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Guide to the

Homer Crane Blake papers

1840-1871

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Summary

Creator: Blake, Homer Crane, 1822-1880

Title: Homer Crane Blake papers

Date: 1840-1871

Size: .6 linear feet (2 boxes)

Source: Gift, Hearn, Joseph, 1920

Abstract: Homer Crane Blake (1822-1880) was a U.S. naval officer. Collection consists of correspondence and other papers relating to Commodore Blake's service in the United States Navy. Includes official letterbook relating to affairs in Africa, China, Cochin China, Japan, and particularly the American mission to establish treaty relations with Korea, 1869-1872; reports of actions of American naval forces against Korean forts (1871); journal kept aboard the U.S.S. Alaska, with observations on currents, weather and other subjects, from New York to Korea via Africa, Cochin China, Japan, and China; scrapbook of clippings and other papers concerning action of the U.S.S. Hatteras with the C.S.S. Alabama in 1862; scrapbook containing material on Homer Kirtland Flanagan Blake as a member of the Class of 1875 at Columbia College; and autographs of many United States Navy officers and other government officials.

Access: Advance notice required.

Alternative Form Available: Entire collection available on microfilm; New York Public Library

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Appointment books
Diaries
Scrapbooks

Geographic Names

Confederate States of America -- History, Naval
Korea -- History -- 1864-1910
United States -- Foreign relations -- Africa
United States -- Foreign relations -- China
United States -- Foreign relations -- Japan
United States -- Foreign relations -- Korea
United States -- Foreign relations -- Vietnam
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Naval operations

Subjects

Fortification -- Korea
Meteorology -- Observations
Ocean currents
Warships -- United States

Occupations

Sailors

Names

Blake, Homer Crane, 1822-1880
Blake, Homer Kirtland Flanagan
Alabama (Screw sloop)
Alaska (Ship)
Columbia College (New York, N.Y.)
Confederate States of America. Navy
Hatteras (Ship)
United States. Navy