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1880-1923

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English

Abstract

This collection consists of a journal written by Edward Paul Duffy during his time on the U.S.S. *Trenton* while sailing in the Mediterranean Sea in 1880-1881.

Extent

.5 Linear Feet

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1 Items

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Biographical / Historical

Edward Paul Duffy was born in Maryland on February 13, 1855. He enlisted in 1879 and was a soldier aboard the U.S.S. *Trenton*, where his primary work was as a printer. While sailing, Duffy printed the Trenton Herald, a twice monthly newspaper for the officers and crew. Duffy also served as a correspondent for the Baltimore Sun, writing about the activities of the European Squadron as well as his experiences in various Mediterranean cities. The *Trenton* sailed back to the United States for the centennial celebration at Yorktown, but Duffy was honorably discharged after 2 years of service, discontinuing his journal upon reaching the Chesapeake Bay. In 1907, he celebrated 25 years as a marine reporter for the Sun, as documented in an article published in The Editor & Publisher on February 2, 1907. Per the article on page 5, "Duffy is a Baltimore institution and not merely a marine reporter.... He is known to every skipper who has been in Baltimore during the last quarter of a century." Duffy passed away on February 13, 1933.

Scope and Contents

Like similar ship's logs, Duffy's journal includes records of the daily weather and the ship's location as well as activities aboard the ship and of visits to cities, including Madeira and Villefranche. He also included clippings from both the Herald and the Sun along with other examples of his shipboard printing. From clippings pasted to the front board, Duffy portrays himself as a pioneer of American amphibious printing with an estimated audience of close to one thousand readers. Duffy frequently notes his press and letters or activities related to it, including printing a program for the Snowflakes pre-Christmas show in 1880. The journal also includes a few clippings from 1923.

Keywords

Logbook

United States. Navy -- Enlisted

Printers -- United States

Printing at sea

United States. Navy -- Journals (Diaries)

Mediterranean Sea

Physical Characteristics

Quarto, contemporary three-quarter calf and paper boards; spine nonexistent at foot. Calf significantly rubbed, missing in most places. Boards rubbed, loose; text clean, brittle but loosely bound with some pages loose. Text in good condition. Housed in cloth clamshell case, leather label.

Arrangement

This collection consists of 1 item.

Description of Subordinate Components

Journal

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Text 1 (box)

Container 1 (object)

Extent 1 Items