

# William H. Emory Papers

## A Finding Aid to the Papers in the Naval Historical Foundation Collection in the Library of Congress



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** William H. Emory Papers

**Span Dates:** 1877-1948

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1894-1906)

**ID No.:** MSS52894

**Creator:** Emory, William H. (William Hemsley), 1846-1917

**Extent:** 2,100 items

**Extent:** 6 containers

**Extent:** 2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm70052894>

**Summary:** Naval officer. Correspondence, journal, conduct and rating books, photographs, and printed matter relating to Emory's command of the cruiser *Yosemite* during the Spanish-American War.

## 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

Coffin, George William, 1845-1899--Correspondence.

Cooley, Mortimer E. (Mortimer Elwyn), 1855-1944.

Emory, William H. (William Hemsley), 1846-1917.

Joy, Henry B. (Henry Bourne), 1864-1936.

King, Charles Brady, 1868-1957--Correspondence.

Long, John Davis, 1838-1915--Correspondence.

Lothrop, Cyrus E., 1861-1913--Correspondence.

Newberry, Truman Handy, 1864-1945--Correspondence.

Stringham, Joseph S.

### Organizations

United States. Navy--Officers.

Yosemite (Cruiser)

### Subjects

Spanish-American War, 1898--Naval operations.

### Occupations

Naval officers.

## Provenance

The papers of William H. Emory, naval officer, were deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1964. The collection was converted to a gift in 1998.

## Processing History

The papers of William H. Emory were arranged and described in 1975. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of William H. Emory is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

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

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1846, Dec. 17	Born, Washington, D.C.
1866	Graduated, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. Duty in <i>Iroquois</i> (sloop), Asiatic Station
1870	Duty at United States Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C.
1874	Duty at United States Coast Survey
1876	Married Blanche Willis
1877	Duty at United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1880	Duty in <i>Trenton</i> (frigate), European Station
1881	Aide to David Dixon Porter
1884	Commanded <i>Bear</i> (cutter), Greely Relief Expedition
1886	Commanded <i>Thetis</i> (whaler), North Pacific Ocean
1887	Promoted to lieutenant commander
1889	Naval attaché, American Embassy, London, England
1894	Commanded <i>Petrel</i> (gunboat), China Station
1897	Member, Board of Inspection and Survey
1898	Commanded <i>Yosemite</i> (cruiser), North Atlantic Fleet, Eastern Squadron
1900	Commanded <i>Monongahela</i> (sloop)
1901	Promoted to captain Commanded <i>Indiana</i> (battleship)
1904	Commanded <i>Hancock</i> (transport)
1906	Promoted to rear admiral
1907	Commanded Second Squadron, Atlantic Fleet
1908	Retired
1917, July 14	Died, Newport, R.I.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of William Hemsley Emory (1846-1917) span the years 1877-1948, with the bulk of the material falling in the years 1894-1906. The papers relate primarily to Emory's experience as commander of the cruiser *Yosemite* in the Spanish-American War. Materials related to the *Yosemite* include a letterbook, Emory's personal journal, conduct and rating books, printed log, and letters inquiring about discipline of the crew, which was composed of naval reserve men from

Michigan. Two of the crew were Edwin Denby and Truman Handy Newberry, who would be future secretaries of the navy. In the printed matter are memoirs of crew members Mortimer E. Cooley, Henry B. Joy, Charles B. King, and Joseph S. Stringham.

Also included in Emory's papers are two personal letterbooks; correspondence containing orders to duty, letters from naval officers, and invitations; and photographs. Among the correspondents are George William Coffin, John Davis Long, Cyrus E. Lothrop, and Truman Handy Newberry.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged by type of material.

## Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Journal and correspondence, 1887-1936
BOX 1	Letterbooks
BOX 1	Naval attaché, American Embassy, London, England, 1890
BOX 1	<i>Yosemite</i> (cruiser), 1898
BOX 1	Personal letterbooks
BOX 1	<i>Hancock</i> (transport), 1906 (1 vol.)
BOX 2	(1 vol.)
BOX 2	Personal journal, <i>Yosemite</i> (cruiser), 1898
BOX 2	Correspondence
BOX 2	1887-1898 (6 folders)
BOX 3	1899-1908 (5 folders)
BOX 3	1908, telegrams
BOX 3	1931-1936
BOX 3	Notes, "Working of Wood Sheathing"
BOX 4	Miscellany
BOX 4	Printed matter, 1892-1948 (9 folders)
BOX 5	Map and chart, 1877-1894
BOX 5	Photographs, undated (7 folders)
BOX 5	Programs
BOX 6	Oversize
BOX 6	Conduct book, <i>Yosemite</i> (cruiser), 1898, May-Aug.
BOX 6	Rating book, <i>Yosemite</i> (cruiser), 1898, Apr.-Sept.