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Guide to the

**John Ralph commonplace book**

1757-1794

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## Summary

**Creator:** Ralph, John, 1824-1885

**Title:** John Ralph commonplace book

**Date:** 1757-1794

**Size:** .2 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Purchase, Pirages, Phillip J, 07/17/89

**Abstract:** John Ralph was an 18th century English shorthand writer. Commonplace book, 1757-1794, was written in an English shorthand system probably developed by John Ralph. Front end papers of the volume contain information about Ralph's marriage and the birth dates of his children. The back end of the volume contains several prescriptions and recipes.

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## Key Terms

## Subjects

Shorthand

**Names**

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