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Collection Summary

Title: British Royal Navy Logbooks

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Creator: Great Britain. Royal Navy

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Summary: Logbooks and several related items documenting the movements and activities of British naval vessels on the African Station and the West Indies Station (after 1818 the North America and West Indies Station).

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.

Organizations

Asp (Sloop)
Astraea (Frigate)
Atalante (Sloop)
Avenger (Sloop)
Badger (Brig-sloop)
Barrosa (Frigate)
Belliqueux (Ship of the line)
Blazer (Gun-brig)
Bramble (Schooner)
Bustard (Brig-sloop)
Cadmus (Brig-sloop)
Ceres (Frigate)
Ceylon (Frigate)
Cheerful (Cutter)
Cheerly (Gun-brig)
Cleopatra (Frigate)
Comus (Post ship)
Contest (Gun-brig)
Echo (Wooden paddle vessel)
Great Britain. Royal Navy.
Great Britain. Royal Navy.
Great Britain. Royal Navy. African Squadron.
Great Britain. Royal Navy. America and West Indies Station.
Great Britain. Royal Navy. North American Station.
Great Britain. Royal Navy. West Indies Station.
Helicon (Brig-sloop)
Hyacinth (Sloop)
Iris (Frigate)
Jaseur (Brig-sloop)
Jupiter (Ship of the line)
Lyra (Brig-sloop)
Magnificent (Ship of the line)
Melville (Ship of the line)

Meteor (Wooden paddle vessel)
Moselle (Brig-sloop)
Mulgrave (Ship of the line)
Nautilus (Brig-sloop)
North Star (Post ship)
Nymph (Frigate)
Pandora (Packet brig)
Panther (Ship of the line)
Pembroke (Ship of the line)
Piercer (Gun-brig)
Pincher (Gun-brig)
Plantagenet (Ship of the line)
Pluto (Fireship)
Pylades (Sloop)
Racoon (Sloop)
Raisonnable (Ship of the line)
Resistance (Warship)
Resolute (Gun-brig)
Rover (Brig-sloop)
Rover (Sloop)
Russell (Ship of the line)
Safeguard (Gun-brig)
Samarang (Sloop)
Sceptre (Ship of the line)
Scylla (Brig-sloop)
Serpent (Brig-sloop)
Southampton (Frigate)
Sparrowhawk (Brig-sloop)
Spartan (Frigate)
Spey (Post ship)
Superb (Ship of the line)
Thunder (Bomb vessel)
Undaunted (Frigate)
Valiant (Ship of the line)
Valorous (Post ship)
Weazle (Brig-sloop)
Winchester (Frigate)
Zebra (Brig-sloop)

Subjects

Ship's papers--19th century.
Warships--Great Britain.

Places

Great Britain--History, Naval--19th century.

Provenance

The logbooks of the British Royal Navy were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1916.

Processing History

The collection was bound and housed circa 1970. The finding aid was revised in 2014.

Copyright Status

It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of domestic copyright laws and international treaties and conventions.

Access and Restrictions

The British Royal Navy Logbooks 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, British Royal Navy Logbooks, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The logbooks of the British Royal Navy span the years 1803-1840 and consist of logbooks and a few related items covering the movements and activities of British vessels on the African Station and West Indies Station (after 1818 the North American and West Indies Station).

Arrangement of the Papers

The logbooks are organized alphabetically by name of vessel with related documents and a few volumes filed out of sequence at the end of the collection.

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