

# Guide to the Thomas E. Marston Family Papers

GEN MSS 1341



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 1341

**CREATOR:** Marston, Thomas E.

**TITLE:** Thomas E. Marston family papers

**DATES:** 1711-1981

**BULK DATES:** 1938-1954

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 7 linear feet (14 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The Thomas E. Marston family papers contain Marston family correspondence, writings by Thomas E. Marston, photographs, family material, and a small amount of material relating to Thomas E. Marston's collecting of medieval and early modern books and manuscripts, and his association with the Yale University Library. Most family correspondence consists of letters to Julia Dale Ewart Marston from Josephine Sands Marston, 1938-1951, concerning family news; accompanying these are letters from Thomas E. Marston and their children, Josephine Ewart Marston and Thomas Marston, and photographs of the children. Other correspondence of Julia Dale Ewart Marston includes additional letters from Thomas E. Marston, 1951-1954, concerning his divorce from Josephine Sands Marston, and letters from other members of the Marston and Sands families, 1923-1964, as well as from other correspondents, including Anne-Marie von Schutzbar genannt Milchling.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Minna Reese Marston, 2008.

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### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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### Conditions Governing Use

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### Preferred Citation

Thomas E. Marston Family Papers. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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### Processing Information

Former call number: Uncat MSS 1014.

Information included in the Content Description note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

In 2015, the collection received a baseline level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization. The collection was reclassified under a new call number, and containers were renumbered.

In 2019, an addition of materials in the Thomas E. Marston papers series received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

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## Thomas E. Marston (1904-1984) (Yale 1927)

Thomas E. (Thomas Ewart) Marston, collector of medieval and early modern books and manuscripts, particularly early modern editions of classical literature; donor of medieval and early modern books and manuscripts to the Yale University Library; and Yale University Library Associates trustee, 1933-1984. In 1935 Marston was appointed assistant to the Keeper of Rare Books at Yale, and he later served as curator

of medieval and Renaissance literature, retiring in 1973. Marston was the son of Julia Dale Ewart Marston and Thomas B. (Thomas Brunton) Marston, (born 1857; Yale 1879). He married Josephine Sands, daughter of Benjamin J. (Benjamin Jerome) Sands and Josephine W. Sands, in 1938. They had two children, Josephine Ewart Marston Bringe and Thomas Marston (1944-2011). Thomas E. Marston and Josephine W. Sands were divorced in 1938. Marston married Minna Reese in 1963.

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## Scope and Contents

The Thomas E. Marston family papers contain Marston family correspondence, writings by Thomas E. Marston, photographs, family material, and a small amount of material relating to Thomas E. Marston's collecting of medieval and early modern books and manuscripts, and his association with the Yale University Library. Most family correspondence consists of letters to Julia Dale Ewart Marston from Josephine Sands Marston, 1938-1951, concerning family news; accompanying these are letters from Thomas E. Marston and their children, Josephine Ewart Marston and Thomas Marston, and photographs of the children. Other correspondence of Julia Dale Ewart Marston includes additional letters from Thomas E. Marston, 1951-1954, concerning his divorce from Josephine Sands Marston, and letters from other members of the Marston and Sands families, 1923-1964, as well as from other correspondents, including Anne-Marie von Schutzbar genannt Milchling.

Papers of Thomas E. Marston include correspondence, 1957-1981 and undated, most with book and manuscript vendors or Yale University colleagues; and writings and research materials, 1939-1976 and undated. Research materials include a copy of *The Spectator*, number CCVII, dating from 1711. Other material includes photographs, including a daguerreotype of Emma Marston, diplomas, certificates, drawings, and other family papers including family trees from the Marston, Cochran, and Catherwood families.

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## Arrangement

Organized into two series: I. Julia Dale Ewart Marston Papers, 1923-1964. II. Thomas E. Marston Papers, 1711-1981.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Julia Dale Ewart Marston Papers, 1923-1964

1.88 linear feet (5 boxes)

|             | Letters from Josephine J. Sands Marston and Thomas E. Marston | 1923-1954               |
|-------------|---|-------------------------|
| b. 1, f. 1  | Letters   | circa 1923-1927         |
| b. 1, f. 2  | Letters   | 1938-1939               |
| b. 1, f. 3  | Letters   | 1940                    |
| b. 1, f. 4  | Letters   | 1941 January-March      |
| b. 1, f. 5  | Letters   | 1941 April-July         |
| b. 1, f. 6  | Letters   | 1941 August-October     |
| b. 1, f. 7  | Letters   | 1941 November-December  |
| b. 1, f. 8  | Letters   | 1942 January-May        |
| b. 1, f. 9  | Letters   | 1942 June-September     |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Letters   | 1942 October-December   |
| b. 2, f. 11 | Letters   | 1943 January-April      |
| b. 2, f. 12 | Letters   | 1943 May-October        |
| b. 2, f. 13 | Letters   | 1943 November-December  |
| b. 2, f. 14 | Letters   | 1944 January-April      |
| b. 2, f. 15 | Letters   | 1944 May-August         |
| b. 2, f. 16 | Letters   | 1944 September-December |
| b. 2, f. 17 | Letters   | 1945 January-May        |
| b. 2, f. 18 | Letters   | 1945 June-August        |

## Letters from Josephine J. Sands Marston and Thomas E. Marston (continued)

|             |         |                         |
|-------------|---------|-------------------------|
| b. 2, f. 19 | Letters | 1945 September-December |
| b. 3, f. 20 | Letters | 1946 January-April      |
| b. 3, f. 21 | Letters | 1946 July-September     |
| b. 3, f. 22 | Letters | 1946 October-December   |
| b. 3, f. 23 | Letters | 1947 January-April      |
| b. 3, f. 24 | Letters | 1947 May-December       |
| b. 3, f. 25 | Letters | 1948 January-March      |
| b. 3, f. 26 | Letters | 1948 April-June         |
| b. 3, f. 27 | Letters | 1948 July-August        |
| b. 3, f. 28 | Letters | 1948 September-December |
| b. 3, f. 29 | Letters | 1949 January-March      |
| b. 4, f. 30 | Letters | 1949 April-August       |
| b. 4, f. 31 | Letters | 1949 September-December |
| b. 4, f. 32 | Letters | 1950 January-March      |
| b. 4, f. 33 | Letters | 1950 April-July         |
| b. 4, f. 34 | Letters | 1950 August-December    |
| b. 4, f. 35 | Letters | 1951 January-August     |
| b. 4, f. 36 | Letters | 1951 September-December |
| b. 4, f. 37 | Letters | 1952                    |
| b. 4, f. 38 | Letters | 1953-1954               |
| b. 4, f. 39 | Letters | undated                 |

|             |   |                      |
|-------------|---|----------------------|
|             | Other Correspondence  | 1920 January 11-1949 |
| b. 4, f. 40 | Anne-Marie von Schutzbar gennant Milchling, Hereditary Duchess of Oldenburg | 1948-1964, undated   |
| b. 4, f. 41 | Marston, Rose   | 1949, undated        |
| b. 4, f. 42 | Marston, Thomas B.  | 1922 May 13          |
| b. 4, f. 43 | Marston, Thomas B. (to Emma Louise Catherwood Marston)                      | 1920 January 11      |
| b. 5, f. 44 | Sands, Josephine W.   | 1940-1946            |
| b. 5, f. 45 | Sands, Josephine W.   | 1947-1949            |
| b. 5, f. 46 | Sands, Josephine W.   | 1950-1951, undated   |
| b. 5, f. 47 | Sands, Josephine W.   | undated              |
| b. 5, f. 48 | Unidentified  | undated              |
|             | Photographs   | 1935-1942            |
| b. 5, f. 49 | Marston, Thomas E.  | 1935                 |
| b. 5, f. 50 | Bringe, Josephine Ewart Marston; and Marston, Thomas (1944-2011)            | 1942, undated        |



**Series II: Thomas E. Marston Papers, 1973 - 1981**

4.5 linear feet (9 boxes)

|                |   |                       |
|----------------|---|-----------------------|
| b. 6, f. 51    | Correspondence  | 1957-1973             |
| b. 6, f. 52    | Correspondence  | 1974-1981,<br>undated |
| b. 6, f. 53    | Writings  | 1945                  |
| b. 6, f. 54    | Juvenal. <i>Satura</i> . Essay by Joseph Addison in <i>The Spectator</i> (number CCVII)   | 1711 October 27       |
| b. 6, f. 55    | Juvenal. <i>Satura</i> . Other research materials   | undated               |
| b. 6, f. 56    | Yale University Library exhibitions   | 1947, 1976            |
| b. 6, f. 57    | Yale University Library press releases  | 1968-1974             |
| b. 6, f. 58    | Other research materials  | 1966-1972             |
| b. 6, f. 59    | Other research materials  | 1974                  |
| b. 6, f. 60-61 | Other research materials  | undated               |
| b. 6, f. 62    | Other papers  | 1940, 1978            |
| b. 7           | "British interests and Influences in the Red Sea, 1829-1860": PhD dissertation by Thomas Marston  | 1939 April 1          |
| b. 7           | "History of the Middle East, 1914-1939" by Thomas Marston<br>Hard cover, bound and typed copy. Contains loose handwritten notes and typewritten February 1950 report of the Air Confusing Committee | 1946-1950             |
| b. 8           | "One Hundred and Fifty Years of Near Eastern History, 1789-1939" by Thomas Marston<br>Two copies present.   | undated               |
| b. 8           | "The Red Sea (1800-1878) vol. I" by Thomas Marston  | undated               |
| b. 8           | "The Red Sea (1800-1878), vol II" by Thomas Marston   | undated               |
| b. 8           | Untitled typescript, chapters XVI-XXVI  | undated               |
| b. 9           | Untitled typescript, chapters XX-conclusion   | undated               |
| b. 9-10        | "One Hundred and Fifty Years of Near Eastern History, 1789-1939" by Thomas Marston<br>(4 folders)   | undated               |
| b. 10          | Family tree, "Catherwood"   | undated               |
| b. 10          | Family tree, "Cochran"  | undated               |
| b. 10          | Family tree, "Marston"  | undated               |
| b. 10          | Family tree, "Marston - British data"   | circa 1934            |
| b. 10          | Family tree, "Marston - out"  | undated               |

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| b. 10 | Infant weight chart  | circa 1904                          |
| b. 10 | Photographs - Family album   | circa<br>1900s-1910s                |
| b. 11 | "Loose photographs from suitcase": two photographic prints   | circa 1855-1890,<br>1945 February 3 |
| b. 11 | Photographs<br><i>6 Folders</i><br>Photographs includes black and white and color prints, as well as color transparencies. | circa<br>1850s-1940s                |
| b. 12 | Photograph case album  | circa 1940s                         |
| b. 12 | Sketchbook   | 1875-1880                           |
| b. 12 | Yale Class of 1879 button  | 1879                                |
| b. 12 | Correspondence, drawings, and other papers   | 1881-1952                           |
| b. 12 | <i>The Yale University Library Gazette</i>   | 1935 July                           |
| b. 13 | Photographs  | circa 1920s                         |
| b. 13 | Thomas Marston Yale diploma  | 1927                                |
| b. 13 | Diplomas and certificates  | circa<br>1920s-1950s                |
| b. 14 | Daguerreotype  | circa<br>1850s-1860s                |

## **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.

### **Subjects**

Book collecting -- United States  
Book collectors -- United States  
Daguerreotype  
Librarians -- United States  
Manuscripts -- Collectors and collecting --  
United States

### **Genres / Formats**

Daguerreotypes (photographs)  
Photographs  
Photographs -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Occupations**

Book collectors -- United States -- 20th Century  
Librarians -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Anne-Marie von Schutzbar gennant Milchling,  
Hereditary Duchess of Oldenburg, 1903-1991  
Bringe, Josephine Ewart Marston  
Marston, Josephine J. Sands  
Marston, Julia Dale Ewart  
Marston, Rose  
Marston, Thomas B. (Thomas Brunton)  
Marston, Thomas E.

### **Families**

Marsden family  
Sands family

### **Corporate Body**

Yale University. Library