

**Aaron Ward Weaver Letterpress Books**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Aaron Ward Weaver Letterpress Books

**Inclusive Dates:** 1861-1884

**Bulk Dates:** 1882-1884

**ID No.:** MSS61806

**Creator:** Weaver, Aaron Ward, 1832-1919

**Extent:** 3 items

**Extent:** 1 oversize

**Extent:** 0.2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm85061806>

**Summary:** Naval officer. Chiefly two letterpress books kept by Weaver while commanding the *Brooklyn*, a United States Navy sloop of war during its service with the South Atlantic Squadron from 1882 to 1884.

## 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

Weaver, Aaron Ward, 1832-1919.

### Organizations

Brooklyn (Screw sloop)

United States. Navy. South Atlantic Squadron.

### Subjects

Ship's papers--19th century.

### Places

Africa--Description and travel.

South America--Description and travel.

### Titles

*Aaron Ward Weaver papers*

### Occupations

Naval officers.

## Acquisition Information

The papers of Aaron Ward Weaver, naval officer, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1985.

## Processing History

The letterpress books of Aaron Ward Weaver were arranged and described in 1997. The finding aid was revised in 2009 by Bradley E. Gernand. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Aaron Ward Weaver is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The letterpress books of Aaron Ward Weaver 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, Aaron Ward Weaver Letterpress Books, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1832, July 1	Born, Washington, D.C.
1848-1854	Midshipman, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., and aboard warships <i>St. Louis</i> and <i>Congress</i>
1854-1856	Aboard warships <i>Trenton</i> and <i>Fulton</i>
1856-1857	Aboard coast survey steamers <i>Walker</i> and <i>Arctic</i> surveying seabed for Atlantic telegraph cable
1857-1859	Aboard warship <i>Marion</i> ; returned to United States commanding barke <i>Ardennes</i> , captured carrying enslaved Africans.
1859-1860	Philadelphia Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa.
1861-1862	Aboard warship <i>Susquehanna</i> at bombardment of Forts Hatteras and Clarke, N.C.; Forts Beauregard and Walker, S.C.; and Port Royal, S.C.
1862-1863	Commanded warship <i>Winona</i>
1864	Commanded warship <i>Chippewa</i> Married Ida Hyatt
1865	Commanded warship <i>Mahopac</i> ; bombarded Richmond, Va.
1865-1866	Boston Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.
1867	Commanded warship <i>Tallapoosa</i>
1867-1868	Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.
1869-1870	Norfolk Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va.
1870-1871	Commanded warships <i>Terror</i> and <i>Severn</i>
1872-1873	Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.
1874-1875	Commanded nitre depot, Malden, Mass.
1876-1877	Commanded warship <i>Dictator</i>
1879-1881	Norfolk Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va.
1882-1884	Commanded warship <i>Brooklyn</i>
1885-1889	Member, Naval Examining and Retiring Boards, Washington, D.C.
1890-1892	Commandant, Norfolk Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va.
1893	President, Naval Examining and Retiring Boards, Washington, D.C. Retired from United States Navy
1919, Oct. 2	Died, Washington, D.C.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The letterpress books of Aaron Ward Weaver (1832-1919) span the dates 1861-1884 and consist of records of the United States Navy sloop of war the *Brooklyn*. Two volumes of letterpress copies of routine correspondence by Weaver concern ships stores, maintenance, operation, and ports of call along the eastern coast of South America and the southwestern and southern coasts of Africa during Weaver's command of the *Brooklyn* during its service with the South Atlantic Squadron, 1882-1884. A lithograph of the *Brooklyn* published in 1861 is the only item in these papers reflecting the ship's extensive service in the Civil War.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

## Container List

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
BOX OV 1	Letterpress copybooks, <i>Brooklyn</i> (sloop of war), 1882-1884
BOX OV 1	Lithograph of <i>Brooklyn</i> (sloop of war), 1861