

Guide to the Alexander Orr Vietor Collection

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 542

CREATOR: Vietor, Alexander O.

TITLE: Alexander Orr Vietor collection

DATES: 1774-1956

BULK DATES: 1815-1867

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection consists of ships' logs, nineteenth-century cargo manifests of Connecticut ships on fishing voyages, and the papers of ships sailing to the West Indies for rum and sugar and to the Antarctic on sealing expeditions. Also included are miscellaneous legal documents related to ships and shipping and a group of ten letters to Captain George W. Lee or to members of his family (1811-1833). Among the writers is Asa Fitch. Charts, writings on voyages to the Antarctic, including an essay by Alexander O. Vietor, copies of "The Voyage of the Huron and the Huntress" by Edouard A. Stackpole and a small amount of Vietor's correspondence concerning the logbook of the ship, Huron, complete the collection.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Alexander O. Vietor, 1940-1956.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Logbook of the ship Huron of New Haven, Connecticut is available on microfilm. Patrons must use FILM HM 21 instead of originals.

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Preferred Citation

Alexander Orr Vietor Collection. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Existence and Location of Copies

Logbook of the ship Huron of New Haven, Connecticut, is available on microfilm, (3 reels, 35mm.) from Scholarly Resources, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware.

Biographical / Historical

Alexander O. Vietor (1913-1981): associate of naval architecture firm of Cox & Stevens in New York, 1937-1940; in 1941 became assistant to Yale University director of Art Gallery; in 1943 named curator of maps at Yale; from 1948-1950, secretary of Yale Council on Libraries and Museums.

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Collection Contents

b. 1, reel 2	reel 2U Logbook of the ship Huron of New Haven, Connecticut Logbook of the ship Huron of New Haven, Connecticut, is available on microfilm. Patrons must use FILM HM 21 instead of originals.	1821 January 18-1822 April 27
b. 2, f. 1	Correspondence of A. O. Vietor re: the logbook of the ship <i>Huron</i>	1952-1956
b. 2, f. 2	"New Haveners in the Antarctic" by A. O. Vietor [manuscript] English	1953
b. 2, f. 3	<i>The Voyage of the Huron and the Huntress</i> by Edouard A. Stackpole [two copies]	1955
b. 2, f. 4	Miscellaneous writings by various authors re: the discovery of Antarctica	1954-1955
b. 2, f. 4	Clippings from the <i>New Haven Register</i> re: A. O. Vietor and the logbook of the ship	1956 March 25
b. 2, f. 4	Chart of the North and South Atlantic Ocean	undated
b. 2, f. 5	"A Statement showing the location, latitude, longitude, elevation... of the light-houses in Long Island Sound..." English	1830 July 15
b. 2, f. 6	Petitions and depositions to Judge William Bristol on behalf of Samuel G. Stanton (ADD II)	1840 November
b. 2, f. 7	Logbook of the ship <i>Ploughboy</i> (ADD III)	1803 June 9-1804 April 14
b. 2, f. 8	Miscellaneous repair and other receipts for various vessels (ADD IV)	1774, 1814, 1829
b. 2, f. 9	Transcript from the journal of the U.S. Revenue Cutter <i>Wolcott</i> (ADD V)	1838-1841
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b. 2, f. 10	Three letters to Peter Force (ADD VI)	1815, 1827, 1834
b. 2, f. 10	Miscellaneous legal and financial papers re: ships and shipping (ADD VI)	1799-1833
b. 2, f. 11	Notes to various persons from Alexander James Dallas (1791-1844) (ADD VII)	1835
b. 2, f. 11	Letter with bill of lading to Messrs. Seth Low & Co. from Robert Brookhouse (ADD VII)	1838 July 5
b. 2, f. 11	Order to Messrs. Baldwin & Co. from Wichelhausen & Achelis (ADD VII)	1839 May 24
b. 2, f. 12	Compendio de Naveg[aci]on [manuscript textbook?] (ADD VIII)	undated
b. 2, f. 13	Transcript journal of Spanish naval vessels [manuscript textbook?]	undated
b. 2, f. 14	Two bills of lading issued by Thomas Lockyer Co. (ADD X)	1866 March 28, 1867 December 5
b. 2, f. 15	Five account sheets of various sheets (ADD X)	1824-1832

b. 2, f. 15	Ten letters to members of the family of Capt. George W. Lee (ADD X)	1811-1833
b. 2, f. 16	Fourteen circulars from the Clerk of the Marine Records to the collector at New Haven, Connecticut (ADD X)	1818-1829
b. 2, f. 17	Bills and receipts mostly re: Paul Pinkham of Nantucket, Massachusetts (ADD XIII)	1788-1797
b. 2, f. 18	"The Bloody Story of the Whaleship Globe," by Steele Barhydt English	undated
b. 3	Miscellaneous bills of sale, reports, certificates, and manifests of various vessels (ADDS I, IX, X)	1782-1829

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.

Subjects

Shipping -- Connecticut
Voyages and travels

Geographic Names

Antarctica
United States -- Commerce -- West Indies
West Indies -- Commerce -- United States

Genres / Formats

Logs (records)
Ships' papers

Names

Fitch, Asa, 1809-1879
Lee, George W.
Stackpole, Edouard A., 1905-
Vietor, Alexander O.

Corporate Body

Huron (Ship)