

# Wythe, George Collection

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## **Biographical Information:**

George Wythe was born in 1726 in Elizabeth City County, Va. He attended the College of William and Mary. Wythe studied law and was a member and clerk of the House of Burgesses. Member of Continental Congress. Signed Declaration of Independence. Speaker of House of Delegates. Judge of Virginia High Court of Chancery. Professor of Law and Police at William and Mary, 1779- 1790. Moved to Richmond where he died in 1806.

## **Scope and Contents**

Copies of letters, 1781-1783, from George Wythe, Williamsburg, Va. , one to John Adams and another to Thomas Jefferson concerning the use of the College of William and Mary as a hospital. Also includes a magazine article about Wythe; newspaper copy of William Munford's oration at Wythe's funeral; correspondence, 1921, of Robert M. Hughes concerning a monument for Wythe's grave; a form book of Peter Tinsley, clerk of the High Court of Chancery which gives "Forms of Injunctions," Forms of Orders," "Certificates," "Processes," "Executions," "Rules of Court," "Bonds," and "Appeal," of chancery cases from the Richmond High Court (1779-1802); several engravings of Wythe and bills of complaints in lawsuits.

## **Keywords**

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Photographs  
Speeches, addresses, etc.  
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Continental Congress  
Declaration of Independence  
House of Burgesses  
Legal documents  
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College of William and Mary--Alumni and alumnae

Colonial Williamsburg Foundation  
Marshall-Wythe School of Law  
Virginia. High Court of Chancery  
Adams, John, 1735-1826  
Hughes, Robert M. (Robert Morton), b. 1855  
Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826

## Arrangement of Materials:

All accessions have been combined and filed together under Mss. 39.2 W99.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Collection

**Unit ID** id131957

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/255032

**Mixed Materials** Manuscripts Group 2 Box 36 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Thoughts on government...written in the year 1776 by the Vice President of the United States, then a member of congress, in a letter to the Hon. George Wythe.**

**Unit ID** id131958

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/255033

**Unit Date** Spetember 29 and October 2 1790

### Scope and Contents

In the Gazette of the United States. 2 pieces.

**Photostatic copy of a letter from George Wythe, at Williamsburg, to Thomas Jefferson**

**Unit ID** id131959

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/255034

**Unit Date** December 31 1781

### Scope and Contents

1 piece.

**Printed facsimile of a letter from George Wythe to J. Adams**

**Unit ID** id131960

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/255035

**Unit Date** December 5 1783

### Scope and Contents

1 piece.

**Typed extracts of letters from William Munford to John Coalter, mentioning George Wythe.**

**Unit ID** id131961

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/255036

**Unit Date** June 13 1790, April 23 and September 30 1791

**Oration delivered by William Munford at the funeral of George Wythe**

**Unit ID** id131962

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/255037

**Unit Date** June 13 1806

### Scope and Contents

In the Enquirer, Richmond, Va. Photostatic Copy. 1 piece.

**Correspondence of Robert M. Hughes regarding the erection of a monument over the grave of George Wythe, and a photograph of the monument**

**Unit ID** id131963

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/255038

**Unit Date** 1921-1922

**America's first professor of law**

**Unit ID** id131964

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/255039

**Unit Date** July 1926

**Scope and Contents**

In the Mentor, 1 piece.

**Engravings and prints of George Wythe**

**Unit ID** id131965

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/255040

**A printed sheet showing a portrait of George Wythe, a cut of the Wythe House at Williamsburg, the design of Wythe's book-plate, and the seal of Virginia**

**Unit ID** id131966

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/255041

**A newspaper clipping concerning the proposed purchase of the residence of George Wythe at Williamsburg, Va.**

**Unit ID** id131967

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/255042

**Unit Date** February 27 1927

**Scope and Contents**

From the New York Times, 1 piece.

**[Wythe, George]. Legal form book of Peter Tinsley, clerk of the High Court of Chancery**

**Unit ID** id131969

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/255043

**Scope and Contents**

Purchased from J. Presgraves, Nov. 1974

**Bill of complaint in Orange County Court in case of Daniel Hart vs. Christopher Zimmerman, administrator of John Newport signed by George Wythe for the plaintiff.**

**Unit ID** id131972

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/255044

**Unit Date** February 1748

**Scope and Contents**

Debt concerns medicine and doctoral visits. DS. 1 item.

**Bill of complaint in Orange County, Va. in the case of Anthony Strother v. Christopher Zimmerman, administrator of John Newport, signed by George Wythe for the plaintiff**

**Unit ID** id131975

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/255045

**Unit Date** [1748?]

**Scope and Contents**

Concerns debt of 6 pounds and eleven shillings owed by the estate of John Newport to Anthony Strother.

**Bill of complaint in Orange County, Va., in the case of William Russel v. Thomas Dowde, signed by George Wythe for the plaintiff**

**Unit ID** id131977

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/255046

**Unit Date** February 1747

**Scope and Contents**

Concerns a debt. Jury found for the defendant. Ph of DS. 2pp. (Original in the Marshall-Wythe Law Library)