

John Calvin Leonard Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: John Calvin Leonard Papers

Span Dates: 1882-1920

ID No.: MSS53272

Creator: Leonard, John Calvin, 1859-1937

Extent: 300 items ; 1 container ; .4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Summary: Naval officer. Chiefly diaries relating to Leonard's naval career and role of the U.S. Navy in the Spanish-American War and in World War I.

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

Leonard family.

Leonard, John Calvin, 1859-1937.

Organizations

Juniata (Screw sloop)

United States. Navy.

Subjects

Labor unions.

Ocean travel.

Spanish-American War, 1898--Naval operations, American.

Warships.

World War, 1914-1918--Naval operations, American.

Places

Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921.

United States--Economic conditions.

United States--Politics and government--1865-1933.

United States--Social conditions.

Occupations

Naval officers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of John Calvin Leonard, naval officer, were deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1950 and converted to a gift in 1998.

Processing History

The papers of John Calvin Leonard were arranged and described circa 1970. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John Calvin Leonard is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of John Calvin Leonard are 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.

Preferred Citation

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

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1859, June 12	Born, Ohio
1882	Duty in USS <i>Juniata</i>
1887	Duty in USS <i>Atlanta</i>
1888	Duty in USS <i>Mohican</i> , Pacific Station
1890	Duty in Coast Survey Steamer <i>McArthur</i>
1893	Duty at Homestead Steel Works
1895	Duty in USS <i>Charleston</i> , Asiatic Station
1898	Duty in Navy Yard, New York, N. Y.
1900	Duty in USS <i>Kentucky</i> , North Atlantic Station
1902	Duty in USS <i>Wilmington</i> , Asiatic Station
1903	Duty in USS <i>Columbia</i> , Navy Yard, New York, N. Y.
1904	Duty in USS <i>Hancock</i> , Receiving Ship, New York, N. Y.
1905	Duty in USS <i>Bennington</i> , Pacific Squadron
1906	Duty in USS <i>Lawton</i> , Transport Service to Manila, Philippines
1907	Duty in USS <i>Buffalo</i> , cruiser in Special Service
1908	Inspector duty, Bureau of Ordnance
1910	Duty in USS <i>South Carolina</i> , Philadelphia Navy Yard
1912	Promoted to captain, commanding officer, Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H.
1914	Commanded USS <i>Virginia</i> , Atlantic Fleet Retired from United States Navy

1937, July 26

Died, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of John Calvin Leonard (1859-1937) span the years 1882-1920 and consist mainly of diaries together with a testimonial and newspaper clippings. The first diary contains fourteen pages of a journal written on the *Juniata* (screw sloop), 1882. Other diaries reflect service matters such as cruises, engineering problems, the use of liquid fuel oil on naval ships, and the navy's role in the Spanish-American War and in World War I. They also contain materials on family matters, sports, plays, and concerts; social, political, and economic matters; the Russian Revolution; and the rise of labor unions. The collection is organized by type of material.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

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BOX 1	1899-1901
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BOX 1	1910, July-1913
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BOX 1	Letter, Theodore D. Rock, Tampico, Mexico, to Leonard thanking the officers and crew of the USS <i>Virginia</i> for their kindnesses, 1913, 8 Dec.
BOX 1	Newspaper clippings, 1898-1899