

# Harwood Family Papers

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# Collection Summary

Title: Harwood Family Papers

Span Dates: 1767-1940

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1767-1890)

ID No.: MSS25213

Creator: Harwood family

Extent: 1 microfilm reel

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: Correspondence, documents, autographs, maps, and signed photographs relating to the naval career of A. A. Harwood (1802-1884), his collection of historical material, and papers of other members of the Harwood family.

## 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.

### People

Arnold, Benedict, 1741-1801.

Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850.

Franklin, Benjamin, 1706-1790.

Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804.

Harwood family.

Harwood, A. A. (Andrew Allen), 1802-1884.

Harwood, Franklin Bache, b. 1876.

Harwood, Lee Lewis.

Harwood, Margaret Spencer Wilson, 1883-1964.

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865.

Madison, Dolley, 1768-1849.

Pierce, Franklin, 1804-1869.

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

Washington, George, 1732-1799.

Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852.

Wilson, George Spencer, b. 1842.

### Organizations

United States. Navy.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The microfilm of the papers of the Harwood family from originals in the Department of Special Collections and University Archives, Stanford University Libraries, Stanford, California, was purchased by the Library of Congress in 1969.

### Processing History

The finding aid to the collection was created circa 1970 and revised in 2009.

## Other Repositories

The originals of this collection are held by the Department of Special Collections and University Archives, Stanford University Libraries, Stanford, Calif.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Harwood family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The records of the Harwood family 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.

## Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on one reel. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Reel number, Harwood Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Andrew Allen Harwood (1802-1884) was a naval officer and great grandson of Benjamin Franklin. He began his career with an appointment as midshipman of the *Saranac* (gun brig) in 1818. In 1862, during the Civil War, he was appointed commodore of the Potomac Flotilla. He published *The Law and Practice of United States Naval Courts-martial* (New York: D. Van Nostrand, 1867) and retired as a rear admiral in 1874.

## Scope and Content Note

The microfilm of the papers of the Harwood family from originals in the Stanford University Library, Stanford, California, contains correspondence, autographs, maps, and signed photographs relating to the naval career of A. A. Harwood (1802-1884), his collection of historical materials, and papers of other members of the Harwood family. The collection spans the years 1767-1940, with the bulk from 1767 to 1890. Persons represented include Benedict Arnold, John C. Calhoun, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, Franklin Bache Harwood, Lee Lewis Harwood, Margaret Spencer Wilson Harwood, Abraham Lincoln, Dolley Madison, Franklin Pierce, James K. Polk, George Washington, Daniel Webster, and George Spencer Wilson.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

# Container List

Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 14,546

| <i>Container</i> | <i>Contents</i>                                                                                              |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| REEL 1           | Correspondence and miscellaneous documents, 1767-1940, undated<br>(10 folders)                               |
| REEL 1           | Bound volumes                                                                                                |
| REEL 1           | Letter and copybook, copies of letters sent, and poems by John L. Harwood,<br>1803-1806                      |
| REEL 1           | Logbook kept by A. A. Harwood on the <i>Constitution</i> (frigate), 1826, Mar.<br>21-1827, June 10           |
| REEL 1           | Inspection book, ordnance, maintained by Captain L. Powell at the<br>Washington Navy Yard, 1846-1847         |
| REEL 1           | General orders, <i>Congress</i> (frigate: 1794-1834), probably inscribed by<br>Stephen B. Luce, 1820, May 18 |