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Introduction
Key to Symbols

Historical References:

W. Hunter Daybook - Manuscript business account kept by William Hunter for his printing shop in Williamsburg between 1750-52 with Wythe.

T. Jefferson Pap - Jefferson's voluminous correspondence to George Wythe over his life. Primarily their correspondence about books and book orders. Also letters written to him by others that refer to Wythe and books.

R. H. Lee Pap - Correspondence from Richard Henry Lee with George Wythe relating to book and journals sent to him from Philadelphia during the Revolution.

J. Marshall Notes - John Marshall's manuscript notes from his legal commonplace book of the various legal books he is reading at the time he was studying under George Wythe, circa 1780. His cryptic codes from the respective law books he is studying are not quoted or reproduced but are noted under this heading.

J. Norton Pap. - Business correspondence to and from John Norton and Sons out of their Yorktown shop on book order for Wythe.

J. Royle Daybook - Manuscript business accounts kept by Joseph Royle for his printing shop in Williamsburg between 1764-66 with Wythe.

T. L. Shippen Pap - Correspondence of Thomas Lee Shippen, student in Williamsburg who studied law under Wythe after the Revolution. It is mainly letters to his father in Philadelphia.

Va Gaz - Advertisements or notices printed in the Virginia Gazette by Wythe that refer to books.

G. Wythe Inv. - Manuscript inventory (September 1806) by Thomas Jefferson of the books from Wythe's library given to him, as he distributed them to family, friends, and himself. Names in brackets are those of the recipients of the respective books.

G. Wythe Pap - Wythe's correspondence to respective recipients, mainly Thomas Jefferson. All letters he wrote are designated from him and not to the respective correspondent.
Key to names on Wythe Inventory

Carr, Dabney - (1773-1837) Son of Jefferson's sister, Martha Jefferson

Dinsmore, James - (c. 1777-1830) Irish joiner who work on Monticello from 1798 to 1809. He later worked on the University of Virginia.

Eppes, John Wayles - (1773-1823) Thomas Jefferson's nephew who married Jefferson's daughter Maria.

Jefferson, Thomas - (1743-1826)

Ogilvie, James - (?) Carpenter-joiner who did work for Jefferson at Monticello.

Randolph, Anne - (?) Jefferson's granddaughter.

Randolph, Ellen - (1796-1876) Her full name was Ellen Wayles Randolph, the fourth child of Thomas Mann and Martha Jefferson. She married Joseph Coolidge in 1825.

Randolph, Martha - (1772-1836) Eldest child of Thomas Jefferson and Martha Wayles Skelton. She married Thomas Mann Randolph in 1790.


Randolph, Thomas Mann - (1768-1828) Randolph's father was first cousin of Thomas Jefferson's mother.

Key to Symbols

* - Denotes books listed on the manuscript Wythe Inventory in the handwriting of Thomas Jefferson.

¶ - Denotes books with direct documentation to Wythe, such as his handwriting, signature, or bookplate.

§ - Denotes books that have probable reasons to be considered original volumes from Wythe's library, but do not have solid documentation – such as his signature, handwriting, or bookplate. They do, however, have other circumstantial factors to indicate they were owned by Wythe.