

Naval Historical Collection of Edward Lee Dorsett
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Collection Summary

Title: Naval Historical Collection of Edward Lee Dorsett

Span Dates: 1814-1926

ID No.: MSS55806

Creator: Dorsett, Edward Lee, 1883-

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: Collector of naval history. Correspondence, congressional bills and reports relating to the United States Navy, photographs of the specifications for the *Constitution* (frigate), and printed matter concerning John Paul Jones, the Battle of Lake Erie, and the history of the navy collected by Dorsett.

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

Dorsett, Edward Lee, 1883-

Jones, John Paul, 1747-1792.

Organizations

Constitution (Frigate)

United States. Navy--History.

Subjects

Lake Erie, Battle of, 1813.

Places

United States--History--War of 1812--Naval operations.

Occupations

Collectors.

Provenance

The Naval Historical Collection of Edward Lee Dorsett, collector of naval history, was deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1964 and converted to a gift in 1998.

Processing History

The collection was processed in 1970 and 1979. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

Additional Guides

The Naval Historical Collection of Edward Lee Dorsett is described in *Edward Lee Dorsett, Charles Andrews Lockwood, John Forsyth Meigs, Ninian Pinkney: Registers of Their Papers in the Library of Congress*. Washington, D.C.: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, 1985.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Edward Lee Dorsett is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The collection of Edward Lee Dorsett is 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, Naval Historical Collection of Edward Lee Dorsett, Naval Historical Foundation Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The naval historical collection of Edward Lee Dorsett (1883-) spans the years 1814-1926 and consists of correspondence, a contract, congressional bills and reports relating to the United States Navy, photographs of specifications for the *Constitution* (frigate), and printed matter consisting chiefly of journal articles concerning John Paul Jones, the Battle of Lake Erie, and the history of the American navy.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

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BOX 1	“Rules and Regulations,” revenue steamers <i>A. J. Dallas</i> and <i>W. H. Crawford</i> , 1888
BOX 1	Sibbald, Charles F., Philadelphia, Pa., to Navy Department, contract for live oak frames, A.D.S., 3 pp., 1835, Dec. 18
BOX 1	Viele Augustus, Watervliet, [N.Y.], to Peter, requesting loan of \$300, A.L.S. 2 pp., 1840, Aug. 18
BOX 1	Harter, William, account for enrolling militia, A.D.S., 1 p., 1849, Oct. 10
BOX 1	Craven, Thomas T., <i>Yankee</i> (side-wheel steamer), to Gideon Welles, capture of sloop <i>T. J. Evans</i> , A.L.S., 3 pp., 1861, Sept. 2
BOX 1	Wetmore, Henry S., Cincinnati, to [Charles] Kendall, alternations of <i>Fairy</i> (stern-wheel steamer), A.L.S., 2 pp., 1864, Feb. 22
BOX 1	Viele, Augustus, Watervliet, [N.Y.], to unknown, requesting loan of \$350, A.L.S., 1 p., no year, Aug. 2
BOX 1	Congressional bills concerning U.S. Navy pay and reorganization, 1852-1854
BOX 1	Congressional reports, 1822-1857
BOX 1	Handwritten notes, <i>Wasp</i> (schooner), undated
BOX 1	Photographs, specifications for <i>Constitution</i> (frigate), circa 1794-circa 1907
BOX 1	Printed matter
BOX 1	American navy, circa 1862-circa 1900
BOX 1	Battle of Lake Erie, circa 1912
BOX 1	Jones, John Paul, circa 1892-circa 1905
BOX 1	Miscellaneous, 1814-circa 1926