

Frank M. Bennett Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Frank M. Bennett Papers

Span Dates: 1893-1909

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1897-1907)

ID No.: MSS55830

Creator: Bennett, Frank M. (Frank Marion), 1857-1924

Extent: 200 items

Extent: 1 container

Extent: .4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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Summary: Naval officer and author. Chiefly testimonial letters and newspaper and magazine reviews of Bennett's books, *The Steam Navy of the United States* (1896) and *The Monitor and the Navy Under Steam* (1900).

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

Bennett, Frank M. (Frank Marion), 1857-1924.

Organizations

Monitor (Ironclad)

United States. Navy--History.

Subjects

Steam-navigation.

Occupations

Authors.

Naval officers.

Provenance

The papers of Frank M. Bennett, naval officer and author, were deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1964 and converted to a gift in 1998.

Processing History

The papers of Frank M. Bennett were arranged and described in 1970 and 1979. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Frank M. Bennett is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Frank M. Bennett 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, Frank M. Bennett Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1857, May 7	Born, Marcellus, Mich.
1879	Graduated, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. Duty on the <i>Powhatan</i> (side-wheel steamer), North Atlantic Station
1881	Duty on the <i>Richmond</i> (screw sloop), Asiatic Station
1885-1887	Duty as instructor in iron shipbuilding and steam engineering, Chicago Manual Training School, Chicago, Ill.
1887	Duty on the <i>Enterprise</i> (ship: 1874-1909), European Squadron
1890	Duty in Bureau of Steam Engineering
1893	Married Mary Henderson Eastman
1893-1895	Duty on the <i>Amphitrite</i> (ship), North Atlantic Squadron
1896	Published <i>The Steam Navy of the United States</i> . Pittsburgh: Press of W. T. Nicholson
1900	Published <i>The Monitor and the Navy under Steam</i> . Boston: Houghton, Mifflin
1906	Commanded the <i>Glacier</i> , Atlantic Squadron
1910	Promoted to captain
1916	Commandant, United States Navy Yard, Mare Island, Calif.
1918	Commandant, United States Navy Yard, Pensacola, Fla.
1924, Feb. 11	Died, Cassopolis, Mich.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Frank Marion Bennett (1857-1924) span the years 1893-1909, with the bulk of the material falling in the period 1897-1907. The collection contains material relating to Bennett's two books, *The Steam Navy of the United States* (1896) and *The Monitor and the Navy Under Steam* (1900), and articles by him. It also includes testimonial letters and scrapbooks containing reviews of Bennett's books.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Letters to Bennett, 1901-1909 (6 folders)
BOX 1	Speech, mimeograph copy, thanking Bennett for giving a gavel from Jerusalem to the Masonic Fraternity of Cass County, Mich., in honor of his father, William R. Bennett
BOX 1	Newspaper clipping, 1893
BOX 1	Scrapbooks containing reviews, testimonial letters, and other items
BOX 1	<i>The Monitor and the Navy under Steam</i> , 1899-1907
BOX 1	<i>The Steam Navy of the United States</i> , 1895-1898