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Guide to the

**Stevens Iron Clad Battery**

1862, 1870-1871

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## Summary

**Creator:** Stevens, Edwin A. (Edwin Augustus), 1795-1868

**Title:** Stevens Iron Clad Battery

**Date:** 1862, 1870-1871

**Size:** .21 linear feet (1 box)

**Abstract:** Edwin Augustus Stevens (1795-1868) was an American engineer and inventor. In 1838, Stevens and his brother Robert designed and constructed the first iron-clad naval vessel in the nation, the Stevens Battery. Although never completed, the Stevens Battery laid the groundwork for modern naval warships. The collection consists of a printed copy of a memorial to Congress from Edwin A. Stevens regarding Stevens Battery; correspondence with the executors of Stevens' estate; Plans, specifications, and drawings for completion of the ship; and an agreement between commissioners for the state of New Jersey and executors of Stevens' estate for the sale of the ship.

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## Key Terms

### Subjects

Armored vessels -- Design and construction -- United States

Armored vessels -- United States -- History -- 19th century

### Occupations

Engineers -- United States -- 19th century

Inventors -- United States -- 19th century

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Ships plans

### Names

Stevens, Edwin A. (Edwin Augustus), 1795-1868

Stevens, Robert Livingston, 1787-1856

Stevens Battery (Ship)