

Guide to the Theodore D. Buhl Collection

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 110

CREATOR: Buhl, Theodore D., collector

TITLE: Theodore D. Buhl collection

DATES: 1769-1821

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, 385 portraits, and other papers relating to Napoleon I. Included are letters to and from other monarchs, Napoleon's generals and military aides, statesmen associated with his administration, and other contemporary notables, collected by Theodore Buhl. Includes material relating to his family, particularly Josephine and Marie Louise.

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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Theodore Buhl, 1958.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of ten volumes, each volume covering a particular aspect or chronological period of Napoleon Bonaparte's career. The contents of each volume consists of original manuscripts and contemporary prints. In all, there are about 140 manuscripts and 385 prints.

This collection was given to Yale in 1958 by Theodore D. Buhl of Detroit. Mr. Buhl had inherited the collection from his mother, Mrs. Willis Buhl, who had previously purchased it from Mr. Gabriel Wells of New York.

Mr. Buhl, in donating this collection, was under the impression that these ten volumes had originally been among the 13 volumes of Napoleona included in the famous Soulavie Collection. This, however, would seem to be impossible, since much of the material in the Buhl Collection is dated after 1813, the year of Soulavie's death. It is possible, however, that some of the prints and manuscripts now in the Buhl Collection were at one time part of the Soulavie Collection, and that they found their way into the new collection after the earlier collection was broken up.

Collection Contents

- b.1 [Vol. 1: Napoleon Bonaparte as General in Chief: Portraits and Autographs](#)
This volume contains two manuscripts, both signed by Napoleon, and dated 1793 and 1795. There are 36 prints, all portraying Napoleon as he looked while serving as general in chief of the French army, from 1793 to 1798.
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- b.1 Vol. 2: Napoleon Bonaparte as First Consul: Portraits and Autographs
Four manuscripts of Napoleon, three of which are signed, dating from 1797 to 1803. The 29 prints portray Napoleon during this period of his career.
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- b.1 Vol. 3: Napoleon Bonaparte as Emperor: Portraits and Autographs
Five manuscripts, all signed by Napoleon, dated 1805 to 1810. There are 54 prints of the emperor.
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- b.1 Vol. 4: Napoleon Bonaparte in Exile: Portraits and Autographs
This volume contains three manuscripts from around 1817, all signed by Napoleon. There are also 25 documents signed by persons associated with Napoleon at St. Helena, and/or with the removal his body from St. Helena to Paris in 1840. These documents date from 1817 to 1840. The 48 prints in this volume include portraits of Napoleon in exile, portraits of those connected with him at this time, and scenic views.
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- b.1 Vol. 5: Napoleon's Generals and Marshals: Portraits and Autographs
There are 35 documents in this volume, each one signed by one of Napoleon's generals or marshals. These manuscripts date from 1795 to 1824. Each letter, with one exception, is accompanied by a contemporary portrait of the sender.
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- b.2 [Vol. 6: Celebrities and Statesmen: Portraits and Autographs](#)
This volume contains 33 documents of famous persons of the Napoleonic era. Included are letters signed by: Paul I of Russia, Alexander I of Russia, Frederic Auguste of Saxony, Francis II of Austria, Frederic William II of Prussia, Louis XVIII of France, Metternich, Pope Pius VII, Talleyrand, Wellington, and others. These letters range in date from 1776 to 1830. There are 36 prints portraying the important figures of this period.
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- b.2 Vol. 7: Napoleon's Family: Portraits and Autographs
The 22 documents contained in this volume are all signed by members of Napoleon's family. They are dated from 1774 to 1849. 26 prints portray the family.
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- b.2 [Vol. 8: Josephine de Beauharnais, Empress and Queen: Portraits and Autographs](#)
This volume contains nine manuscripts signed by the empress Josephine, dated from 1786 to 1812, and 25 portraits of her.
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- b.2 [Vol. 9: Marie Louise and the King of Rome: Portraits and Autographs](#)
Six letters signed by Marie Louise and/or Napoleon II, King of Rome. Also present is the protestation of Marie Louise to the Congress of Vienna, in which she claims the French throne for her son. All documents are from the period 1810 to 1825. The 34 prints depict Marie Louise and Napoleon II.
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- b.2 Vol. 10: Historical Scenes, Views: Allegorical and Caricatures
This volume contains 31 portraits, battle scenes, and other historical prints; and 31 caricatures from during or shortly after the Napoleonic period. There are no documents.
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- b. 2 "Proclamation du Ministre de la Guerre aux Sous-officiers et Soldats en congéou en retraite dans l'Intérieur de la France": a call to arms by Le Maréchal Prince D'Eckmuhl 1815 April 10
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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.

Geographic Names

Europe -- History -- 1789-1815
France -- History -- Consulate and First Empire, 1799-1815

Names

Alexander, Emperor of Russia, I, 1777-1825
Baciocchi, Felix, prince de Lucques, 1762-1841
Bavière, Auguste Amélie de, 1788-1851
Beauharnais, Eugène de, 1781-1824
Bellune, Claude-Victor Perrin, duc de, 1764-1841
Berthier, Louis-Alexandre, 1753-1815
Bessières, Jean Baptiste, duc d'Istrie, 1768-1813
Bonaparte, Carlo Maria, 1746-1821
Bonaparte, Elisa, princesse de Lucques, 1777-1820
Bonaparte, Elizabeth Patterson, 1785-1879
Bonaparte, François Charles Joseph, Herzog von Reichstadt, called Napoléon II, 1811-1832
Bonaparte, Julie Maria Clary, 1771-1845
Bonaparte, Lucien, prince de Canino, 1775-1840
Bonaparte, Marie Alexandrine Charlotte Louise Laurence de Bleschamp, princesse de Canino, 1778-1855
Bonaparte, Paolina, 1780-1825
Borghese, Camillo, 1775-1832
Bourrienne, Louis Antoine Fauvelet de, 1769-1834
Brune, Guillaume-Marie-Anne, 1763-1815
Bülow, Friedrich Wilhelm, Freiherr von, 1755-1816
Cambronne, Pierre Jacques Étienne, baron de, 1770-1842
Caroline Bonaparte, consort of Joachim Murat, king of Naples, 1782-1839
Catherine, de Wurtemberg, Queen, consort of Jérôme Bonaparte, King of Westphalia, 1783-1835
Clark, Henri Jacques Guillaume, 1765-1818
Davout, Louis Nicolas, duc d'Auerstaedt et prince d'Echmühl, 1770-1823
Drouot, Antoine, 1774-1847
Duroc, Gerard Christophe, 1772-1813
Fesch, Joseph, cardinal-archevêque de Lyon, 1763-1839
Francis, Emperor of Austria, I, 1768-1835
Ganteaume, Honoré Joseph Antonin, Comte, 1775-1818
Gouvion Saint-Cyr, Laurent, marquis de, 1764-1830
Grouchy, Emmanuel, marquis de, 1766-1847
Hortense, Queen, consort of Louis Bonaparte, King of Holland, 1783-1837
Illare, Camilla
Joachim Murat, King of Naples, 1767-1815
Jomini, Antoine Henri, baron de, 1779-1869
Joséphine, Consort of Napoleon I, 1763-1814
Junot, Jean Andoche, duc d'Abrantès, 1771-1813
Kléber, Jean-Baptiste, 1753-1800
Lannes, Jean, duc de Montebello, 1769-1809
Lasalle, Antoine-Charles-Louis de, 1775-1809
Leclerc, Charles, 1772-1802
Louis, King of France, XVIII, 1755-1824
Louis Bonaparte, King of Holland, 1778-1846
Luise, Queen, consort of Frederick William III, King of Prussia, 1776-1810
Marie Louise, Empress, consort of Napoleon I, Emperor of the French, 1791-1847
Metternich, Clemens Wenzel Lothar, Fürst von, 1773-1859
Moreau, Jean Victor Marie, 1763-1813
Ménéval, Claude François, baron de, 1778-1850
Napoleon, Emperor of the French, I, 1769-1821
Paul, Emperor of Russia, I, 1754-1801
Pius, Pope, VII, 1742-1823
Poniatowski, Józef Antoni, książę, 1763-1813
Rovigo, Anne Jean Marie Renée Savary, duc de, 1774-1883
Soul, Nicolas Jean de Dieu, duc de Dalmatie, 1769-1851
Suchet, Louis-Gabriel, duc d'Albufera, 1770-1826
Sérurier, Jean Mathieu Philibert, 1742-1819
Talleyrand-Périgord, Charles Maurice de, prince de Bénévent, 1754-1838
Wellington, Arthur Wellesley, Duke of, 1769-1852