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Collection Summary

Title: John Randolph Correspondence and Diaries
Span Dates: 1803-1834
ID No.: MSS37259
Creator: Randolph, John, 1773-1833
Extent: 900 items ; 5 containers ; .8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Diplomat and U.S. senator and representative from Virginia. Correspondence and diaries of Randolph. Includes diary of his son, John Clay Randolph, who served as secretary to his father while he was ambassador to Russia in 1830.

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
Garnett, James M. (James Mercur), 1770-1843--Correspondence.
Quincy, Josiah, 1772-1864--Correspondence.
Randolph, John, 1773-1833.

Subjects
Diplomatic and consular service, American--Russia.

Titles
John Randolph papers

Occupations
Diplomats.
Representatives, U.S. Congress--Virginia.
Senators, U.S. Congress--Kentucky.

Administrative Information

Provenance
The correspondence and diaries of John Randolph, diplomat and U.S. senator and representative from Virginia, were obtained by the Library of Congress through purchase, 1901-1957; gift from various donors, 1911-1954; and a deposit from Carter B. Conrad and Augusta F. Conrad, 1930.

Processing History
The John Randolph Correspondence and Diaries were processed in bound volumes by the Library between 1921 and 1960.

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John Randolph is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions
The papers of John Randolph 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, John Randolph Correspondence and Diaries, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Biographical Note**

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**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of John Randolph (1777-1833), known as John Randolph of Roanoke, span the years 1803-1834. The collection is bound in five volumes and consists of correspondence and diaries of John Randolph and his son, John Clay Randolph, who served as secretary to his father while he was ambassador to Russia in 1830. The diary of John Clay Randolph stems from the period both were in Moscow. John Randolph’s diary is dated 1818-1819. Correspondents in addition to Randolph family members include James M. Garnett and Josiah Quincy.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is organized by type of material.
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