

William D. Salter Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: William D. Salter Papers

Span Dates: 1810-1869

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1830-1860)

ID No.: MSS81743

Creator: Salter, William D., 1795-1869

Extent: 150 items

Extent: 1 container

Extent: 0.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: United States naval officer. Naval and personal correspondence, journal, naval orders, rations, regulations, and other papers relating to Salter's naval career and voyages.

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

Dobbin, James C. (James Cochran), 1814-1857--Correspondence.

Graham, William A. (William Alexander), 1804-1875--Correspondence.

Kennedy, John Pendleton, 1795-1870--Correspondence.

Salter, Margaret--Correspondence.

Salter, William D., 1795-1869.

Organizations

United States. Navy--Cruise, 1831.

United States. Navy--Discipline.

United States. Navy--Officers.

Subjects

Flagellation.

Harbors--Mexico.

Voyages and travels.

Places

Mobile Bay (Ala.)--Description and travel.

New York (N.Y.)--Description and travel.

Veracruz (Veracruz-Llave, Mexico)--Description and travel.

Occupations

Naval officers.

Provenance

The papers of William D. Salter, United States naval officer, were deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1992. The deposit was converted to a gift in 1998.

Processing History

The papers of William D. Salter were arranged and described in 1997. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of William D. Salter is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of William D. Salter 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, William D. Salter Papers, Naval Historical Foundation Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of William D. Salter (1795-1869) span the years 1810-1869 with the bulk of the material dating from the 1830s to the 1850s. The papers primarily consist of correspondence, both naval and personal. There is one folder of correspondence with secretaries of the navy James C. Dobbin, William A. Graham, and John Pendleton Kennedy. One letter to Graham details Salter's opposition to the abolition of flogging in the navy. There are three folders of letters written by Salter to his wife as well as a journal addressed to his wife kept during an 1831 ocean trip from New York to Mobile Bay, Alabama. Various other naval documents, such as ship's regulations, food and spirits rations, and a detailed description of Veracruz, Mexico, including how to navigate a ship through its harbor, constitute the remainder of the collection.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Boyle, Junius J., defense of, 1851
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	General, 1810, 1831-1839, 1850-1863, undated (4 folders)
BOX 1	Salter, Margaret (wife), 1828, 1841-1846, 1854-1856, 1864 (3 folders)
BOX 1	Secretaries of the navy, 1850-1853
BOX 1	Food and spirits rations, 1835
BOX 1	Journal, cruise from New York, N.Y., to Mobile Bay, Ala., 1831
BOX 1	Obituary for Salter, circa 1869
BOX 1	Orders, 1831-1835, 1854
BOX 1	Ship's regulations, undated
BOX 1	Veracruz, Mexico, description of, undated