

# A list of the Essays collected in bound volumes by Alfred Marshall: part 1

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It was part of the methodology of the student Alfred Marshall to collect articles, pamphlets and essays of interest to him. The articles and all the other material once chosen, were sent to the bookbinder who bound them in volumes, ordered according to various criteria (subject, name of magazine or review, years). This practice has accompanied Marshall during all his life and it has enabled him to cumulate a considerable library of volumes.

All the volumes so collected are in the Marshall Library: they are not yet recorded as part of the Marshall Papers in the Archive of the Library. Actually, the archivist, Alex Saunders, is just now working for the cataloguing of the volumes even if currently most of them are in an open part of the library, without any record.

The large quantity of volumes is not really in a good state and, of course, without any order. On the suggestions of Giacomo Becattini, Tiziano Raffaelli and Marco Dardi, I have started to order and catalogue not only the volumes but also the articles and all the material that belong to each volume. This job has not been so easy, in part for the condition of the tomes, in part for the disorder that characterize their binding<sup>[1][1]</sup>.

The tomes are of extreme interest not only because they contain a good deal of annotations<sup>[2][2]</sup> made by Alfred Marshall but also because they seem to be an important source through which it is possible to keep the cultural background of the great economist of Cambridge. Aim of this work is, in fact, to outline the intellectual pathway that has companioned the advisement of Marshall. This is an important aim for many reasons. First, the articles and the pamphlets collected are a clear indication of the real and deep interests of the student and observer Alfred. Secondly, they are an interesting proof of his method of studying; thirdly, the last but not the least, they can give a significant clue of the possible influence that the thought of Marshall could have had. Briefly, this job hangs together with the idea that to know an author it is necessary to know not only the work of the author itself but also all stands behind and beyond him.

Every tome has many articles or essays, all listed at the beginning of the volume by Alfred Marshall: every article is given a number according to the order it has in the volume. Quite often the articles are incomplete and the part missing is usually collected in some other volume. A number of articles have annotations made by Alfred Marshall but most of the notes are unreadable because the bookbinder, in binding them, cut part of the pages of the articles. Most of the times, the essays and articles written in gothic or modern German present notes made by Mary Paley.

The list printed in this number of the Marshall Studies Bulletin, tallies to a third of the total of the existing volumes<sup>[3][3]</sup>. The list, presented here in alphabetical order, is made according to the title on the cover of each tome. Further, in the records made, I use the same abbreviations used by Marshall: in particular Chicago Journal for *Journal of Political Economy* and Conrad<sup>[4][4]</sup> for *Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik*..

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[1][1] Sometimes it is not easy, or impossible, to go back to the original source or to ascertain the name of the author: in fact, some articles are bound only in part without any reference.

[2][2] As a matter of fact, Marshall was used to get more than one copy of the same article. For example in the Rare Books side of the Marshall Library there is an interesting collection of The Economic Journal where many articles have notes by Alfred Marshall. I found the same articles bound in the tomes, sometimes with annotations (different ones), some other times without any note.

[3][3] The list is made of 84 volumes for 1771 titles of articles or pamphlets.

[4][4] He has been the Editor of the Review from 1878.