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Collection Summary

Title: William A. H. Allen Papers
Span Dates: 1863-1884
ID No.: MSS10538
Creator: Allen, William A. H.
Extent: 14 items ; 8 oversize containers ; 4 linear feet ; 3 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Naval officer and engineer. Journals with photographs, sketches, and illustrations describing Allen's activities while serving in the United States Navy during the Civil War, subsequently on ships in the Mediterranean, Indian, and Pacific Oceans, and at stations on the east and west coasts of the United States and Europe.

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
Allen, William A. H.

Organizations
Cayuga (Ship)
United States. Navy--Foreign service--Mediterranean Region.

Places
Africa--Description and travel.
Asia--Description and travel.
China--Description and travel.
Egypt--Description and travel.
Japan--Description and travel.
Lebanon--Description and travel.
Malaya--Description and travel.
Middle East--Description and travel.
Palestine--Description and travel.
Peru--Description and travel.
Singapore--Description and travel.
Syria--Description and travel.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Blockades.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns.

Occupations
Engineers.
Naval officers.

Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of William A. H. Allen, naval officer and engineer, were given to the Library of Congress by Mrs. William H. Steeble in 1952.
Processing History

The papers of William A. H. Allen were processed and prepared for microfilming in 1986. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Additional Guides

A description of the collection was published in the Library’s Quarterly Journal of Current Acquisitions 12 no. 24 (June 25, 1953): 5-6.

Copyright Status


Access and Restrictions

The papers of William A. H. Allen 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 these papers is available on three reels. 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.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, William A. H. Allen Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

William A. H. Allen (fl. 1863-1890) was a United States naval officer and engineer who in 1863-1864, as an assistant engineer on the Cayuga (ship), participated in the blockading of Gulf Coast ports. He traveled to India and the Far East between 1866 and 1869, to Peru in 1875, and made an around-the-world cruise aboard the Lancaster (sloop-of-war) between 1881 and 1884.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of William A. H. Allen (fl. 1863-1890) span the years 1863-1884. The collection consists of journals with photographs, sketches, and illustrations describing Allen's activities while serving on the Cayuga (ship), 1863-1864, assigned to blockade duty on the Gulf Coast during the Civil War, and subsequently on ships in the Mediterranean, Indian, and Pacific Oceans, and at stations on the east and west coasts of the United States and Europe, including on an around-the-world tour in 1881-1884 on the sloop-of-war Lancaster.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically by journal.
# Container List

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