

# John Lowe 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:** John Lowe Papers

**Span Dates:** 1860-1945

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1870-1898)

**ID No.:** MSS53165

**Creator:** Lowe, John, 1838-1930

**Extent:** 600 items

**Extent:** 3 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/mm70053165>

**Summary:** Naval officer. Private journals; orders to duty; scrapbook of newspaper clippings, typewritten copies of articles, holograph notes, and reprints of articles by Lowe; and miscellaneous material.

## 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

Ammen, Daniel, 1820-1898--Correspondence.

Cox, Samuel Sullivan, 1824-1889--Correspondence.

Emory, William H. (William Hemsley), 1811-1887--Correspondence.

Hichborn, Philip, 1839-1910--Correspondence.

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

Lowe, Edith Blinston, approximately 1877-

Lowe, John, 1838-1930.

Menocal, A. G. (Anicet Garcia), 1836-1908--Correspondence.

Thacher, Edwin, 1839-1920--Correspondence.

### Organizations

Despatch (Steamer)

Dolphin (Dispatch vessel)

Holland IV (Submarine torpedo boat)

New York (Cruiser)

Thetis (Steam whaler)

United States. Navy.

### Occupations

Naval officers.

## Provenance

The papers of John Lowe, naval officer, were given to the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1964 and converted to a gift in 1998.

## Processing History

The papers of John Lowe were arranged and described in 1974. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John Lowe is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

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

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1838, Dec. 11	Born, Liverpool, England
1860	Naturalized as United States citizen
1861	Appointed third assistant engineer, United States Navy
1861-1864	Duty in USS <i>Huron</i> , South Atlantic Blockading Squadron
1864-1866	Duty in USS <i>Shawmut</i> , North Atlantic Blockading Squadron
1867	Married Josephine Dyer
1867-1868	Duty at United States Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.
1870-1873	Duty in USS <i>Palos</i> , Asiatic Squadron
1874-1876	Duty in USS <i>Intrepid</i>
1876	Duty in USS <i>Despatch</i>
1882	Duty at United States Capitol
1883	Promoted to chief engineer
1884	Duty in USS <i>Bear</i> , Greely Relief Expedition
1885-1886	Duty in USS <i>Dolphin</i> , South Atlantic Station
1887-1889	Duty in USS <i>Thetis</i>
1892-1895	Duty in USS <i>New York</i>
1896	Duty as fleet engineer, Pacific Station
1898	First naval officer to have duty in submarine service in submarine torpedo boat
1899	Promoted to captain
1900	Retired, United States Navy
1911	Promoted to rear admiral, retroactive to 1900
1930, Aug. 28	Died, Putnam County, N.Y.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of John Lowe (1838-1930), naval officer, span the years 1860-1945, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1870-1898. The material consists of private journals, orders to duty, a scrapbook, and miscellaneous material.

The private journals contain personal entries, entries pertaining to ships' equipment, autograph letters, copies of letters, general orders, circulars, newspapers clippings, diagrams, photographs, and printed matter. Some of the journals have been edited by Lowe's daughter, Edith Blinston Lowe. The scrapbook contains newspaper clippings, typescript copies of articles, holograph notes, and reprints of Lowe's articles.

Among the correspondents in the journals are Daniel Ammen and Aniceto G. Menocal in the journal kept on the USS *Despatch*; Samuel Sullivan Cox, William H. Emory, and Edwin Thacher in the journal kept on the USS *Dolphin* and the USS *Thetis*; and Philip Hichbom in the journal kept on the USS *New York*. The journal kept on the submarine *Holland* contains copies of correspondence with John Davis Long.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

The collection is arranged by type of material.

## Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Private journal
BOX 1	Partly on USS <i>Despatch</i> , 1861-1885
BOX 1	USS <i>Palos</i> , 1870-1871
BOX 1	USS <i>Bear</i> , A. W. Greely Relief Expedition, 1884
BOX 1	USS <i>Dolphin</i> and USS <i>Thetis</i> , 1885-1887
BOX 2	USS <i>New York</i> , chiefly 1892-1893
BOX 2	Submarine torpedo boat <i>Holland</i> , 1898
BOX 2	Orders to duty, 1861-1897
BOX 3	Scrapbook, 1898-1908
BOX 3	Certificate of naturalization, 1860
BOX 3	Commissions, 1870-1911
BOX 3	Discharge papers, U.S. Army, 1861
BOX 3	Photograph of Lowe, 1893
BOX 3	Certificate of shares, American Telephone Co., 1906
BOX 3	Typescript of journal, USS <i>Bear</i> , A. W. Greely Relief Expedition, with emendations and additional material by Edity Blinston Lowe (daughter), 1945