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Collection Summary

Title: Rodgers Family Papers
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Creator: Rodgers family
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Extent: 20 linear feet
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Summary: Rodgers (Rogers) family. Correspondence, journals, drafts of writings and speeches, transcripts of radio
broadcasts, book reviews, notes and notebooks, biographical material, and other papers relating chiefly to the naval careers
of John Rodgers (1773-1838), John Rodgers (1812-1882), William Ledyard Rodgers (1860-1944), John Augustus Rodgers
(1848-1933), and John Rodgers (1881-1926). Includes correspondence of the Hodge family, Matthew Calbraith Perry,
Oliver Hazard Perry (1785-1819), and other relatives of the Rodgers family.

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
Agassiz, Louis, 1807-1873.
Ammen, Daniel, 1820-1898.
Bainbridge, William, 1774-1833.
Brooke, John M. (John Mercer), 1826-1906.
Buchanan, James, 1791-1868.
Daniels, Josephus, 1862-1948.
Davis, Charles Henry, 1807-1877.
Decatur, Stephen, 1779-1820.
Du Pont, Sophie Madeleine, 1810-1888.
Farragut, David Glasgow, 1801-1870.
Garfield, Harry Augustus, 1863-1942.
Harrison, William Henry, 1773-1841.
Hodges family.
Hughes, Charles Evans, 1862-1948.
Knox, Dudley Wright, 1877-1960.
Mackenzie, Alexander Slidell, 1803-1848.
McLaughlin, John T. (John Thomas), 1812-1847.
Perry, Matthew Calbraith, 1794-1858. Matthew Calbraith Perry papers.
Perry, Oliver Hazard, 1785-1819. Oliver Hazard Perry papers.
Rodgers, John Augustus, 1848-1933. John Augustus Rodgers papers.
Rodgers, John, 1773-1838. John Rodgers papers.
Rodgers, John, 1812-1882. John Rodgers papers.
Rodgers, John, 1881-1926. John Rodgers papers.
Rogers family.
Scott, Winfield, 1786-1866.
Sims, William Sowden, 1858-1936.
Southard, Samuel L. (Samuel Lewis), 1787-1842.
Sumner, Charles, 1811-1874.
Welles, Gideon, 1802-1878.
Wilson, George Grafton, 1863-1951.

**Occupations**
Naval officers.

**Acquisition Information**
The papers of the Rodgers family were deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1950. Additional deposits were made 1964-1969, and the collection was converted to a gift in 1998.

**Processing History**
The Rodgers Family Papers were processed in 1971. The finding aid was revised in 2011 by Ruth S. Nicholson. The finding aid was updated in 2024 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

**Additional Guides**
1972 the Library published *The Rodgers Family, a Register of Their Papers in the Library of Congress.*

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**Biographical Note**

**John Rodgers (1773-1838)**

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<td>In merchant marine</td>
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<td>1798</td>
<td>Appointed lieutenant, U.S. Navy</td>
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<td>1799-1801</td>
<td>Duty in USF <em>Constellation</em></td>
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<td>1802-1803</td>
<td>Commanded USF <em>John Adams</em>, Mediterranean Squadron</td>
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1805-1806  Commander in chief, Mediterranean Squadron
1806       Married Minerva Denison
1807       Commander in chief, New York flotilla and New York Naval Station
1810       Appointed commander in chief, North Atlantic Squadron
1812-1814  Commanded USF President
1813       Promoted to commodore
1815-1824  President, Board of Navy Commissioners
1821-1838  Senior officer, U.S. Navy
1823       Secretary of the navy ad interim
1824-1827  Commander in chief, Mediterranean Squadron
1827-1837  President, Board of Navy Commissioners

John Rodgers (1812-1882)

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<td>1831-1832</td>
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<td>1839-1841</td>
<td>Commanded USS Wave, Florida Squadron</td>
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<td>1840</td>
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<td>1841-1842</td>
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<td>Commanded USS Petrel, USS Hetzel, and USS Legaré, Coast Survey</td>
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<td>Commanded USS John Hancock, North Pacific Surveying Expedition</td>
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<td>1855</td>
<td>Commanding officer, North Pacific Surveying Expedition&lt;br&gt;Promoted to commander&lt;br&gt;Married Ann E. Hodge</td>
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<td>1857</td>
<td>Special duty, establishment of a &quot;Naval Armament on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers,&quot;&lt;br&gt;Cincinnati, Ohio&lt;br&gt;Commanded USS Flag, South Atlantic Blockading Squadron</td>
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<td>Commandant, Boston Navy Yard</td>
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<td>Commandant, Mare Island Navy Yard, Calif.</td>
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<td>Superintendent, U.S. Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>1879</td>
<td>President, U.S. Naval Institute</td>
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<td>1882, May 5</td>
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William Ledyard Rodgers

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<td>Duty in USS Pensacola</td>
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1880-1881 Duty at U.S. Naval Observatory
1881-1884 Duty in USS Quinnenburg, European Station
1898 Duty in USS Foote, South Atlantic Station
1900 Duty in USS Kentucky
1906 Commanded USS Wilmington, Asiatic Fleet
1907-1908 Duty at Army War College
1909-1911 Commanded USS Georgia
1911-1913 President, U.S. Naval War College
1915-1916 Member, General Board of the U.S. Navy
1916 Promoted to rear admiral
1916-1918 Commander of the train, Atlantic Fleet
1919 Promoted to vice admiral
1921-1922 Member, advisory committee, Conference on Limitation of Armament, Washington, D.C.
1923 Technical adviser, Committee of Jurists on the Laws of War, the Hague
1924 Retired, U.S. Navy
1933-1943 President, Naval Historical Foundation
1937 Published Greek and Roman Naval Warfare. Annapolis, Md.: United States Naval Institute
1939 Published Naval Warfare Under Oars, 4th to 16th Centuries. Annapolis, Md.: United States Naval Institute
1944, May 7 Died, Bethesda, Md.

John Augustus Rodgers

**Date** | **Event**
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1848, July 26 | Born, Harve de Grace, Md.
1864 | Duty in USS Marion
1868 | Graduated, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
| Duty in USS Lackawanna, North Pacific Squadron
1872 | Duty in USS Hartford
1880 | Married Elizabeth B. Chambers
| Duty at U.S. Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.
1890 | Duty in USS Pensacola
1892 | Student, U.S. Naval War College
1897 | Executive officer, USS Indiana
1902 | Commanded USS Marietta
1904 | Commanded USS Illinois
1906 | Inspector, Third Lighthouse District, Tompkinsville, N.Y.
1910 | Retired, U.S. Navy
1933, Mar. 2 | Died, Harve de Grace, Md.

John Rodgers (1881-1926)

**Date** | **Event**
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1881, Jan. 15 | Born, Washington, D.C.
1903 | Graduated, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1904 | Duty in USS Cincinnati
1909  Duty in USS St. Louis
1910  Duty in USS Pennsylvania
1911  Qualified as a naval aviator
Duty, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., Naval Aviation Detachment
1911-1912 Assisted C. P. Rodgers in making the first transcontinental flight in the United States
1912  Commanded USS Yankton
1916  Duty in USS Fulton, submarine training
Commanded Division One, Submarine Force, Atlantic Fleet
1921  Executive officer, USS Nevada
1922  Officer in charge, Navy Recruiting Station, Baltimore, Md.
1922-1925 Commanded Naval Air Station, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
1925  Commanding officer, hydroaeroplane PN-9-1, West coast-Hawaii flight
1926  Assistant chief, Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Rodgers family contain the papers of Commodore John Rodgers (1773-1838), who fought in the War of 1812 and who for many years was the senior officer in the American navy; his son, Rear Admiral John Rodgers ((1812-1882), who fought in the Civil War; his grandson, Vice Admiral William Ledyard Rodgers, who fought in World War I; and a great-grandson, naval aviator John Rodgers (1881-1926), who commanded a submarine division during World War I. The Rodgers collection also contains some papers of the latter John Rodgers's father, John Augustus Rodgers, who commanded the USS Indiana during the Spanish-American War. The collection is organized into four series by name of family member: John Rodgers (1773-1838), John Rodgers (1812-1882), William Ledyard Rodgers (1860-1944), and John Rodgers (1881-1926). Included are journals and notebooks; orders to duty; official, general, and family correspondence; a speech, article, and book file; and miscellaneous material. The papers span the years 1788-1944, but are concentrated in the period 1820-1930.

The papers of John Rodgers (1773-1838), consist of a letterbook Rodgers kept on board the USS North Carolina (chiefly copies of letters to Henry Clay), notebooks, family and general correspondence, and biographical and autobiographical material. Among the principal correspondents are William Bainbridge, Stephen Decatur, James Madison, James Monroe, Mathew Calbraith Perry, Oliver Hazard Perry (1785-1819), David Porter, Thomas O. Selfridge, Samuel L. Southard, and Thomas Tingey. Items of prominence include letters to and from Tingey during the period Tingey was Rodgers "second" in a proposed duel with James Barron; Rodgers's letter to President Madison rejecting his offer of the post of secretary of the navy; and correspondence with the Perry family, related by marriage to Rodgers.

Also in the first series are the papers of Matthew C. Perry and Perry's and Rodgers's nephew, Christopher Raymond Perry Rodgers, as well as letters to and from other naval contemporaries. Significant topics within this material are the Battle of Lake Erie affair and the Somers Mutiny. There are letters from William Henry Harrison and others to Matthew Perry supporting Oliver H. Perry against Jesse D. Elliott in the argument over Elliott's actions during the crucial Battle of Lake Erie in the War of 1812, and a letter from Charles Sumner to Alexander Slidell Mackenzie (Matthew C. Perry's brother-in-law) supporting Mackenzie's action in hanging the son of the secretary of war for mutiny on the brig Somers in 1842. Further material on the mutiny and Mackenzie's resulting court-martial is the miscellany section of Commodore Rodgers's papers and in the papers of Rear Admiral John Rodgers (1812-1882).

The second series in the collection, the papers of John Rodgers (1812-1882) include official correspondence documenting his long and varied service in the navy and a large group of family letters. Rodgers wrote frequently to his wife, Ann H. Rodgers, and his father-in-law, William Ledyard Hodge. In his letters to his wife he wrote detailed accounts of his surroundings and activities, including during the Civil War period. There are also letters to his mother, Minerya D. Rodgers, to his brothers and sisters, and to his sister-in-law, Theodosia M. Hodge. Among the correspondents are Louis Agassiz, Daniel Ammen, John M. Brooke, James Buchanan, Oscar Bullus, Charles H. Davis, Sophie Madeleine du Pont (Mrs. Samuel Francis Du Pont), David Glasgow Farragut, Ernest R. Knorr, John K. Luttrell, Alexander Slidell Mackenzie, John T. McLaughlin, Matthew Fontaine Maury, Lewis Warrington, and Gideon Welles.
The papers of William Ledyard Rodgers, grandson of the first John Rodgers and son of the second, include official orders, a journal, family and general correspondence, photographs, newspaper clippings, and printed matter. The correspondence documents William's service as president of the United States Naval War College and in the Asiatic Fleet; his membership on the advisory council to the Conference on Limitation of Armament; his work as technical adviser to the Committee of Jurists on the Laws of War; and his participation in the Institute of Politics at Williams College. Also in the series are speeches, articles, radio broadcasts, and book reviews, as well as the notes, drafts, maps, and illustrations for his two published books. Significant correspondents include William Shepherd Benson, Josephus Daniels, William H. Gardiner, Harry A. Garfield, Charles E. Hughes, H. P. Huse, Dudley W. Knox, John Bassett Moore, William Snowden Sims, and George G. Wilson.

The last series consists mainly of the papers of aviator John Rodgers (1881-1926), but includes the orders to duty of his father, John Augustus Rodgers, from his enrollment at the United States Naval Academy in 1865 until his last order to muster out the naval units of several Boston area colleges in 1919. John Rodgers's papers include logbooks and correspondence relating to his service in naval aviation, in the submarine force, and as commanding officer of the Naval Air Station at Pearl Harbor, but most of the other material pertaining to him concerns an aborted flight to Hawaii from the West Coast of the United States in 1925 and his death in 1926 as a result of an airplane accident while en route from Anacostia, D.C., to Philadelphia. Among the correspondents are Paul M. Bates, Wallace R. Farrington, Stanford E. Moses, and James H. Strong.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

The collection is arranged in four series:

- **John Rodgers (1773-1838), 1788-1941**
- **John Rodgers (1812-1882), 1809-1897**
- **William Ledyard Rodgers (1860-1944), 1870-1944**
- **John Rodgers (1881-1926), 1865-1929**
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                Arranged by type of correspondence or material.

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Nicholson, J. B., 1825, Sept. 6
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Spence, Robert T., undated
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Lewis, Morgan, to Oliver H. Perry, 1813, Apr. 20
Mason, John Young, to Matthew C. Perry, 1848, Nov. 14
Packett, John, to Daniel Turner, 1818, Aug. 10
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**BOX 3-4**

**Miscellany, 1788-1941**

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