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Location

ANNEX
5-G-4

Title U.S. NAVY-U.S. STEAMER "PASSAIC "
RECORDS

Approximate inclusive dates 1862-1866

Date of receipt

Received from

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 3 FB, 2 pkgs.

Condition Good

Restrictions None

Description

The U.S. Monitor " Passaic " was an ironclad steamer in the service of the United States Navy during the Civil War. It took part in the bombardment of the Charleston Harbor in April of 1863. The " Passaic " was hit 35 times but did not sink. It was launched on August 30, 1862 and commissioned on November 25, 1862. Percival Drayton served as its first captain. The hull was built by the engineer and inventor John Ericsson who was also the builder and designer of the " Monitor ". For the construction of the " Passaic " he subcontracted the Continental Iron Works of Greenpoint, N.Y. and the DelaMeter Iron Works of New York City. The service speed of the " Passaic " was 6 knots.

The collection consists of correspondence to the Asst. Paymaster of the " Passaic ", Jesse Woodbury, from high officials of the Navy Dept. and the Treasury Dept. (1862-63). There are a few letters from Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy. This series includes the official correspondence of the U.S. Steamer " Sacramento "(1864-66). Also included are the proceedings of a court martial on the " Passaic " on Oct. 7, 1863. There are many abstracts of small stores(1862-63), vouchers for clothing and money(1862-1863) and officer's orders and accounts(1862-63). Present are transfer accounts(1862-63), ratings(1861-64), reports and statements(1862-63). One can also find ship's messes(1863) and muster rolls(1862-63). In the collection are two packages of similar material. The first package contains the paymaster's letterbook(Oct.1862-Dec.1863), accounts of the medical dept.(1862-63), registers of allotments(1862) which includes that of the U.S. Gunboat " Chocura " and receipts of pay and provisions received(1862-63). The general muster book of the " Passaic "(Sept. 1862-Oct. 1863) comprises the second package.

Special Formats Photographs Maps Audio Tapes Films Graphics
 Artifacts Machine-readable records
 Other (list) _____

Temporary catalog card added entries

United States. Navy-Supplies & Stores

United States. Navy-Pay, allowances etc.

United States-History--Civil War---Supplies

United States. Navy-Courts Martial & Courts of Inquiry

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U.S. NAVY-IRONCLADS-PASSAIC

CONTAINER LIST

- Box 1 Official correspondence; proceedings of a court martial.
- Box 2 Abstracts of small stores; vouchers for clothing .
- Box 3 Transfer accounts; returns; reports; statements; vouchers for money; ship's messes; muster rolls; ratings; orders and accounts of officers.
- Pkg. 1 Paymaster's letter book; Accounts of Medical Dept.; register of allotments(US Gunboat " Chocura "); receipts of pay received; register of allotments (US Str. " Passaic "); provisions received.
[7 volumes in all]
- Pkg. 2 General muster book, U.S. Ironclad Str. " Passaic "