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Guide to the

**William M. Clarke journal kept on board the U.S.S. President and U.S.S. Argus**

1812-1813

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## Summary

**Creator:** Clarke, William M. (William Malpas)

**Title:** William M. Clarke journal kept on board the U.S.S. President and U.S.S. Argus

**Date:** 1812-1813

**Size:** .08 linear feet (1 volume)

**Abstract:** William M. Clarke, surgeon's mate in the United States Navy, kept this journal on board the U.S.S. President (a frigate) and the U.S.S. Argus (a brig), entering daily sick reports along with a brief log of the weather, names of vessels sighted and captured, and other information. Entries for the U.S.S. President date from May 25-September 25, 1812 and for the U.S.S. Argus date from September 25, 1812 through April 23, 1813. The journal includes occasional pen sketches, and a monthly report of diseases on board the President from February through July 1812 is inserted

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## Key Terms

### Subjects

Diseases  
Medicine, Military  
Medicine, Naval  
Weather

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Journals (accounts)  
Medical records  
Sketches

### Geographic Names

United States -- History -- War of 1812 -- Naval operations

### Names

Clarke, William M. (William Malpas)  
Argus (Brig)  
President (Frigate)  
United States. Navy