

# Guide to the Joseph Head Marshall Papers

GEN MSS 1120



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 1120

**CREATOR:** Marshall, Joseph Head

**TITLE:** Joseph Head Marshall papers

**DATES:** 1800-1836

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.09 linear feet (5 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** In English and French.

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, notes, writings, records of payments, espionage reports, a diary, and a code book, dating from 1800 to 1836, documenting Marshall's career as a double and sometimes triple agent during the Napoleonic period and the Bourbon Restoration. The material is bound in 26 volumes numbered 1-22 and 24-27, with most volumes containing a manuscript list of contents presumably prepared by a former owner.

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## Requesting Instructions

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.        box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Hans P. Kraus, 1967.

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## Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit. This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing, in 2014.

The collection is comprised of material formerly classed as Uncat MS Vault 181.

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## Biographical/Historical note

Joseph Head Marshall was a medical doctor who was a master spy during the Napoleonic era, working for the English and the Bourbon kings of France.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Arranged by volume number.

## Collection Contents

b. 1	Volume 1 Correspondence to Marshall at various addresses in London and France, and letters of introduction.	1800-1825
b. 1	Volume 2 Records of payments, most in French, signed by Marshall and countersigned by various individuals.	1814-1816
b. 1	Volume 3 Correspondence, signed and unsigned, to Marshall with no address leaf.	1815-1816
b. 1	Volume 4 Correspondence from multiple correspondents, signed and unsigned, to Marshall at various addresses in England and France, and without address leaf.	1815-1836
b. 1	Volume 5 Reports without salutations or signatures written in English to Marshall at Rue Pigalle, Paris, and stamped "ANGLETERRE" on address leaf.	1816 February-1817 August
b. 1	Volume 6 Reports without salutations or signatures written in English to Marshall at Rue Pigalle, Paris, and stamped "ANGLETERRE" on address leaf.	1816 July-1816 December
b. 1	Volume 7 Notes and writings in French and English, and extracts of letters.	1816-1822
b. 2	Volume 8 Correspondence, including invitations from the Duke of Wellington to Marshall on Manchester Street, London, and the Rue Pigalle, Paris.	1815-1825
b. 2	Volume 9 Correspondence/reports without salutations or signatures written in English to Marshall at Rue Pigalle, Paris, and stamped "ANGLETERRE" on address leaf.	1817
b. 2	Volume 10 "Remarques sur une journée dans le Sud de la France," in French with English translation; with correspondence and a list of French and English names and addresses in Paris.	1817-1825
b. 2	Volume 11 Reports without salutations or signatures written in English to Marshall at Rue Pigalle, Paris, and stamped "ANGLETERRE" on address leaf.	1817
b. 2	Volume 12 Correspondence/reports without salutations or signatures and no address leaf to Marshall in London and Paris.	1817
b. 2	Volume 13 Correspondence/reports without salutations or signatures, sent from London to Marshall on Rue Pigalle, Paris.	1818 July- December

b. 3	Volume 14 Correspondence/reports without salutations or signatures, sent from London to Marshall on Rue Pigalle, Paris.	1818 January-May
b. 3	Volume 15 Correspondence/reports without salutations or signatures, sent from London to Marshall on Rue Pigalle, Paris.	1819 February-December
b. 3	Volume 16 Correspondence/reports without salutations or signatures, sent from London to Marshall on Rue Pigalle, Paris.	1820 January-June
b. 3	Volume 17 Correspondence/reports without salutations or signatures, sent from London to Marshall in Paris, with no street address on address leaf.	1820 July-December
b. 4	Volume 18 Correspondence/reports without salutations or signatures, sent from London to Marshall in Paris, with no street address on address leaf.	1821 January-June
b. 4	Volume 19 Correspondence/reports without salutations or signatures, sent from London to Marshall in Paris, with no street address on address leaf.	1815, 1821 July-December, 1824
b. 4	Volume 20 Correspondence/reports without salutations or signatures, sent from London to Marshall in Paris, with no street address on address leaf.	1822 January-November
b. 4	Volume 21 Correspondence/reports without salutations or signatures, sent from London to Marshall in Paris, with no street address on address leaf.	1823 January-December
b. 4	Volume 22 Correspondence/reports, signed and unsigned, addressed to Marshall at No. 22 Manchester Street, Manchester Square, and other addresses in London and Paris.	1824 January-August
b. 5	Volume 24 Diary containing entries regarding meetings with politicians, royals, and others, and transcriptions of various documents.	1824-1825
b. 5	Volume 25 Correspondence/reports, signed and unsigned, addressed to Marshall in Portman Square and Temple Palace, Blackfriars Road, London; with "Song June Nancy Dawson," lyrics in eight stanzas.	1825
b. 5	Volume 26 Correspondence/reports, signed "B" from Paris, to Marshall with no address leaf.	1825 January-1826 January
b. 5	Volume 27 Code book.	undated

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Espionage, British -- France  
Napoleonic Wars, 1800-1815  
Spies -- France  
Spies -- Great Britain

### **Geographic Names**

France -- Foreign relations -- 19th century  
France -- History -- Restoration, 1814-1830  
Great Britain -- Foreign relations -- 19th century

### **Occupations**

Spies -- France -- 19th century  
Spies -- Great Britain -- 19th century

### **Names**

Marshall, Joseph Head