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Title DAVID CONNER. Papers

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Description DAVID CONNER was born in 1792 and died in 1856. He was the son of an Irish immigrant who settled in Pennsylvania about 1750. After a brief period working for his brother, Conner became a midshipman in 1809 and thereafter served on various ships. He was taken prisoner by the British in 1812 and exchanged. In 1815 he was made a First Lieutenant, was wounded, and received two Congressional medals. In 1817-1818 he was on board the USS Ontario which took possession of Oregon, and rounded Cape Horn on the brig Dolphin. In 1834 he commanded the USS Adams in the Mediterranean Fleet, and was commissioned Captain the following year. He was appointed in 1841 to serve on a board of Commissioners to test and evaluate guns, and also served on the Board of Examiners. In September of 1842 he was made chief of the newly created Bureau of Construction, Equipment, and Repair. Late in 1843 he was given command of the Home Squadron in the Gulf of Mexico. During the war with Mexico he was publicly criticized for not mounting a coordinated, consistent, and aggressive war in the Gulf. In March of 1847 the seriously ill Conner turned over his squadron to his second in command, Matthew Perry. After recuperation in Florida he served as Commandant of the Philadelphia Navy Yard. In 1855 he was placed on the Reserve List and died shortly afterwards.

The papers consist of correspondence, chiefly incoming, from Secretaries of the Navy, naval bureaucrats, ships' officers, crew members, U.S. (cont. page 2)

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Consuls, foreign diplomats and captains of ships in Conner's squadron, which reflect his activities as a subordinate officer, Navy Commissioner, chief of the Bureau of Construction, Equipment, and Repair, Commander of U.S. naval forces in the Gulf of Mexico during the war with Mexico, and as commandant of the naval base at Philadelphia. There are also official Navy Department instructions, sailing orders, diplomatic papers, instructions, secret intelligence reports, records of courts-martial, crew lists, and other papers dealing with preparation for combat, deployment of ships, political conditions, and naval routines.

DAVID CONNER PAPERS

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CORRESPONDENCE

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| 12 | 1846, September 14 - October 31 |
| 13 | 1846, November - December |
| 14 | 1847, January - 1856, n.d. |
| 15-19 | Sailing order, diplomatic papers, Navy Department instructions and communiques, secret intelligence reports, supply lists, crew lists, records of court-martials, and other papers dealing with naval routines. |

CONNER, DAVID 1792-1856.

Papers, 1816-1856. 19 Boxes.

American naval officer. Correspondence, 1816-1856, chiefly incoming, from Secretaries of the Navy, naval bureaucrats, ships' officers, crew members, U.S. Consuls, foreign diplomats, and captains of ships in Conner's fleet, reflecting his activities as a subordinate officer, ship's commander, Navy Commissioner, chief of the Bureau of Construction, Equipment, and Repair, Commander of U.S. naval forces in the Gulf of Mexico during the war with Mexico, and as commandant of the Naval Base of Philadelphia. There are also some official Navy Department instructions, sailing orders, diplomatic papers, instructions, secret intelligence reports, records of court-martials, crew lists, and other papers dealing with preparation for war, deployment of ships, political conditions, and naval routines.

Correspondents include Secretaries of the Navy George Bancroft, John Branch, Mahlon Dickerson, David Henshaw, John Mason, James K. Paulding, Samuel Southard, Smith Thompson, Abel P. Upshaw, and Levi Woodbury; Secretary of State James Buchanan; and Matthew C. Perry, who was Conner's second in command in the Gulf of Mexico and succeeded him as commander of naval forces there.

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