzerre to Loriol,
Loriol to St. Valliere, St. Valliere to Lyons, Lyons to
Vienne."
Dated: April.
46. Cover title: "1798. April."
Title: "Tour from Lyons to Geneva and Geneva."
Pencilled index guide notes intermediate points.
Dated: April
47. Cover title: "1798. Geneva."
Pencilled index guide reads: "1798 --April. Geneva."
Dated: April.

- 60. Title: "Contributions towards a Normal Institution for Training Young Women as Teachers and placing it on a thorough and permanent plan."
Undated.

(Note: This book marked on back "Oils-Mills. LXVII.")

LXXVII

- 61. Cover title: "LVII. Paper."
Undated.
- 62. Title: "Remarks on the Vines and Wines of Bourdeaux -- their culture &ca --"
Undated.

F. Western Tour, United States, 1809.

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- 63. "Journal of a Tour from Philadelphia through the Western Counties to Pittsburgh with Observations on Pittsburgh, Trade on the Ohio and Description of Counties along the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Volume I." Handwritten transcript of original in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. An accompanying negative photographic plate shows sketch map of Pittsburgh, presumably from the Gilpin journal. Text and map both published in the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, L, 64-78, 163-178, 380-382; LI, 172-190, 351-375; LII, 29-58.

Since Item 63 is readily available in print and since it is not original, it is not included on the microfilm.

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Bourdeaux

II. Thomas Gilpin, Jr., Miscellaneous Papers, 1771, 1812-1854.

These papers, of ~~Thomas Gilpin, Jr.~~, which include an indenture of Thomas Gilpin, Sr. (1728-1778), relate to a variety of business activities and enterprises dating from 1812 to 1854. (~~Noteworthy are a series of judgments (1823-1850) against Thomas, Jr., and the Minutes of a Committee of Stockholders of the Arbon Land and Coal Companies.~~)

- 64. Indenture of Thomas Gilpin, Sr. (1728-1778). Purchase of land, 1771.
- 65. Miscellaneous Business Papers (1834-1854).
- 66. Judgments and Bankruptcy Petition (copy only) (1823-1850).
- 67. Papers and Certificates Pertaining to Joint Stock Companies (1812-1854).
- 68. Minutes (July-August, 1843) of Committee of Stockholders of Arbon Land and Coal Companies. (Includes also data on Tioga Navigation Company.)

48. Cover title: "1798. April."
Pencilled index guide reads: "At Geneva -- account of it."
Undated.

Note: See also the volume of general observations on Europe, under "Miscellaneous Volumes," below.

~~D. Sojourn in the British Isles, 1795-1801. Part II.~~

49. Cover title: "Journal. LXXXIII."
Dated: August 21-27, 1799.
50. Cover title: "Journal. LXXXV."
Dated: August 28-29, [etc.] [1799].
51. Cover title: "LXXXIV."
Title: "Stage. Broadway to Chapel House Inn."
Dated: August 19 [etc.] [1800 ?].
52. Cover title: "Journal. LXXXVI."
Dated: September, 1799.
53. Cover title: "Journal. LXXXVII."
Dated: April 1-7, 1800.
54. Cover title: "Journal XCVI."
Dated: March 23-25, 1801.

~~E. Miscellaneous Notebooks~~

55. [Canals]
Undated.
56. ~~Cover title: "Vera Cruz &ca. LXXIII."~~
[Deals with Carácas]
Undated.
57. Pencilled index guide reads: "Holland, Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy."
[Observations on Continental European tour]
Undated.
58. [Inventory: Books, Silver, Linens]
Undated.
59. Cover title: "Petty Cash Ledger."
[Ledger]
Dated: 1830-1833.

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JOSHUA AND THOMAS GILPIN COLLECTION
1771-1854

64 vols. & 4 folders

Rolls

- Box 1** A. Journals, 1790-1809, n.d. 60 folders 60 vols.
- 0345
- M-21 ✓ [Vol.] Index, n.d. 1 vol. (near end of roll M21)
 - M-19 ✓ [Vol. I]... "Tour [through] New England," July 8, 24, 1790. 1 vol.
 - ↑ ✓ Vol. IV, September 20-October 14, 1795. 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. V, October 15-December 5, 1795. 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. VI & VIII, December 6, 1795-January 11, 1796; March 13-20, 1796. 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. VII, "P. Memorandums in Kent, No. 1," March 8-12, 1796. 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. IX, March 22-April 9, 1796. 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. X, April 10-28, 1796. 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. XI, April 28-May 5, 1796. 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. XII, May 6-18, 1796. 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. XIV, May 29-June 10, 1796. 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. XVI, July 19-22, 1796. 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. XVII, July 23-31, 1796. 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. XVIII, July 31-August 9, 1796. 1 vol.
 - ✓ [Vol. XX] "These compose Journal Vol. 20th," August 8-21, 1796. 2 vols.
 - M19 ✓ Vol. XXI, August 24-September 12 [1796] 1 vol.
 - M20 ✓ Vol. XXII, September 12-15 [1796]. 1 vol.
 - ↑ ✓ Vol. XXIII, September 17-25 [1796] 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. XXIV, September 25-30, 1796. 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. XXV, September 30, 1796. 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. XXVI, September 30, 1796. 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. XXVII, October 1-16 [1796] 1 vol. Box 2
 - ✓ Vol. XXVIII, October 16-22 [1796] 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. XXX, October 23-28, 1796. 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. XXXI, October 29-31 [1796] 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. XXXII, October 31-November 8 [1796] 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. XXXIII, November 9-13, 1796. 1 vol.
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- 0345 **Box 2**
- ✓ Vol. XXXIV, November 13-29 [1796] 1 vol.
 - ✓ Vol. XXXV, November 29-December 1, 1796 1 vol.
 - Vols. XXXVI-XLVII Missing
 - ✓ Vol. XLVIII, February 12-17 [1797] 1 vol.
 - Vols. XLIV-XL Missing
 - ✓ Vol. XLI, February 27-March 3 [1797] 1 vol.
 - M20 ✓ Vol. LV, July 10-19 [1797] 1 vol.
 - M21 ✓ Vol. LVII, "Paper 7," n.d. 1 vol. (M21)
 - M21 ✓ Vol. LXXIII, "Vera-Cruz & ca," n.d. 1 vol. (near end of roll M21)
 - ✓ M21 ✓ Vol. LXXVII, "Oil-Mills," n.d. 1 vol. (near end of roll M21)
 - M20 ✓ Vol. LXXXI, "1797," August 25-September 2, 1797. 1 vol. (Sept 1st)
 - M20 ✓ [Vol.], October 6-13 [1797] 1 vol.
 - M20 ✓ [Vol.] November 12-December 2, 1797. 1 vol.
 - M20 ✓ [Vol.] December 28, 1797-January 5 [1798] 1 vol.

M21 ✓ [Vol.] "Description of Bordeaux," n.d. 1 vol. Box 3
 M21 ✓ [Vol.] January 5-24 [1798] ("Bordeaux") 1 vol.
 M21 ✓ [Vol.] February 2, 1798 (Bordeaux) 1 vol.
 ↑ ✓ [Vol.] February 12-20 [1798] (Bordeaux-Toulouse) 1 vol.
 ✓ [Vol.] "Bordeaux Wines," n.d. 1 vol. (near end of book)
 ✓ [Vol.] March 2, 1798 1 vol.
 ✓ [Vol.] Mar. 6, 1798 1 vol.
 ✓ [Vol.] Mar 6-18, 1798 1 vol.
 ✓ [Vol.] April [1798] (Marseilles to Oranbe) 1 vol.
 ✓ [Vol.] April [1798] (Douzerre to Vienne) 1 vol.
 ✓ [Vol.] April [1798] (Lyons to Geneva) 1 vol.
 ✓ [Vol.] April [1798] (Geneva) 1 vol.
 ✓ [Vol.] April 1798] (At Geneva, Account of it) 1 vol.
 ✓ Vol. LXXXIII, August 21-27, 1799. 1 vol.
 ✓ Vol. LXXXIV, August 18-19 [1799?] 1 vol.
 ✓ Vol. LXXXV, August 28-29 [1799] 1 vol.
 * ✓ Vol. LXXXVI, September 1799. 1 vol.
 ↓ ✓ Vol. LXXXVII, April 1-7, 1800. 1 vol.
 M21 ✓ Vol. XCVI, March 23-25, 1801. 1 vol.

0246 Box 3 [Vol.] Tour from Philadelphia thro the Western Counties of Pennsylvania, September-October, 1809 (Late Copy) 1 vol.

Reel M21 ← (B) Ledgers, 1830-33 1 folder 1 vol. Box 4
 [Vol.] Petty Cash, 1830-33 1 vol.

Reel M21 ← (C) Notebooks, n.d. 2 folders 2 vols.
 Reel M21 ← [Vol.] Acqueducts, Bridges, Canals, n.d. 1 vol.
 [Vol.] "Remarks on Tour," n.d. 1 vol.

D. Letter Book, 1807-09 12 folders 1 vol., dismantled

Vol. 4, Brandywine Paper Mill, Dec. 14, 1807-Jan. 4, 1809. FOLDERS 1-7 Box 3

E. General Correspondence, 1834-39, 1851. 1 folder Box FOLDERS 8-12 Box 4

[18]34, Dec. 26 James M. Broom, Phila., to Thomas Gilpin

1835, Feb 27 Copy, H. G. Gilpin to James M. Broom sent to Thomas Gilpin Trans From N16-P 2/74

1839, July 29 H. D. Gilpin, Washington, to T. Gilpin, Esq.

1851, July 5 John Hemphill, Wilmington, to Thomas Gilpin, Esq.

July 10 Thomas Gilpin, Phila., to John Hemphill

Sept. 13 J. H. Markland, to Thomas Gilpin

Nov. 8 H. D. Gilpin, Phila., to John H. Markland, Esq.

F. Business Papers, 1771, 1812-1854 3 folders 1 vol.

1. Minutes, Arbon Land and Coal Companies, July 13-August 1843. 1 vol.

2. Certificates of Shares in Stock Companies, 1812-1854. 1 folder

3. Indentures for land, 1771 (Copy); 1834-54. 1 folder

4. Judgments and bankruptcy petitions, 1823-54 Copy 1 folder

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