Collection Summary
Title: Albert Jeremiah Beveridge collection of John Marshall papers
Span Dates: 1776-1884
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1795-1835)
ID No.: MSS31450
Collector: Beveridge, Albert Jeremiah, 1862-1927
Creator: Marshall, John, 1755-1835
Extent: 300 items ; 7 containers ; 2.8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Lawyer and chief justice of the Supreme Court. Correspondence, a journal, account books, and other papers primarily gathered by Albert Jeremiah Beveridge for his research on John Marshall.

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.

People
Beveridge, Albert Jeremiah, 1862-1927.
Carrington, Elizabeth Jaquelin Ambler Brent, 1765-1847--Correspondence.
Fairfax, Thomas Fairfax, Lord, 1692-1782, defendant
Hite, Jost, -1760, complainant.
Hopkinson, Joseph, 1770-1842--Correspondence.
Lee, Henry, 1787-1837--Correspondence.
Marshall, James Markham, 1764-1848--Correspondence.
Pickering, Timothy, 1745-1829--Correspondence.
Story, Joseph, 1779-1845--Correspondence.
Washington, Bushrod, 1762-1829--Correspondence.
Washington, George, 1732-1799--Correspondence.
Washington, George, 1732-1799.
Wayne, Caleb Parry, 1776-1849--Correspondence.

Organizations
United States. Supreme Court.

Subjects
Constitutional law--United States.
Courts.
Law--United States.
Plantations--Virginia.
XYZ Affair, 1797-1798.

Places
France--Foreign relations--United States.
United States--Foreign relations--France.
United States--Politics and government--1783-1865.

Occupations
Biographers.
Historians.
Jurists.
Lawyers.
Senators, U.S. Congress--Indiana.
Statesmen.

**Administrative Information**

**Provenance**

Most of the items in this collection of the papers of John Marshall, lawyer and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, were donated to the Library of Congress by Mrs. Albert J. Beveridge in 1932 or copied by the Library in that year from papers that she retained. Other items have come to the Library by gift, exchange, and purchase, 1908-1982.

**Processing History**

The Albert Jeremiah Beveridge Collection of John Marshall papers was arranged and described in 1979. The finding aid was revised in 1996 and 2008.

**Related Materials**

Other material relating to John Marshall is in the Manuscript Division's collections of papers of his contemporaries. Other collections of his papers are available at the Earl Gregg Swem Library, College of William and Mary, and the American Philosophical Society Library, Philadelphia, Pa.

**Copyright Status**

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John Marshall is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

**Access and Restrictions**

The Albert Jeremiah Beveridge Collection of John Marshall papers is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

**Preferred Citation**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Albert Jeremiah Beveridge Collection of John Marshall Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Biographical Note**

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<td>Born near Germantown, Va.</td>
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<td>1755-1781</td>
<td>Military service</td>
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<td>1780</td>
<td>Attended law and philosophy lectures at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va. Admitted to the bar, Fauquier County, Va.</td>
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<td>1782-1784</td>
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1796  Argued case before the Supreme Court
1797-1798  One of three American envoys to France (XYZ Affair)
1798  Elected to the House of Representatives
1800-1801  Secretary of state
1801-1835  Chief justice of the Supreme Court
1829  Member, Virginia Constitutional Convention
1835, July 6  Died, Philadelphia, Pa.

**Scope and Content Note**

The John Marshall collection spans the years 1776-1844, with the bulk of the papers covering the years 1795-1835. The papers consist primarily of photocopies and transcripts of material relating to John Marshall that were accumulated by Albert Jeremiah Beveridge during his research for his four-volume biography of Marshall. They were given to the Library by his wife, Catherine Eddy Beveridge, (chiefly vols. 1-3) or photocopied by the Library from material retained by her (chiefly vols. 4-6). The collection also contains some original manuscripts (circa 35 items) dated 1787-1835.

The material in the papers covers most aspects of Marshall's public life except his military service. A number of documents, both originals and copies, relate to the XYZ Affair, including a photocopy of Marshall's journal concerning the mission to France. Correspondence in the collection includes letters of advice from Marshall to his fellow Supreme Court justices. Letters to his brother James concern the operation and legal problems of the family plantation. Letters to various notables of the period relate to political activity, and those to Bushrod Washington concern Marshall's *The Life of George Washington*. Also among the papers are copies of Marshall's account books for the period September 1783-December 1795 and some law notes from his stay at the College of William and Mary in 1780. There is also a series of letters from Marshall's sister-in-law, Elizabeth Jacquelin Ambler Brent Carrington, to various individuals.


**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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