**Collection Summary**

**Title:** United States Coast Guard Historian’s Office Collection  
**Span Dates:** 1746-1951  
**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1800-1900)  
**ID No.:** MSS85112  
**Creator:** United States. Coast Guard. Historian’s Office  
**Extent:** 350 items ; 5 containers ; 2 linear feet  
**Language:** Collection material in English and Japanese  
**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.  
**Summary:** Merchant’s account books, draft and typescript of a book, government publications, and printed material. Also contains the autograph collection of William Ferguson Morgan.

**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.

**People**  
Buchanan, James, 1791-1868--Autographs.  
Clay, Henry, 1777-1852--Correspondence.  
Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908--Autographs.  
Fillmore, Millard, 1800-1874--Autographs.  
Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885--Autographs.  
Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964--Autographs.  
Hughes, Riley. Our Coast guard academy, a history and guide by Riley Hughes. 1944.  
Monroe, James, 1758-1831--Autographs.  
Polk, James K. (James Knox), 1795-1849--Autographs.  
Smith, Ebenezer, active 1797-1840. Ebenezer Smith account books. 1797-1840.  
Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862--Autographs.

**Organizations**  
United States. Coast Guard. Historian's Office.

**Subjects**  
Arts.  
Autographs.  
Businesspeople--Autographs.  
Politicians--United States--Autographs.  
Presidents--United States--Autographs.

**Places**  
United States--Armed Forces.

**Administrative Information**

**Provenance**

The collection of the United States Coast Guard Historian’s Office was transferred to the Library of Congress by the historian’s office in 2004.

**Transfers**

Two posters have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.
Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of U.S. Coast Guard Historian’s Office is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The U.S. Coast Guard Historian’s Office Collection is 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.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, U.S. Coast Guard Historian’s Office Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The collection of the United States Coast Guard Historian’s Office spans the years 1746-1951, with the bulk of the material dating from 1800-1900. The papers contain a merchant’s account books, an autograph collection, production material for a book, government publications, and printed matter.

The collection contains three account books. Two were kept by Ebenezer Smith, a general merchant, between 1797 and 1840 and the other, dated 1746-1748, was kept by an unidentified tailor.

A collection of autographs compiled by William Ferguson Morgan consists of clipped signatures and letters. Included are American presidents James Buchanan, Grover A. Cleveland, Millard Fillmore, Ulysses S. Grant, Herbert Hoover, James Monroe, James K. Polk, and Martin Van Burens. Also represented are leading figures in politics, business, the military, and the arts. Of note is a letter dated 1846 from Henry Clay regarding the death of his son.

The books section contains a draft, typescript, and galley proof of Our Coast Guard Academy written by Riley Hughes in 1943. The government publications are primarily reports from the secretary of the treasury. Printed matter includes a 1909 presidential inaugural souvenir booklet. The collection also contains a 1928 photograph of the first geodetic West Coast survey ship and a photograph of a compressed air plant in Preston, Connecticut, taken in 1906.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.
Container List

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|           | Smith, Ebenezer, 1797-1840  
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| BOX 1     | Unidentified tailor, 1746-1748  
| BOX 1     | Autograph collection of William Ferguson Morgan  
| BOX 1     | Album 1  
| BOX 1     | Index, undated  
| BOX 1     | A-C, 1818-1931  
|           | (2 folders)  
| BOX 2     | D-V, 1746, 1821-1938  
|           | (8 folders)  
| BOX 2     | Unidentified, undated  
| BOX 2     | Album 2, 1863-1879  
| BOX 2     | Bill of lading, Confederate States Mail Line, 1865  
| BOX 2     | Books  
| BOX 2     | *The American Annual Register*, 1796  
| BOX 3     | Evans, Stephen H., *The United States Coast Guard*, Japanese translation, 1951  
| BOX 3     | Hughes, Riley, *Our Coast Guard Academy*  
| BOX 3     | Draft, undated  
|           | (5 folders)  
| BOX 3     | Typescript, 1943  
| BOX 3     | Chapters 1-3  
|           | (2 folders)  
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|           | (2 folders)  
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| BOX 5     | 1821-1823, 1834-1839  
| BOX 5     | Land deeds, 1825, 1836  
| BOX 5     | Newspapers  
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| BOX 5     | *The Sun*, reprint of 1833 edition, 1933  
| BOX 5     | Photographs, 1906, 1928  
| BOX 5     | Printed matter, 1797-1912, undated  
|           | (2 folders)  
| BOX 5     | Seaman’s identification paper, 1819  

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