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Guide to the

**Argus logbook**

1813

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## Summary

**Creator:** Argus (Brig)

**Title:** Argus logbook

**Date:** 1813

**Size:** .13 linear feet (1 volume)

**Abstract:** This logbook was kept on board the Argus, a United States Navy ship commanded by Brigadier William H. Allen. Entries date from April 7-August 1, 1813 and describe cruising in Long Island Sound and past Sandy Hook, New Jersey and the Battery (southern tip of Manhattan Island); sailing for L'Orient, France on June 19th with William H. Crawford, America's Minister to France, on board; burning the British schooner Salamanca; traveling from L'Orient to Groix and Scilly islands; cruising in the English Channel; and capturing the schooner Matilda and the brig Richard. Log entries end while Argus was in the Irish Sea, two weeks before she was taken by the British ship HMS Pelican

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## Key Terms

### Geographic Names

English Channel

Groix (France)

Isles of Scilly (England)

Lorient (France)

United States -- History -- War of 1812

### Subjects

Logbooks

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Ships' logs

### Names

Argus (Brig)

Allen, William Henry, 1784-1813  
Crawford, William Harris, 1772-1834  
Matilda (Schooner : 1784)  
Richard (Brig)  
Salamanca (Schooner)  
United States. Navy