

United States Coast Guard Historian's Office

A Register of Its Collection in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Collection of the United States Coast Guard Historian's Office

Span Dates: 1746-1951

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1800-1900)

ID No.: MSS85112

Creator: United States. Coast Guard. Historian's Office

Extent: 350 items; 5 containers; 2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English and Japanese

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Merchant's account books, draft and typescript of a book, government publications, and printed material. Also contains the autograph collection of William Ferguson Morgan.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Names:

United States. Coast Guard. Historian's Office

Buchanan, James, 1791-1868--Autographs

Clay, Henry, 1777-1852--Correspondence

Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908--Autographs

Fillmore, Millard, 1800-1874--Autographs

Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885--Autographs

Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964--Autographs

Monroe, James, 1758-1831--Autographs

Polk, James K. (James Knox), 1795-1849--Autographs

Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862 --Autographs

Hughes, Riley. Our Coast guard academy, a history and guide by Riley Hughes (1944)

Morgan, William Ferguson. Autograph collection of William Ferguson Morgan (1746-1938)

Smith, Ebenezer, fl. 1797-1840. Account books of Ebenezer Smith (1797-1840)

Subjects:

Arts

Autographs

Businesspeople--Autographs

Politicians--United States--Autographs

Presidents--United States--Autographs

United States--Armed Forces

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The collection of the United States Coast Guard Historian's Office was transferred to the Library of Congress by the historian's office in 2004.

Transfers:

Two posters have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of U.S. Coast Guard Historian's Office is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Collection of the U.S. Coast Guard Historian's Office, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The collection of the United States Coast Guard Historian's Office spans the years 1746-1951, with the bulk of the material dating from 1800-1900. The papers contain a merchant's account books, an autograph collection, production material for a book, government publications, and printed matter.

The collection contains three account books. Two were kept by Ebenezer Smith, a general merchant, between 1797 and 1840 and the other, dated 1746-1748, was kept by an unidentified tailor.

A collection of autographs compiled by William Ferguson Morgan consists of clipped signatures and letters. Included are American presidents James Buchanan, Grover A. Cleveland, Millard Fillmore, Ulysses S. Grant, Herbert Hoover, James Monroe, James K. Polk, and Martin Van Buren. Also represented are leading figures in politics, business, the military, and the arts. Of note is a letter dated 1846 from Henry Clay regarding the death of his son.

The books section contains a draft, typescript, and galley proof of *Our Coast Guard Academy* written by Riley Hughes in 1943. The government publications are primarily reports from the secretary of the treasury. Printed matter includes a 1909 presidential inaugural souvenir booklet. The collection also contains a 1928 photograph of the first geodetic West Coast survey ship and a photograph of a compressed air plant in Preston, Connecticut, taken in 1906.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Account books
BOX 1	Smith, Ebenezer, 1797-1840 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Unidentified tailor, 1746-1748
BOX 1	Autograph collection of William Ferguson Morgan
BOX 1	Album 1
BOX 1	Index, n.d.
BOX 1	A-C, 1818-1931 (2 folders)
BOX 2	D-V, 1746, 1821-1938 (8 folders)
BOX 2	Unidentified, n.d.
BOX 2	Album 2, 1863-1879
BOX 2	Bill of lading, Confederate States Mail Line, 1865
BOX 2	Books
BOX 2	<i>The American Annual Register</i> , 1796
BOX 3	Evans, Stephen H., <i>The United States Coast Guard</i> , Japanese translation, 1951
BOX 3	Hughes, Riley, <i>Our Coast Guard Academy</i>
BOX 3	Draft, n.d. (5 folders)
BOX 3	Typescript, 1943
BOX 3	Chapters 1-3 (2 folders)
BOX 4	Chapters 4-6 (2 folders)
BOX 4	Guide
BOX 4	Galley proof, 1943
BOX 4	Government publications
BOX 4	1791-1803, 1811-1816 (4 folders)
BOX 5	1821-1823, 1834-1839
BOX 5	Land deeds, 1825, 1836
BOX 5	Newspapers
BOX 5	<i>East Argus</i> , Portland, Maine, 1809-1810
BOX 5	Japanese, n.d.
BOX 5	<i>New-York Enquirer</i> , 1857
BOX 5	<i>The Sun</i> , reprint of 1833 edition, 1933
BOX 5	Photographs, 1906, 1928
BOX 5	Printed matter, 1797-1912, n.d. (2 folders)
BOX 5	Seaman's identification paper, 1819