Collection Summary
Title: Jacob Gerhard Koch Papers
Span Dates: 1783-1941
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1783-1839)
Creator: Koch, Jacob Gerhard
Extent: 130 items ; 6 containers plus 2 oversize ; 2 linear feet
Language: Collection material chiefly in Dutch, with some material in English and French
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Merchant and marine insurance broker. Correspondence, letterbooks, diary, account books, ledgers, inventories, indexes, receipts, and miscellaneous documents relating to Koch’s investment business in Philadelphia, Amsterdam, and Alexandria, Va.

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
Buck, Charles Nicholas, 1775-1851.
Koch, Jacob Gerhard.

Subjects
Diplomatic and consular service, American--Germany.
Marine insurance--Europe.
Marine insurance--Latin America.
Marine insurance--Netherlands--Amsterdam.
Marine insurance--North America.
Marine insurance--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia.
Marine insurance--Virginia--Alexandria.
Merchants--Europe.
Merchants--Latin America.
Merchants--Netherlands--Amsterdam.
Merchants--North America.
Merchants--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia.
Merchants--Virginia--Alexandria.

Places
Germany--Foreign relations--United States.
Hamburg (Germany)--History.
Paris (France)--Description and travel.
United States--Foreign relations--Germany.

Occupations
Insurance brokers.
Merchants.

Administrative Information
Provenance
The papers of Jacob Gerhard Koch, merchant and marine insurance broker, were acquired by the Library of Congress in 1942 by purchase and gift of Samuel Moyerman.
Copyright Status

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Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Jacob Gerhard Koch Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Jacob Gerhard Koch span the years 1783-1941 with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1783-1839. They consist of correspondence, letterbooks, diary, account books, ledgers, inventories, indexes, receipts, memoirs of Charles Nicholas Buck published in 1941, and miscellaneous documents.

The collection relates chiefly to Koch’s business dealings as a merchant and marine insurance broker in Amsterdam, 1787-1790, Alexandria, Virginia, 1790-1792, and Philadelphia, 1792-1817, and reflects his varied business dealings in North America, Europe, and Latin America. Much of the collection is in Dutch, although Koch also wrote in English and French. The diary documents a trip by Koch to Paris, 1817-1818, and reflects Parisian social life as well as financial transactions. Additional material in the collection refers to the liquidation of Koch’s estate following his death in 1830.
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