

H. C. Taylor Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: H. C. Taylor Papers

Span Dates: 1862-1904

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1897-1900)

ID No.: MSS53249

Creator: Taylor, H. C. (Henry Clay), 1845-1904

Extent: 300 items ; 1 container ; 0.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Naval officer. Correspondence, diary, writings, photographs, and printed matter relating chiefly to the Spanish-American War and to Taylor's command of the U.S.S. *Indiana* (steamer).

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Dewey, George, 1837-1917--Correspondence.

Lemley, Samuel C.--Correspondence.

Luce, Stephen Bleecker, 1827-1917--Correspondence.

Rodgers, C. R. P. (Christopher Raymond Perry), 1819-1892--Correspondence.

Sampson, William Thomas, 1840-1902--Correspondence.

Taylor, H. C. (Henry Clay), 1845-1904.

Organizations

Indiana (Battleship : BB-1)

United States. Navy--History--Spanish-American War, 1898.

Subjects

Spanish-American War, 1898--Naval operations.

Occupations

Naval officers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of H. C. Taylor, naval officer, were deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1954 and converted to a gift in 1998.

Processing History

The collection was processed in 1970. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of H.C. Taylor is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of H.C. Taylor are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, H. C. Taylor Papers, Naval Historical Foundation Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1845, Mar. 4	Born, Washington, D.C.
1863	Graduated, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1863	Duty in USS <i>Shenandoah</i> (screw sloop of war) North Atlantic Blockading Squadron
1864	Duty in USS <i>Iroquois</i> (steam sloop of war)
1866	Duty in USS <i>Rhode Island</i> (side-wheel steamer), North Atlantic Squadron
1867	Duty in USS <i>Susquehanna</i> (side-wheel steamer), North Atlantic Squadron
1868	Duty in USS <i>Guard</i> (supply ship), European Fleet
1869-1872	Instructor of mathematics, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1872	Duty in USS <i>Saranac</i> (side-wheel sloop of war), North Pacific Station
1874	Commanded USS <i>Hassler</i> (steamer)
1878	Duty as equipment officer, Washington Navy Yard
1880	Commanded USS <i>Saratoga</i> (sloop of war)
1885	Special duty in New York Navy Yard
1889	Commanded USS <i>Alliance</i> (screw gunboat), Asiatic Squadron
1892	Special duty, State Department, Madrid, Spain
1893-1896	President, Naval War College and Torpedo School, Newport, R.I.
1897-1899	Commanded USS <i>Indiana</i> (battleship)
1900	Commanded USS <i>Vermont</i> (ship of the line)
1901	Promoted to rear admiral
1902	Chief, Bureau of Navigation
1904	Duty in USS <i>Mayflower</i> (steam yacht), as chief of staff to the admiral of the navy
1904, July 26	Died, Copper Cliff, Ontario, Canada

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Henry Clay Taylor (1845-1904) span the years 1862-1904, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1897-1900. The collection consists of correspondence; Taylor's writings, including an unpublished novel, "Naroonya"; printed matter pertaining to the Spanish-American War; and photographs. The major portion of the correspondence consists of copies of letters written when Taylor commanded the USS *Indiana* (battleship).

Prominent correspondents include George Dewey, Samuel C. Lemley, Stephen Bleeker Luce, C. R. P. Rodgers, and William Thomas Sampson.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is organized by type of material.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1862-1904
BOX 1	Diary, copy, 1890
BOX 1	Writings
BOX 1	<i>The Inter-oceanic Canal of Nicaragua</i> (Yokohama: Yokohama Printing & Publishing Co., 1891)
BOX 1	"The Future of Our Navy," <i>The Forum</i> , Mar. 1899
BOX 1	Unpublished manuscript, "Naroonya," undated
BOX 1	Verse, 1885-1899
BOX 1	Miscellany
BOX 1	Biographical file, undated
BOX 1	Inventory of the furniture and effects of the late Franck Taylor, 1895
BOX 1	Newspaper clippings, 1900
BOX 1	Photographs, undated
BOX 1	Printed matter, 1898