

**Thomas Riley Marshall Papers**  
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1863-1934, bulk 1868-1925  
6 mss. boxes, 16 vols., 4 ov. folders

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**Biographical Note:**

Thomas Riley Marshall was born on March 14, 1854, in North Manchester, Indiana, to Daniel M. and Martha A. Patterson Marshall. He received an A.B. degree (1873) and an A.M. degree (1876) from Wabash College. In 1875, he was admitted to the Indiana bar and began practicing law in Columbia City, Whitley County, Indiana. He was a partner in the firm Marshall, McNagny, and Clugston. In 1878, Marshall was engaged to Catherine Hooper, but she died the day before their wedding. Marshall remained a bachelor until 1895 when he married Lois Kimsey. They were a happy and devoted couple despite the nearly twenty-year age difference. Lois accompanied him throughout his campaigns for governor and vice-president. Although active in local Democratic politics, Marshall was still a Columbia City lawyer when elected Governor of Indiana in 1908. In 1912, Marshall received the Democratic nomination for vice-president, sharing the ticket with Woodrow Wilson. They won the election and were reelected in 1916. Marshall served as vice-president until 1921, taking a more hands-on role following Wilson's illness in 1919. Marshall continued to be a popular public speaker after leaving office and was extremely active in the Masons throughout his life. His autobiography, *Recollections of Thomas R. Marshall*, was published posthumously. He died on June 1, 1925, in Washington, D.C.

*Source:*

Indiana Governor Thomas Riley Marshall. Indiana Historical Bureau. 20 Dec. 2005.  
<<http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/ihb/govportraits/marshall.html>>.

Post, Margaret Moore. First Ladies of Indiana and the Governors, 1816-1984. Indianapolis: Pierson Publishing Company, 1984.

"Thomas Riley Marshall." *Encyclopedia Americana*. 20 Dec. 2005.  
<<http://ap.grolier.com/article?assetid=0261880-00&templatename=/article/article.html>>.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection includes materials dating from 1863 to 1934, although the bulk of the materials date from 1868 to 1925. Materials include Marshall's speeches on Democratic

politics and state and national affairs (1880s-1925); speeches to Masons and other fraternal organizations; speeches on law, schools, and history; and a manuscript draft of his Recollections. The correspondence covers his political affairs (1908-1925); letters of condolence written at his death (1925); and family correspondence from Lewis County, Missouri (1860s). Also included are addresses and messages as Governor to the state legislature (1909-1913); invitations, programs, menus, inauguration materials, and other memorabilia as vice-president (1913-1921); Marshall's school compositions and notebook from Wabash College (1868-1872); and various political books.

The scrapbooks contain clippings of family news (1890s); newspaper stories on his gubernatorial campaign (1908); newspaper stories on the presidential campaign of Woodrow Wilson (1912) and his terms as vice-president (1913-1921); his newspaper columns on foreign affairs and current events (1921-1922, 1925); his obituaries (1925); and Marshall's collection of political cartoons. Clippings within each scrapbook are not necessarily in chronological order.

The oversized folders primarily contain certificates received by Marshall as a Mason and throughout his political career.

Correspondents include Evangeline Booth, William E. Borah, William Jennings Bryan, Baron de Cartier, Calvin Coolidge, Stephen A. Douglas, Sir Auckland Geddes, Solomon B. Griffin, Warren G. Harding, Thomas A. Hendricks, Jules Jusserand, Helen Keller, Robert Lansing, Meredith Nicholson, John J. Pershing, Albert C. Ritchie, Elihu Root, William Howard Taft, Henry Van Dyke, Edith Bolling Wilson, and Woodrow Wilson.

The materials are arranged by document type, then chronologically.

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### **Item Listing:**

#### Box 1, Folder 1. Correspondence, 1863-1908

- 1863 Mar. 16 Thomas Marshall to his cousin, Lizzie Marshall, of Lagrange, Lewis County, Missouri  
(with envelope). ALS
- 1884 Mar. 17 Thomas Marshall to Edwin J. O'Boyle, Esq. of Terre Haute, Indiana, ALS
- 1884 Oct. 28 Thomas A. Hendricks to Thomas Marshall, ALS
- 1886 Oct. 27 Thomas Marshall to Violet, ALS
- 1886 Dec. 13 Thomas Marshall to Violet, ALS
- 1908 Oct. 26 Alexander D. Sutherland, Minister of First Presbyterian Church in Columbia City, Indiana,  
to The People of Indiana testifying to Marshall's good character,  
TLS

1908 Nov. 9 William Jennings Bryan to Thomas Marshall, TLS

1908 Dec. 7 Meredith Nicholson to Thomas Marshall, TLS

Box 1. Correspondence & Speeches and writings

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2. Correspondence, 1909-1911

3. Correspondence, 1912

Box 1, Folder 4. Correspondence, 1913-1921

1913 May 17 Thomas Marshall to Theo. W. Noyes, TLS

1913 Dec. 23 Thomas Marshall to Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, TLS

1913 Dec. 23 Thomas Marshall to Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, ALS

1916 Mar. 13 Woodrow Wilson to Thomas Marshall, TLS

1916 June 22 Thomas Marshall to Mr. Howland, ALS

1918 Sept. 29 French Ambassador Jules Jusserand to Thomas Marshall, ALS

1919 Oct. 27 Letter to King of Belgium with lists of the Royal Belgian Party and of U.S. officials

accompanying them, TL

1919 Thomas Marshall to President Wilson (2 copies), TL

1920 Feb. 28 Henry van Dyke to Thomas Marshall, ALS

1921 Mar. 5 William E. Borah to Thomas Marshall, TLS

1921 Mar. 6 Spanish Ambassador Juan Riano to Thomas Marshall, ALS

1921 June 23 Robert Goldsmith, Director of Bureau of Political Research, to Thomas Marshall, TLS

1921 Dec. 23 Robert Goldsmith, Director of Bureau of Political Research, to Thomas Marshall, TLS

Box 1, Folder 5. Correspondence, 1922

1922 Feb. 11 Baron de Cartier to Monsieur Max Léo Gérard, Secrétaire du Roi (Secretary of the King)

in French, TLS

1922 Feb. 12 French Ambassador Jules Jusserand to Thomas Marshall, TLS

1922 Feb. 16 British Ambassador Sir Auckland Geddes to Thomas Marshall, TLS

1922 Feb. 16 Letter to Ed Barrett, Esq., editor of Birmingham (Ala.) Herald, TL

1922 Feb. 26 Thomas Marshall to Hon. R. P. Hobson, ALS

1922 Apr. 7 French Ambassador Jules Jusserand to Messieurs les Officiers des Douanes

Françaises (French Customs Officials) in French, TLS

1922 Apr. 26 Elise Jusserand to Thomas Marshall, ALS

1922 May 24 Danny [?], House of Lords, to Thomas Marshall, ALS

1922 May 31 Jules Jusserand to Thomas Marshall, TLS

1922 Sept. 23 President Warren G. Harding to Thomas Marshall, TLS

1922 Sept. 29 Solomon Bulkley Griffin to Thomas Marshall, ALS

1922 Sept. 30 President Warren G. Harding to Thomas Marshall, TLS

1922 Oct. 10 President Warren G. Harding to Thomas Marshall, TLS

Box 1, Folder 6. Correspondence, 1923-1924

1923 Jan. 20 Elise Jusserand to Thomas Marshall, ALS

1924 Feb. 13 Henry Allen to Thomas Marshall, ALS  
 1924 Mar. 27 President Calvin Coolidge to Thomas Marshall, TLS  
 1924 May 10 Letter to Dr. Matthew F. Smith, TL  
 1924 June 9 Evangeline Booth to Thomas Marshall, TLS  
 1924 June 11 Edith Bolling Wilson to Thomas Marshall, TLS  
 1924 June 15 Thomas Marshall to Edith Bolling Wilson, TL  
 1924 Oct. 15 Elihu Root to Thomas Marshall, TLS  
 1924 Nov. 12 Helen Keller to Thomas Marshall, TLS  
 1924 Dec. 4 Jules Jusserand to Thomas Marshall, TLS  
 1924 Dec. 19 Thomas Marshall to John A. Stewart, TLS  
Box 1, Folder 7. *Correspondence, 1925-1932*  
 1925 Apr. 20 Telegram from President Calvin Coolidge to Thomas Marshall  
 1925 June 1 Telegram from Evangeline Booth to Mrs. Marshall  
 1925 June 1 Robert Lansing to Mrs. Marshall, TLS  
 1925 June 1 President Calvin Coolidge to Mrs. Marshall, TLS  
 1925 June 2 John J. Pershing to Mrs. Marshall, ALS  
 1925 June 2 Chief Justice William H. Taft to Mrs. Marshall, ALS  
 1925 June 2 Belgian Ambassador Baron de Cartier to Mrs. Marshall, TLS  
 1925 June 2 French Ambassador Emile Daeschner to Mrs. Marshall, TLS  
 1925 June 4 Solomon B. Griffin to Mrs. Marshall, ALS  
 1925 June 4 Belgian Ambassador Baron de Cartier to Mrs. Marshall, TLS  
 1925 June 6 Elise Jusserand to Mrs. Marshall, ALS  
 1925 June 14 Jules Jusserand to Mrs. Marshall, ALS  
 1925 Nov. 28 Belgian Ambassador Baron de Cartier to Mrs. Marshall, TLS  
 1925 Dec. 22 Jules Jusserand to Mrs. Marshall, ALS  
 1926 Mar. 11 Belgian Ambassador Baron de Cartier to Mrs. Marshall, TLS  
 1932 Oct. 30 Maryland Governor Albert C. Ritchie to Mrs. Marshall, TLS

Box 1. *Correspondence & Speeches and writings*

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8. Speeches and writings, 1868-1880
9. Speeches and writings, 1884
10. Speeches and writings, 1884-1889
11. Speeches and writings, 1890-1907
12. Speeches and writings, 1908
13. Speeches and writings, 1908?-1909
14. Speeches and writings, 1910
15. Speeches and writings, 1912
16. Speeches and writings, 1912

Box 2. *Speeches and writings*

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1. Speeches and writings, 1913 and [1909-1913]
2. Speeches and writings, 1918-1920
3. Speeches and writings, 1921
4. Speeches and writings, 1921
5. Speeches and writings, [1921?]
6. Speeches and writings, 1922

7. Speeches and writings, [1921-1923] and 1925
8. Speeches and writings, [1920-1925]
9. Speeches and writings, [1921-1925?]
10. Speeches and writings, undated fragments

Box 3. *Speeches and writings*

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1. Speeches and writings on legal topics, undated
2. Speeches and writings on legal topics, undated
3. Speeches and writings on prominent men, undated
4. Speeches and writings on religious topics, undated
5. Speeches and writings on religious topics, undated
6. Speeches and writings on miscellaneous topics, undated
7. Speeches and writings on miscellaneous topics, undated
8. Speeches and writings on miscellaneous topics, undated
9. Speeches given at schools, undated
10. Speeches given at schools, undated
11. Articles on special days, undated
12. Miscellaneous papers, 1873-1921, undated

Box 4. *Recollections typescript, biographical material, political research*

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1. Funeral sermons for his parents, 1892 and 1894
2. Bureau of Political Research bulletins, June-Nov 1921
3. Bureau of Political Research bulletins, Dec. 1921-Feb. 1922
4. Recollections typescript, title page to Chapter 7
5. Recollections typescript, Chapter 8 to 13
6. Recollections typescript, Chapter 14 to 22
7. Recollections typescript, Chapter 23 to 30
8. Recollections typescript, A to H
9. Recollections typescript, I to O

Box 4, Folder 10. *Memorial addresses, June 1925*

- 1925 June 25 Memorial address by W. N. Wishard  
 1925 June 25 Memorial address  
 1925 June 28 Memorial address by Meredith Nicholson

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11. Biographical sketch, April 1934

Box 5. *Memorabilia and small volumes*

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1. The Whig Almanac, 1854
2. Notebook at Wabash College, 1870
3. Programs, 1870-1922, undated
4. Other memorabilia, 1890-1925, undated
5. Annual Dinner, National Democratic Club, Jefferson Day volume, 1909 Apr. 13
6. The Democratic Text-Book, 1912
7. Visiting War Mission to the United States, Proceedings in the Senate and House of Representatives,

- Congress of the United States, 1917
8. Vases Presented by the Republic of France, Proceedings in the Senate of the United States,

1918 Sept. 24

Box 6. *Small volumes*

1. Impressions in Limerick of the United States Senate by a Lady in the Gallery, 1920
2. Diplomatic passport, 1922
3. Book of sketches about him, 1930-1931
4. Notepad, undated

Volumes.

- 95-1 Scrapbook of cartoons, obituaries, and other newspaper clippings, June 1861-Dec. 1894
- 95-2 Scrapbook of political cartoons and other newspaper clippings, Feb.-June 1908
- 95-3 Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, June 1908-Jan. 1909
- 95-4 Scrapbook of political cartoons and other newspaper clippings, 1909-1910
- 95-5 Scrapbook of political cartoons, other newspaper clippings, correspondence, and photographs, 1911
- 95-6 Scrapbook of political cartoons, other newspaper clippings, correspondence, and photographs, 1912
- 95-7 Scrapbook of political cartoons, other newspaper clippings, correspondence, and photographs, 1912
- 95-8 Scrapbook of political cartoons, other newspaper clippings, correspondence, and photographs, 1913
- 95-9 Scrapbook of political cartoons, other newspaper clippings, correspondence, and photographs, 1914
- 95-10 Scrapbook of political cartoons, other newspaper clippings, correspondence, and photographs, 1915
- 95-11 Scrapbook of political cartoons, other newspaper clippings, correspondence, and photographs, 1916
- 95-12 Scrapbook of articles written by Marshall, Apr. 1921-Dec. 1923
- 95-13 Scrapbook of articles written by Marshall, 1924-1925
- 95-14 Scrapbook of articles published at time of Marshall's death, 1925
- 95-15 Scrapbook of advertisements and articles published about Recollections of Thomas R. Marshall, 1925
- 95-16 Marshall family Bible

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Folder 9. *Certificates, 1876-1916*

1876 June 12 Certificate from Indiana Supreme Court admitting Marshall to practice law as an attorney

in said court

1891 Apr. 23 Certificate from Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Indiana admitting

Marshall to practice law in said court

1899 Sept. 1 Certificate from the Masonic Order promoting Marshall him and recommending him as a

member of the Royal Order  
 1909 Jan. 11 Certificate from State of Indiana certifying Marshall's election as  
 Governor  
 1914 Oct. 22 Certificate from Senate of the United States thanking Marshall for his  
 service as President  
 of the Senate  
 1915 Mar. 4 Certificate from Senate of the United States thanking Marshall for his  
 service as President  
 of the Senate  
 1916 Jan. 26 Certificate of life membership in the American National Red Cross  
 Folder 10. *Certificates, 1916-1922, undated*  
 1916 Sept. 7 Certificate from Senate of the United States thanking Marshall for his  
 service as President  
 of the Senate  
 1918 Nov. 21 Certificate from Senate of the United States thanking Marshall for his  
 service as President  
 of the Senate  
 1919 Oct. 28-30 "Program for Their Majesties the King and Queen of the Belgians and  
 His Royal Highness,  
 The Duke of Brabant" with schedule of activities for their visit with  
 seating charts for two  
 events  
 1922 Certificate from the Masonic Order  
 1922 Feb. 10 Certificate naming Marshall a delegate to the International Conference  
 of Supreme  
 Councils (Masonic)  
 undated Phrenological Chart & Talents of Marshall  
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Folder 1. *Certificates and photograph, 1890-1926*  
 1890 Oct. 22 Certificate recognizing Marshall as a member of the High Priesthood of  
 the Royal  
 Arch Masons  
 1890 Oct. 22 Certificate recognizing Marshall as a member of the High Priesthood of  
 the Royal  
 Arch Masons  
 1891 Nov. 27 Certificate from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New  
 Hampshire  
 appointing Marshall Representative of the Grand Council of New  
 Hampshire near the Grand  
 Council of Indiana  
 1898 Sept. 20 Certificate naming Marshall "Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 330  
 and Honorary  
 Member of our Supreme Council"  
 1911 Sept. 21 Certificate naming Marshall an "Active Member of our Supreme  
 Council"

1912 July 5 Certificate from The Dahlman Democracy Club of Nebraska endorsing Woodrow Wilson

and Thomas Marshall as the Democratic nominees for President and Vice-President of the United States

1921 Feb. 10 Certification of Marshall as a delegated to the International Conference of Supreme Councils

of the World (1921 May 30)

1924 Oct. 1 Certificate of life membership in the American Bible Society

1926 Photograph of Thomas Riley Marshall Class of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite,

Fall Class First Section, Sept. 29 to Dec. 3, 1926

Folder 2. *Newspaper clippings, 1901-1924, undated*

1901 Dec. 24 Whitley County News

1913-1924, undated Newspaper clippings about Mrs. Marshall and about Thomas Marshall

while he was Vice-President

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1 Folder. *Certificates, 1898 and 1911*

1898 Sept. 20 Certificate naming Marshall "Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 330 and

Honorary Member of our Supreme Council"

1911 Sept. 21 Certificate naming Marshall an "Active Member of our Supreme Council"

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#### **Collection Information:**

*Size of Collection:* 6 manuscript boxes, 16 volumes, 4 oversized folders

*Collection Dates:* 1863-1934, bulk 1868-1925

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