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Guide to the

**Charles Blue diary kept on board the U.S.S. Vandalia**

1853-1856

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## Summary

**Creator:** Blue, Charles

**Title:** Charles Blue diary kept on board the U.S.S. Vandalia

**Date:** 1853-1856

**Size:** .31 linear feet (1 volume, 1 folder)

**Abstract:** The U.S. Sloop of War Vandalia set sail on February 14, 1853 and joined Commodore Matthew C. Perry's East Indies Squadron. She was present at Perry's historic entrance into Tokyo Bay on February 13, 1854 and in 1855 helped to protect American interests in China during the Taiping Rebellion. Vandalia was decommissioned at the Portsmouth Navy Yard on September 30, 1856.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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## Key Terms

### Geographic Names

Cape of Good Hope (South Africa)

China -- History -- Taiping Rebellion, 1850-1864

Christmas Island (Indian Ocean)

Japan -- Description and travel

Japan -- Foreign relations -- United States  
Macau (China : Special Administrative Region)  
Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)  
Ryukyu Islands -- Description and travel  
Shanghai (China) -- Description and travel  
Singapore  
United States -- Foreign relations -- Japan

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Diaries  
Travel sketches

**Names**

Blue, Charles  
Perry, Matthew Calbraith, 1794-1858  
United States Naval Expedition to Japan (1852-1854)  
United States. Navy  
Vandalia (Sloop of war)