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Collection Overview

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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

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Minna Reese Marston, 2008.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

The Thomas E. Marston Family Papers is the physical property of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University. Literary rights, including copyright, belong to the authors or their legal heirs and assigns. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

Preferred Citation

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

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 reclassed 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.

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.

Scope and Contents

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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.

Arrangement

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

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, undated
b. 6, f. 53	Writings	1945
b. 6, f. 54	Juvenal. *Satura*. Essay by Joseph Addison in *The Spectator* (number CCVII)	1711 October 27
b. 6, f. 55	Juvenal. *Satura*. 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 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 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 *(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

b. 10	Infant weight chart	circa 1904
b. 10	Photographs - Family album	circa 1900s-1910s
b. 11	"Loose photographs from suitcase": two photographic prints	circa 1855-1890, 1945 February 3
b. 11	Photographs *6 Folders* Photographs includes black and white and color prints, as well as color transparencies.	circa 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	*The Yale University Library Gazette*	1935 July
b. 13	Photographs	circa 1920s
b. 13	Thomas Marston Yale diploma	1927
b. 13	Diplomas and certificates	circa 1920s-1950s
b. 14	Daguerreotype	circa 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

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