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Discourse on the Life and Character of William Wirt (Paperback)

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Westphalia Press, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 203 x 127 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Wirt made headlines most recently in 2005, but for an unfortunate reason. Someone had broken into the Wirt Tomb, located in the Congressional Cemetery in Washington DC, and his skull was taken and later found in a tin box with gold letters announcing that it was the skull of Hon. Wm. Wirt. According to reports, it was found as a part of a larger skull collection, anonymously sent to a city council member s office, and then confirmed by the Smithsonian Institution forensics team that it was indeed the skull of Wirt. It was never determined who stole the skull, or why there was an unaccounted infant s remains found in the disturbed family tomb. Prior to his adventures in the afterlife, Wirt was best known for his eloquent and witty prosecution of Aaron Burr in his trial for treason, but he also argued many other major cases, including Gibbons v. Ogden, McCulloch v. Maryland and two cases involving Native American rights: Cherokee Nation v. Georgia and Worcester v. Georgia. He was the Attorney General from 1817-1929,...



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