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James H. Gillis Papers

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Creator: Rear Admiral James Henry Gillis, USN

Extent: 1 box
.3 cubic feet

Date Range: 1770-1859

Classification: Unclassified

Access: Open

Scope and Content Notes

This Accession consists of ephemera that were part of a larger donation of 3-dimensional objects acquired by the Curator branch, Naval History & Heritage Command.

Biography

James Henry Gillis was born in Ridgeway, PA, on May 14, 1831. He was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy, from the state of Pennsylvania, in 1848. Gillis graduated in 1854, was commissioned Lieutenant in 1855, eventually reaching the temporary rank of Rear Admiral in October 1888. He retired with the permanent rank of Commodore in 1893.

Known as the “sailor with a charmed life,” because he never lost a man at sea, RADM Gillis died at Melbourne Beach, FL, on December 6, 1910.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1 - Oversize Box

1. Personal correspondence delineating early Gillis family genealogy
2. “The Boston Gazette, and Country Journal,” March 12, 1770
3. “Documento Justificativo”
4. Promotion to Master, November 12, 1855
5. “Correo Del Plata,” 1859