

# William Henry Whiting Family Papers

A Finding Aid to the Papers in the Naval  
Historical Foundation Collection in the  
Library of Congress

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## Collection Summary

Title: William Henry Whiting Family Papers

Span Dates: 1731-1952

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1842-1900)

ID No.: MSS52977

Creator: Whiting, William Henry, 1843-1925

Extent: 1 microfilm reel

Language: Collection material in English, with German

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

Abstract: Naval officer. Genealogical data, eighteenth-century documents including letters, bills of sale, and a petition, and other material primarily concerning the Whiting family in Great Britain and the United States and the family's relationship to George Washington.

## 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

Washington, George, 1732-1799--Family.

Whiting family.

Whiting, William Henry, 1843-1925.

### Places

Great Britain--Genealogy.

United States--Genealogy.

### Occupations

Naval officers.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The papers of the family of William Henry Whiting, naval officer, were deposited in the Library of Congress in 1960 and 1964 by the Naval Historical Foundation. The collection was withdrawn in 1975 and now consists of a microfilm edition produced by the Library prior to its removal.

### Processing History

The collection was processed in 1970 and prepared for filming in 1975. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

### Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the William Henry Whiting family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

### Access and Restrictions

The microfilm of the family papers of William Henry Whiting is 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.

## Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on one reel. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Reel number, William Henry Whiting Family Papers, Naval Historical Foundation Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1843, July 8	Born, New York, N.Y.
1863	Graduated, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. Duty in <i>Hartford</i> (sloop-of-war), West Gulf Blockading Squadron
1865-1869	Duty in <i>Kearsarge</i> (sloop-of-war), <i>Frolic</i> (steamer), <i>Ticonderoga</i> (sloop-of-war), European Squadron
1870	Duty in <i>Swatara</i> (screw sloop)
1872	Duty in <i>Benicia</i> (screw sloop)
1875	Duty at Brooklyn Navy Yard, N.Y.
1876	Duty at Torpedo School, Newport, R.I.
1879	Duty in <i>Constitution</i> ("Old Ironsides") (frigate)
1884-1886	Commander, training ship, <i>Saratoga</i> (sloop-of-war)
1894	Commandant, Pensacola Navy Yard, Fla.
1896	Commandant, Puget Sound Naval Station, Wash.
1897	Commander, <i>Monadnock</i> (monitor)
1900	Captain of yard, Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Calif.
1902	Commandant, naval station, Honolulu, Hawaii
1903	Promoted to rear admiral Commandant, naval training station, San Francisco, Calif.
1905	Retired from United States Navy
1925, July 26	Died, Berkeley, Calif.

## Scope and Content Note

The microfilm of the papers of the family of William Henry Whiting (1843-1925) spans the years 1731-1952 with the bulk from 1842 to 1900. The collection consists of genealogical information on the Whiting family in Great Britain and the United States including the family's relationship to George Washington. Also included are eighteenth-century letters, bills of sale, and a petition, and later items such as steel engravings, photographs, and tintypes.

There is little material concerning Whiting's life and naval career except for school certificates, a photograph album illustrating some aspects of his command of the training ship *Saratoga* (sloop-of-war), and his obituary.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged as filmed, with single items arranged chronologically followed by genealogical material and miscellany organized by type of material.

# Container List

Container numbers refer to the housing of the material prior to the withdrawal of the papers after filming.

Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 16,526

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REEL 1	
BOX 1	Jacob Sharp, New York, receipt, 1725, Nov. 23
REEL 1	
BOX 1	Jacob Sharp and John Pieter Phillips, petition to William Burnet, circa 1727
REEL 1	
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BOX 1	John P. Quachenboss, Albany, N.Y., bill of sale for the sloop <i>Brittanja</i> , sold by George and Coenraed Scharp, 1772, Mar. 5
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BOX 1	William H. Whiting, Albany, N.Y., inventory, 1813, Nov.
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BOX 1	J. Jacob Sömper to Georg (in German), Undated
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BOX 5	United States bank notes, undated
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BOX 5	General miscellany
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