Curtis L. Malaney Papers

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Collection Summary
Title: Curtis L. Malaney Papers
Span Dates: 1923-1989
ID No.: MSS81788
Creator: Malaney, Curtis L., 1926-1989
Extent: 3 items
Extent: 2 containers
Extent: .8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm93081788
Summary: Author. Typescript and photocopied material comparing the conduct of Admiral Horatio Nelson in 1797 and 1801 to that of United States Navy officers in the Honda Point, California, disaster of 1923.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Morris, Robert, 1878-1955.

Organizations
Great Britain. Royal Navy.
United States. Navy.

Subjects
Courts-martial and courts of inquiry.
Shipwrecks--California--Honda, Point.

Occupations
Authors.

Provenance
The papers of Curtis L. Malaney, author, were deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1992 and converted to a gift in 1998.

Processing History
The papers of Curtis L. Malaney were arranged and described in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2007.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Curtis L. Malaney is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).
**Access and Restrictions**

The papers of Curtis L. Malaney 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.

**Preferred Citation**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Curtis L. Malaney Papers, Naval Historical Foundation Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Curtis L. Malaney (1926-1989) span the years 1923-1989 and consist of a typescript written by Malaney and photocopies of naval court proceedings. Malaney's typescript, "Danger Bearing; Lord Nelson and Course 095," compares the conduct of Admiral Horatio Nelson during two naval engagements in 1797 and 1801 with the conduct of United States Navy officers who caused their destroyers to run aground off Pedernales Point, California, (known as the Honda Point disaster) in 1923. Background material for this paper includes a photocopied transcript of the naval court of inquiry investigating the incident and a photocopied transcript of Captain Robert Morris's subsequent court-martial.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by subject.
## Container List

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| BOX 1     | Court-martial proceedings against Robert Morris, 1923  
(2 folders) |
| BOX 1     | Court of Inquiry proceedings re the Honda Point disaster, 1923  
(6 folders) |
| BOX 2     | (4 folders) |
| BOX 2     | "Danger Bearing; Lord Nelson and Course 095," typescript by Curtis L. Malaney, 1989 |