H. C. Taylor Papers
A Finding Aid of His Papers in the Naval Historical Foundation Collection in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary
Title: H. C. Taylor Papers
Span Dates: 1862-1904
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1897-1900)
ID No.: MSS53249
Creator: Taylor, H. C. (Henry Clay), 1845-1904
Extent: 300 items
Extent: 1 container
Extent: 0.4 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm70053249
Summary: Naval officer. Correspondence, diary, writings, photographs, and printed matter relating chiefly to the Spanish-American War and to Taylor's command of the U.S.S. Indiana (steamer).

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
Dewey, George, 1837-1917--Correspondence.
Lemley, Samuel C.--Correspondence.
Luce, Stephen Bleecker, 1827-1917--Correspondence.
Rodgers, C. R. P. (Christopher Raymond Perry), 1819-1892--Correspondence.
Sampson, William Thomas, 1840-1902--Correspondence.
Taylor, H. C. (Henry Clay), 1845-1904.

Organizations
Indiana (Battleship : BB-1)

Subjects
Spanish-American War, 1898--Naval operations.

Occupations
Naval officers.

Provenance
The papers of H. C. Taylor, naval officer, were deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1954 and converted to a gift in 1998.

Processing History
The collection was processed in 1970. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of H.C. Taylor is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).
Access and Restrictions

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

Biographical Note

Date | Event
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1845, Mar. 4 | Born, Washington, D.C.
1863 | Graduated, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1863 | Duty in USS Shenandoah (screw sloop of war) North Atlantic Blockading Squadron
1864 | Duty in USS Iroquois (steam sloop of war)
1866 | Duty in USS Rhode Island (side-wheel steamer), North Atlantic Squadron
1867 | Duty in USS Susquehanna (side-wheel steamer), North Atlantic Squadron
1868 | Duty in USS Guard (supply ship), European Fleet
1869-1872 | Instructor of mathematics, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1872 | Duty in USS Saranaec (side-wheel sloop of war), North Pacific Station
1874 | Commanded USS Hassler (steamer)
1878 | Duty as equipment officer, Washington Navy Yard
1880 | Commanded USS Saratoga (sloop of war)
1885 | Special duty in New York Navy Yard
1889 | Commanded USS Alliance (screw gunboat), Asiatic Squadron
1892 | Special duty, State Department, Madrid, Spain
1893-1896 | President, Naval War College and Torpedo School, Newport, R.I.
1897-1899 | Commanded USS Indiana (battleship)
1900 | Commanded USS Vermont (ship of the line)
1901 | Promoted to rear admiral
1902 | Chief, Bureau of Navigation
1904 | Duty in USS Mayflower (steam yacht), as chief of staff to the admiral of the navy
1904, July 26 | Died, Copper Cliff, Ontario, Canada

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Henry Clay Taylor (1845-1904) span the years 1862-1904, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1897-1900. The collection consists of correspondence; Taylor's writings, including an unpublished novel, "Narooyna"; printed matter pertaining to the Spanish-American War; and photographs. The major portion of the correspondence consists of copies of letters written when Taylor commanded the USS Indiana (battleship).


Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is organized by type of material.
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