

Bladen Dulany Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Bladen Dulany Papers

Span Dates: 1817-1855

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1851-1854)

ID No.: MSS52779

Creator: Dulany, Bladen, 1792-1856

Extent: 500 items ; 5 containers ; 2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Summary: Naval officer. Correspondence, journals, orders to duty, bills, receipts, inventories, and printed matter relating primarily to Dulany's tour of duty in 1852-1855 as commander of the Pacific Squadron.

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

Bancroft, George, 1800-1891--Correspondence.

Boyd, Benjamin, 1803?-1851.

Case, Augustus Ludlow, 1813-1893--Correspondence.

Clay, John Randolph, 1808-1885--Correspondence.

Colhoun, Edmund Ross, 1821-1897--Correspondence.

Crane, William Montgomery, 1784-1846--Correspondence.

Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889--Correspondence.

Dornin, Thomas A. (Thomas Aloysius), 1800-1874--Correspondence.

Downing, Samuel W.

Dulany, Bladen, 1792-1856.

Graham, William A. (William Alexander), 1804-1875--Correspondence.

Harris, William A., -1881--Correspondence.

Hunter, William W.--Correspondence.

Kennedy, John Pendleton, 1795-1870--Correspondence.

McCauley, Charles S. (Charles Stewart), 1793-1869--Correspondence.

Salter, William D., 1795-1869--Correspondence.

Severance, Luther, 1797-1855--Correspondence.

Sharp, Solomon, -1870--Correspondence.

Sinclair, William A. (William Albert), -1858--Correspondence.

Smith, Thomas (British soldier), active 1820.

Smith, Waters--Correspondence.

Ward, Thomas William, 1807-1872--Correspondence.

White, Philo, 1796-1883--Correspondence.

Williams, John Brown, 1810-1860--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States. Navy. Pacific Squadron.

Subjects

Americans--Chile.

Americans--Mexico.

Americans--Peru.

Dueling.

Places

Chile--Foreign relations--United States.

Chincha Islands (Peru)--History.
Hawaii--Annexation to the United States.
Hawaii--Foreign relations--United States.
Mexico--Foreign relations--United States.
Peru--Foreign relations--Spain.
Peru--Foreign relations--United States.
Peru--History--Spanish question, 1864.
Spain--Foreign relations--Peru.
United States--Foreign relations--Chile.
United States--Foreign relations--Hawaii.
United States--Foreign relations--Mexico.
United States--Foreign relations--Peru.

Occupations

Naval officers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Bladen Dulany, naval officer, were deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1949 and converted to a gift in 1998.

Processing History

The papers of Bladen Dulany were arranged and described in 1969. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Additional Guides

In 1970 the Library published *Bladen Dulany, Gustavus R. B. Horner, Daniel Todd Patterson: A Register of Their Papers in the Library of Congress*.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

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Preferred Citation

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

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1792	Born, Virginia
1809	Appointed midshipman; duty in USS <i>Essex</i>
1812	Duty in USF <i>Constellation</i>
1813	Promoted to lieutenant; duty in USS <i>Erie</i>

1814	Duty in USF <i>St. Lawrence</i>
1815	Duty in USS <i>Chippewa</i>
1816	Duty in USF <i>Independence</i>
1818	Duty in USS <i>Guerriere</i>
1825	Duty in USS <i>Brandywine</i>
1827	Duty in USS <i>Java</i>
1836	Duty in USS <i>Boston</i>
1841	Promoted to captain
1843	Duty in USS <i>North Carolina</i>
1845	Duty in USS <i>Cumberland</i>
1852	Duty as commander of the Pacific Squadron
1856, Dec. 26	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Bladen Dulany (1792-1856) span the years 1817-1855, with the bulk of the material falling in the period 1851-1854. They consist of journals, a letterbook, official correspondence, orders to duty, bills, receipts and inventories, and printed matter.

The papers are concerned primarily with Dulany's duty as commander of the Pacific Squadron from 1852 to 1855. Extensive official correspondence consists of original letters as well as copies of letters sent and received. Prominent among Dulany's correspondents are Augustus Ludlow Case, John Randolph Clay, Edmund Ross Colhoun, William Montgomery Crane, Jefferson Davis, Thomas A. Dornin, William A. Graham, William A. Harris, William W. Hunter, John Pendleton Kennedy, Charles S. McCauley, William D. Salter, Luther Severance, Solomon Sharp, William A. Sinclair, Waters Smith, Thomas William Ward, Philo White, and John Brown Williams.

Among the subjects documented in the papers are Dulany's investigation of the duel between Samuel W. Downing and Thomas Smith at Gibraltar in 1820; correspondence with George Bancroft concerning Dulany's furloughs; and Dulany's tour of duty as commander of the South Pacific Squadron during which time he had to deal with such matters as Peru's territorial claims to the Chincha Islands; harassment of American traders, merchants, and seamen by Chilean, Peruvian, and Mexican government officials; a proposal that the United States annex the Hawaiian Islands; and the United States State Department's request for the squadron to assist the British in the search for Benjamin Boyd at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is organized by type of material.

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