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**COCKE, WILLIAM (1747-1828)**  
**PAPERS, 1811-1812**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The William Cocke Papers, 1811-1812, consisting of 15 items concern the impeachment of William Cocke, Judge of the First Circuit Court, Grainger County, Tennessee, who was charged with showing partiality to his friends. Included are the impeachment articles; a list of law suits before the grand jury; injunctions; petitions for writs of error; resolutions; statements; summonses; and Judge Cocke's answer to the high court of impeachment. Donor unknown.

The materials in this collection measure 42 feet. There are no restrictions on the materials.

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

### **William Cocke**

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| 1747      | Born in Amelia County, Virginia, son of Abraham Cocke     |
| 1774      | Became captain of Fincastle County, Virginia              |
| 1775      | With Daniel Boone in settlement of Boonesboro, Kentucky   |
| 1776      | Became member of Virginia House of Burgesses              |
| 1780      | Led company at King's Mountain                            |
| 1796      | Member of Tennessee Constitutional Convention             |
| 1799-1805 | U.S. Senator from Tennessee                               |
| 1809-1812 | Judge of First Circuit Court                              |
| 1813-1815 | Member of Tennessee General Assembly from Grainger County |
| 1828      | August 22, died at Columbus, Mississippi                  |

## CONTAINER LIST

### **Box 1**

1. Articles of impeachment
2. Answer – Cocke, William
3. *House of Representatives vs. William Cocke*
4. Law Suits before Grand Jury
5. Statement – Luttrell, James C.
6. Statement – Peck, J
7. Petition for Writ of Error
8. Resolution of Court of Impeachment
9. Statement – Russell, John
10. Statement – Smith, A.
11. Petition – Stewart, David
12. Stewart, David – *Injunction vs. William Cocke, John Cocke and John Hall*
13. Summons