

# John Grimes Walker Papers

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



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** John Grimes Walker Papers

**Span Dates:** 1873-1903

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1885-1894)

**ID No.:** MSS52951

**Creator:** Walker, John Grimes, 1835-1907

**Extent:** 1,750 items

**Extent:** 5 containers

**Extent:** 2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm70052951>

**Summary:** Naval officer. Personal and official letterbooks relating to family matters and Walker's tours of naval duty.

## 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

Walker family.

Walker, John Grimes, 1835-1907.

### Organizations

United States. Light-House Board.

United States. Navy--Foreign service--Hawaii.

United States. Navy--Foreign service--South America.

United States. Navy. Squadron of Evolution.

### Occupations

Naval officers.

## Provenance

The papers of John Grimes Walker, naval officer, 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 John Grimes Walker were arranged and described in 1970. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

## Additional Guides

In 1970 the Library published *Charles Goodwin Ridgeley, Francis Asbury Roe, and John Grimes Walker: A Register of Their Papers in the Library of Congress*.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John Grimes Walker is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of John Grimes Walker 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, John Grimes Walker Papers, Naval Historical Foundation Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1835, Mar. 20	Born, Hillsboro, N. H.
1856	Graduated, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1857	Duty in USS <i>Falmouth</i> , South American Squadron
1859	Instructor, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1861	Duty in USS <i>Winona</i> , West Gulf Squadron
1862	Commanded USS <i>Baron de Kalb</i> , Mississippi Squadron
1865	Commanded USS <i>Shawmut</i> , Atlantic Coast Blockade
1866	Married Rebecca White Pickering
1866-1869	Assistant to the superintendent, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1869	Commanded USS <i>Sabine</i>
1873-1878	Secretary, United States Light-House Board
1879-1881	On leave from the navy Secretary, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Co.
1881-1889	Chief, Bureau of Navigation
1889	Appointed acting rear admiral Commander in chief, Squadron of Evolution
1892	Commanded South American Station
1893	Commanded North American Station
1894	Commanded North Pacific Station
1899	President, Isthmian Canal Commission
1902	Published <i>Isthmian Canal; Statement of Rear-Admiral J. G. Walker Before the Committee on Interoceanic Canals, United States Senate</i> . Washington, D.C.: Govt. Printing Office
1907, Sept. 15	Died, Ogunquit, Maine

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of John Grimes Walker (1835-1907), span the years 1873-1903, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1885-1894. The collection consists of personal and official letterbooks.

The personal letterbooks contain copies of letters to Walker's wife, sons and daughters, other relatives, and friends concerning personal, family, and financial matters. The official letterbooks concern his service with the United States Light-House Board and the Squadron of Evolution and his tours of duty in South America and Hawaii. The personal letterbooks are arranged chronologically by volume and the official letterbooks according to the service or duty documented

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

Personal letterbooks of this collection are arranged chronologically by volume and the official letterbooks according to the service or duty documented.

## Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Personal letterbooks
BOX 1	1879-1885
BOX 1	1885-1889
BOX 1	1897
BOX 2	1900
BOX 2	1902
BOX 2	1903
BOX 3	Official letterbooks
BOX 3	Light-House Board
BOX 3	1873-1876
BOX 3	1876-1878
BOX 3	Squadron of Evolution, 1889-1892
BOX 4	USS <i>Chicago</i> , 1892
BOX 4	Second Squadron, Naval Review Fleet, 1893
BOX 4	North Pacific Station
BOX 4	1894
BOX 5	1894