John Grimes Walker Papers
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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://lccn.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--South America.

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


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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John Grimes Walker is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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
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1835, Mar. 20 | Born, Hillsboro, N. H.
1856 | Graduated, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1857 | Duty in USS Falmouth, South American Squadron
1859 | Instructor, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1861 | Duty in USS Winona, West Gulf Squadron
1862 | Commanded USS Baron de Kalb, Mississippi Squadron
1865 | Commanded USS Shawmut, Atlantic Coast Blockade
1866 | Married Rebecca White Pickering
1866-1869 | Assistant to the superintendent, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1869 | Commanded USS Sabine
1873-1878 | Secretary, United States Light-House Board
1879-1881 | On leave from the navy
1881-1889 | Secretary, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Co.
1889 | Chief, Bureau of Navigation
1889 | Appointed acting rear admiral
1892 | Commander in chief, Squadron of Evolution
1893 | Commanded South American Station
1894 | Commanded North American Station
1899 | Commanded North Pacific Station
1902 | President, Isthmian Canal Commission
1907, Sept. 15 | Published *Isthmian Canal; Statement of Rear-Admiral J. G. Walker Before the Committee on Interoceanic Canals, United States Senate*. Washington, D.C.: Govt. Printing Office

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.
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