

Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch
Gilbert Du Motier, Marquis de
Lafayette Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, Papers

Span Dates: 1776-1934

ID No.: MSS83543

Creator: Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834

Extent: 300 items; 2 containers plus 3 oversize; 1.4 linear feet; 1 microfilm reel

Language: Collection material in French and English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Soldier and statesman. Correspondence, legal documents, clippings, broadsides, orderly book, photographs, and other papers relating chiefly to Lafayette's military service in Canada and Virginia, his tour of the United States from 1824 to 1825, his land in Florida, and his views of such topics as the slave trade and the French government, including also material pertaining to the centennial observance of his death and Lafayette's genealogy.

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.

Personal Names

Clarkson, Thomas, 1760-1846--Correspondence.

Custis, George Washington Parke, 1781-1857--Correspondence.

Gist, Mordecai, 1742-1792--Correspondence.

Graham, George, 1770-1830--Correspondence.

Greene, Catherine Littlefield--Correspondence.

Holmes, Abiel, 1763-1837--Correspondence.

King, Charles, 1789-1867--Correspondence.

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834.

Laurens, Henry, 1724-1792--Correspondence.

Vaudoyer, Antoine, 1756-1846--Correspondence.

Willett, Marinus, 1740-1830--Correspondence.

Woodford, William, 1734-1780--Correspondence.

Subjects

Real property--Florida.

Slave trade.

Locations

Canada--History--1775-1783.

France--Politics and government.

United States--Description and travel.

United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783--Campaigns.

Virginia--History--Revolution, 1775-1783.

Occupations

Soldiers.

Statesmen.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

Papers of Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, soldier and statesman, were acquired by the Library through gift and purchase from 1907 to 1956.

Processing History:

The papers of Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, were arranged and described in 1983 and revised in 1998. The register was revised in 2009.

Related Material:

A related collection in the Manuscript Division is the [Marquis de Lafayette Papers, 1757-1990](#) in Chateau La Grange, available only on microfilm.

Copyright Status:

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Access and Restrictions:

The papers of Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, 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.

Microfilm:

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on one reel. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

Papers related to Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette (1757-1834) span the years 1776 to 1934 and include correspondence, legal documents, clippings, broadsides, an orderly book, photographs, and other papers.

The collection includes material concerning Lafayette's military service in Virginia and Canada, his tour of the United States in 1824-1825, his land in Florida, and his views on such topics as the slave trade and the French government. Also included is material relating to the centennial observance of his death and Lafayette's genealogy.

Correspondents include Thomas Clarkson, George Washington Parke Custis, Mordecai Gist, George Graham, Catherine Littlefield Greene, Abiel Holmes, Charles King, Henry Laurens, Antoine Vaudoyer, Marinus Willett, and William Woodford.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

Container List

Selected correspondence available on microfilm. Shelf no. 4390

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BOX 2	Card admitting Miss Rutherford to a ball in honor of Lafayette, Orange Spring, 19 Oct. 1824 (facsimile)
BOX 2	Clippings relating to the Lafayette statue, Place du Carrousel, Paris, France, 1889-1900, undated
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BOX 2	Genealogy of Lafayette, presented in, 1907 <i>See Oversize</i>
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