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Collection Summary
Title: Humphrey Marshall Papers
Span Dates: 1771-2002
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1846-1856)
ID No.: MSS85411
Creator: Marshall, Humphrey, 1812-1872
Extent: 500 items ; 2 containers plus 1 oversize ; 8 microfiche ; 0.8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Lawyer, army officer, United States representative from Kentucky, and Confederate States of America representative from Virginia. Correspondence, diaries, financial and legal papers, notes, speeches, writings, printed matter and other material relating chiefly to Humphrey Marshall's activities as a lawyer, soldier, and politician.

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
Aulick, John H., -1873--Correspondence.
Clark, George Rogers, 1752-1818--Correspondence.
Crittenden, John J. (John Jordan), 1787-1863--Correspondence.
Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889--Correspondence.
Fillmore, Millard, 1800-1874--Correspondence.
Haldeman, Walter Newman, 1821-1902--Correspondence.
Harris, Isham G. (Isham Green), 1818-1897--Correspondence.
Harrison, William Henry, 1773-1841.
Henry, Patrick, 1736-1799--Correspondence.
Law, George, 1806-1881--Correspondence.
Marshall family.
Marshall, Humphrey, 1812-1872.
McLaughry, William E.
McLean, John, 1785-1861--Correspondence.
Perry, Matthew Calbraith, 1794-1858--Correspondence.
Reed, William B. (William Bradford), 1806-1876--Correspondence.
Stephens, Alexander H. (Alexander Hamilton), 1812-1883--Correspondence.
Taylor, Bayard, 1825-1878--Correspondence.
Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852--Correspondence.

Organizations
United States Naval Expedition to Japan (1852-1854)

Subjects
Americans--China.
Diplomatic and consular service, American.
Europeans--China.
Hemp industry.
Land grants--Virginia.
Mexican War, 1846-1848.
Practice of law--Kentucky.
Practice of law--Virginia.
Protectionism--United States.
River boats.
Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of Humphrey Marshall were given to the Library of Congress by William E. McLaughry in 2008. One letter of Humphrey Marshall, purchased in 1920, was part of the Library's Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection until added to this collection in 2009.

Copyright Status
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Access and Restrictions
The papers of Humphrey Marshall are 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, Humphrey Marshall Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1812, Jan. 13</td>
<td>Born, Frankfort, Franklin County, Ky.</td>
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<td>1832</td>
<td>Graduated, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.</td>
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1833 Married Frances E. McAllister
Studied law and was admitted to the bar
1833-1834 Practiced law in Frankfurt, Ky.
1834-1846 Practiced law in Louisville, Ky.
1846 Colonel of the First Kentucky Calvary during the Mexican War, where he fought at the Battle of Buena Vista
1849-1852 Elected as a Whig to the Thirty-first and Thirty-second Congresses of the House of Representatives
1852-1854 Appointed United States Commissioner to China
1855-1859 Elected on the American Party ticket to the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth Congresses of the House of Representatives
1861-1863 Served as a brigadier general in the Confederate Army
1863 Resigned from the Confederate Army
Moved to Richmond, Va., and practiced law
1864 Elected to the Second Confederate Congress as a representative from Virginia
circa 1865 Moved to New Orleans, La.
1866 Returned to Louisville, Ky., and resumed his practice of law
1872, Mar. 28 Died, Louisville, Ky.

Scope and Content Note
The papers of Humphrey Marshall (1812-1872) span the years 1771-2002, with the bulk of the material dating from 1846 to 1856. The papers are arranged alphabetically by type of material or topic and chronologically therein. All of the papers are photocopies and microfiche except for one 1867 letter.

The majority of the collection consists of the correspondence of Humphrey Marshall II (1812-1872), lawyer, army officer, United States representative from Kentucky, and Confederate States of America representative from Virginia. Most of the letters relate to slavery, states rights, steam safety of river boats, protectionism for the hemp industry, and Kentucky politics. The collection also features letters between Marshall and Matthew Calbraith Perry, 1853-1854, pertaining to keeping American ships in Chinese waters to protect Western lives and property during the Taiping Rebellion. Marshall served as commissioner to China at the time. Other letters from the period contain references about American trade with China. Microfiche of executive documents in a House of Representatives file contain additional correspondence relating to Marshall's stint in China as well as letters relating to Perry's naval expedition to Japan.

The correspondence files also contain a few letters of other members of the Marshall family, including Marshall's son, Humphrey Marshall III. He wrote several letters in 1921 in defense of his father's reputation after an unflattering article appeared in the Louisville Herald. An item worthy of mention is a letter dating September 12, 1840, of I. H. Holman, who was present at the Battle of the Thames during the War of 1812, responding to the elder Marshall's questions about the conduct of William Henry Harrison during that battle. Correspondents include John H. Aulick, John J. Crittenden, Jefferson

Other papers in the collection treat Marshall’s service in the Mexican War, his legal career, and his speeches while serving as a member of the House of Representatives. The collection contains two diaries of Marshall. The first pertains to his tenure as commissioner in China, and the second documents his flight from Richmond on April 2, 1865, the day the Confederate capital fell, and his subsequent travels through the South. The collection also includes a few papers of Supreme Court Justice John McLean, including his autobiography. Marshall was interested in writing a history of McLean’s life. Featured as well is a file containing a letter of Patrick Henry to George Rogers Clark and a Virginia land grant issued by Henry while governor. Many of the items in the collection include notes and emendations by the donor, William E. McLaughry.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

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