Guide to the William Whittemore Low Ships' Logs

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CREATOR:	Low, William Whittemore, 1823-1877
TITLE:	William Whittemore Low ships' logs
DATES:	1822-1876
BULK DATES:	1841–1876
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:	1.25 linear feet (6 boxes)
LANGUAGE:	English (Latin script)
SUMMARY:	Fifteen manuscript ships' logs, letter books, and other notes kept by William Whittemore Low while serving various assignments aboard United States Navy vessels, 1822-1876 (bulk 1841-1876). Ships represented include the *USS Franklin, USS Missouri, USS Decatur, USS Columbus, USS Portsmouth, USS Octorara, USS Oneida, USS Mohican,* and *USS Tennessee*. Logs for the *USS Decatur* and *USS Portsmouth* were created during the ships' patrol of the African coast to suppress the slave trade. Logs for the *USS Octorara* and *USS Oneida* were created during the ships' use in the American Civil War.
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b.   box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

William Whittemore Low (1823-1877), United States Naval officer.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

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b. 1	*USS Franklin* and *USS Missouri* ship log	1822, 1841 April-1842 September
	Volume used both by Commodore Charles Stewart aboard the *USS Franklin* and by Low aboard the *USS Missouri*.	
b. 2	*USS Decatur* ship log	1843 June-1845 January
b. 3	*USS Columbus* ship log	1845 April-1847 April
b. 4	*USS Portsmouth* morning report of prisoners	1848-1851
b. 5	*USS Octorara* ship log	1863 September-1864 March
b. 5	*USS Oneida* ship log	1864 May-1865 January
b. 5	*USS Mohican* ship log	1871 February-December
b. 5	*USS Mohican* ship log	1871 December-1872 May
b. 5	*USS Mohican* letter book	1871 December-1872 June
b. 6	*USS Tennessee* ship log	1875 June-August
b. 6	*USS Tennessee* letter book	1875 June-1876 April
b. 6	[*USS Tennessee*] ship log	1875 August-1876 April
b. 6	*USS Tennessee* letter book	1875 June, 1876 April-September
b. 6	[*USS Tennessee*] ship log	1876 April-June
b. 6	Miscellaneous notes on altitudes	undated

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.

Genres / Formats

Letter books
Ships' logs

Subjects

Sailors -- United States
Slave trade -- Africa

Occupations

Sailors -- United States -- 19th century

Geographic Names

United States -- History -- 1861-1865 -- Naval operations
United States -- History -- 1861-1865 -- Personal narratives

Corporate Bodies

Columbus (Ship of the line)
Decatur (Sloop of war)
Franklin (Sloop)
Missouri (Sloop)
Mohican (Sloop of war)
Octorara (Side-wheel steamer)
Oneida (Sloop of war)
Portsmouth (Sloop of war)
Tennessee (Side-wheel steamer)
United States. Navy