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Guide to the Fielding Lewis Papers 1783-1900



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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract	Fielding Lewis, plantation owner. Papers contain business records, legal documents, tax receipts and other records that document the management of an ante-bellum plantation on the James River. The collection also includes receipts for purchase of slaves as well as daily expenses.

Information on Use

Access

This collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Fielding Lewis (d. 1834) owned a plantation on the James River, where he raised corn and wheat. Lewis was the son of Col. Warner Lewis and Eleanor Bowles of Warner Hall, Gloucester County, Virginia. He was also a great uncle of the famed Captain Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Around 1788, Lewis married Agnes Harwood, daughter of Samuel and Margaret Woddrop Harwood. With that marriage came the estate of Weyanoke on the James River.

Scope Note

Fielding Lewis, plantation owner. The Fielding Lewis Papers contain business records, legal documents, tax receipts and other records that document the management of an ante-bellum plantation on the James River. The collection also includes receipts for slaves as well as daily expenses. Lewis practiced advanced methods of agriculture at that time and some of the papers detail his actual operations in this regard.

The collection contains material relating mostly to Weyanoke plantation but also another property Lewis owned called Belle Farm. The invoices and receipts include Lewis's business and personal expenses, arranged chronologically. Included are receipts for food, clothing, equipment and slaves.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

Subject Headings

- Lewis, Fielding, d. 1834
- Slavery -- United States
- Plantation life
- Plantations -- Virginia
- Southern States -- History -- 1775-1865
- Virginia -- History

INVENTORY

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Invoices and Receipts, 1783-1789

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Invoices and Receipts, 1790-1794

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Invoices and Receipts, 1795-1799

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Invoices and Receipts, 1800-1801

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Invoices and Receipts, 1802-1803

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Invoices and Receipts, 1804-1805

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Invoices and Receipts, 1806-1808

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Invoices and Receipts, 1809-1810

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Invoices and Receipts, 1811

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Invoices and Receipts, 1812

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Invoices and Receipts, 1813-1816

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Invoices and Receipts, 1817-1820

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Invoices and Receipts, 1821-1822

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Invoices and Receipts, 1823

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Invoices and Receipts, 1824-1825

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Invoices and Receipts, 1826

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Invoices and Receipts, 1827

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Invoices and Receipts, 1828

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Invoices and Receipts, 1829

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Invoices and Receipts, 1830

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Invoices and Receipts, 1831

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Invoices and Receipts, 1832

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Folder 6

Invoices and Receipts, 1833

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Folder 7

Invoices and Receipts, 1834

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Folder 8

Tax Receipts, 1790-1832

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Folder 9

Insurance, 1798-1828

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Folder 10

Purchase Inventories, 1805-1834

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Folder 11

Estate Inventories, 1778-1830

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Folder 12

Legal Correspondence, 1789-1833

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Folder 13

Farming Instructions and Records, undated

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Folder 1

Recipes, undated

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Folder 2

Diary (fragment), undated

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Correspondence, 1786-1827

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Folder 4

Correspondence, 1828-1834, and undated

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Receipts and notes, undated

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