

**Guide to the John L. Worden Papers, 1844-1888
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of articles, awards, correspondence, notes, pamphlets, and photographs of John L. Worden and documents his service on the United States Navy ironclad USS *Monitor*; his incarceration as a prisoner of war by the Confederate government at Montgomery, Alabama; and his post-Civil War naval career. The collection is arranged in two series: papers and photographs. The papers are arranged chronologically and thereunder by genre and the photographs are arranged in their original order as established within Worden's photograph album. Due to their fragile nature and the condition of the album, the photographs have been removed. Digital prints have been created of the photographs within the album and the front and reverse sides of the photographs after being removed from the album. While digital prints of the album have been placed in their original order as established within the album, digital prints of individual photographs have been arranged alphabetically by name of crew member.

Contained within the collection are a series of letters from Federal and Confederate officers, federal officials, and John L. Worden's wife, Olivia, negotiating for the release of Worden from a Confederate prison in Montgomery, Alabama. Awards for Worden's role in the Battle of Hampton Roads are contained within the collection, including a petition from the citizens of New York to award him financially for his role in the battle. Curiously, a letter from Lieutenant Samuel D. Green to his mother is found within the collection. Greene writes in great detail of the battle of the *Monitor* and the *Virginia*, the journey of the *Monitor* from New York, and details of the ship. Also included within the collection are a number of letters, invitation, articles, and notes from John Worden's later career, especially his service as a Rear-Admiral.

To researchers of the *Monitor* one of the most significant series of this collection are the photographs of the officers and crew of the ironclad. Aside from officers and members of the crew, this series of 56 photographs depicts the builders and financiers of the *Monitor* and several members of the crew of the *Virginia*. Several of the photographs depict the exterior of the *Monitor* and were produced in July 1862.

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Due to the fragile and rare nature of the collection, researchers are requested to handle the materials with caution and in accordance with proscribed archival practices. When using these materials, please preserve the original order of the collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL SKETCH

John Lorimer Worden was born March 12, 1818 in Westchester County, New York. He was the son of Ananias Worden and Harriet Graham and the great-grandson of Surgeon Andrew Graham, of the Connecticut Committee of Public Safety in the American Revolution. On January 10, 1834, he was appointed midshipman in the United States Navy and spent the next several years at sea and ashore at the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C. Worden was promoted to Lieutenant in 1846 and served on the store ship *Southampton* off California during the Mexican War. After the Mexican War, Worden served in the Mediterranean on the USS *Cumberland*. From 1850 to 1852, he served another tour of the Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C.

On September 16, 1844, John Worden married Olivia Taffey of Quaker Hill, New York. They had four children during their marriage. The family resided in Washington, D.C. where Worden was assigned to the Naval Observatory for three tours of duty over the course of his career. During the remainder of the 1850s and into the early 1860s, Worden served with in the Home Squadron and at the New York Navy Yard.

On the eve of the Civil War, John Worden had been serving in the Navy for 26 years. In April 1861, on orders from the Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles, Worden traveled to Pensacola, Florida with a message for Captain Henry Adams. Adams, commanding the United States Squadron, was ordered to reinforce and hold Fort Pickens and not surrender to confederate forces. After delivering the message, En route to Washington, D.C., Worden was arrested by confederate forces in Montgomery, Alabama, and held prisoner of war for seven months. Olivia Worden corresponded with U.S. Navy, Federal, and

Confederate government officials in an effort to obtain her husband's release. In October, Flag Officer Lewis M. Goldsborough negotiated a prisoner exchange and Worden was released on November 13, 1861.

While recovering from his imprisonment, Worden was selected as commander of the USS *Monitor* and reported on January 16, 1862. The *Monitor*, under Worden's command, left New York under tow on March 6, 1862, and arrived off Fortress Monroe on the evening of March 8th. The following morning, the *Monitor* engaged the CSS *Virginia* (*Merrimac*). During the battle, Worden was wounded when a confederate shell exploded directly outside the pilothouse driving powder fragments into Worden's eyes and face. He was taken to his cabin and placed under the care of the surgeon. While Worden was being attended to, command was taken over by his first officer, Samuel D. Greene. When the *Monitor* returned after temporary withdrawal, the *Merrimac* had also withdrawn. Each side had thought themselves victor in the inconclusive battle.

In the months following the battle, Worden was lauded as a national hero and received formal Congressional honors. His wounds were serious and recovery took months, though his health was compromised for the remainder of his life. In July 1862, Worden was promoted to the rank of Commander and on February 3, 1863 he was promoted to the rank of Captain. He took command of the monitor USS *Montauk* in October 1862, a new and improved single turreted monitor designed by John Ericsson and joined the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron. On January 23, 1863, the *Montauk* engaged in a four-hour bombardment of Fort McAllister, a month later destroyed the confederate cruiser privateer *Nashville*, and participated in the April 1863 attack on Charleston. Worden left the *Montauk* in April 1863 and spent the remainder of the Civil War supervising the construction of new ironclads.

Following the Civil War, Worden commanded the USS *Pensacola* in the Pacific and attained the rank of Commodore on May 26, 1868. From December 1869 to September 1872, Worden served as superintendent at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, followed by a promotion to rear admiral on November 20, 1872. In 1873 he assumed command of the European Squadron whose peacetime mission was to support American diplomatic commercial and military interests abroad. He commanded the European Squadron until 1877, visiting many ports in Europe and was present in the eastern Mediterranean during the Russo-Turkish War. Thereafter, he was a member of the Examining Board and the president of the Retiring Board until his voluntary retirement on December 23, 1886, when Congress awarded him the full sea pay of his grade for life.

In his retirement, Worden served as president and Governor of the Washington Metropolitan Club. He spent the last nine years of his life living in Washington D.C. and Quaker Hill New York. He died of pneumonia on October 18, 1897. His funeral was held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C, and was buried at Pawling, New York.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

The collection is arranged in two series: papers and photographs. The series of papers are arranged in ascending chronological order and thereunder by genre. The series of original photographs are arranged original order as established within Worden's photograph album. Digital prints have been created and are arranged alphabetically by individual and ship name.

Series I: Papers, 1844-1896.

This series is arranged chronologically and thereunder by genre. The papers are comprised of correspondence, articles, awards, notes, poems, invitations, ephemera, and resolutions.

Series II: Photographs, 1861-1895.

The original photographs are arranged in their original order as established within the photograph album within the John L. Worden Papers. Due to their fragile nature and the condition of the album, the photographs have been removed. Digital prints have been created of the photographs within the album. Digital prints have also been created of each photograph (front and reverse sides) after being removed from the album. While digital prints of the album have been placed in their original order as established within the album, digital prints of individual photographs have been arranged alphabetically by name of crew member.

FOLDER LISTING

BOX 1: PAPERS; PHOTOGRAPHS

BACKGROUND MATERIALS

Folder 1 Finding Aid

Folder 2 Background Information

Includes biographical information, a government document on Worden's death from the Surgeon General of the Navy (1898-Photocopy), and House of Representatives Report No.1776 granting a pension to Olivia Worden (55th Congress, 3rd Session, January 1899). Also included are the following articles: "Personality of Hero of Monitor Described After Fifty Years" (March 9, 1912), "Famous Heroes of the U.S. Navy", "Historic Fight Between Monitor, Merrimac Recalled" (March 12, 1918), and "Statue Unveiling of Local Interest: Community Has Descendants of Two Famous Men" (Undated).

PAPERS

Folder 3 1844, Correspondence

March 19, 1844: New York.

Two-page letter addressed to Olivia Toffey from John L. Worden. Worden informs Olivia that her father accepted his proposal for her hand in marriage and tells her that they are officially engaged. Includes envelope. [MS16.01.03].

Folder 4 [1861], Correspondence

Undated: Grand Rapids, MI.

Two-page letter from A. Worden to T. P. Troll, Chief Clerk, Post Office. An appeal from John Worden's brother, requesting any information on his status as a prisoner of war. A. Worden urges Troll to forward the enclosed letter to the Postmaster General. The reverse side of page two contains a response of Montgomery Blair, Postmaster General. [MS16.01.04.01]

Folder 5 April 1861, Correspondence

April 15, 1861: Montgomery, Alabama.

One-page letter from Lieutenant John Worden to Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles. Worden states that left Pensacola, Florida on April 12 and was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama on April 13. He states that he is now being held as a prisoner of war. [MS16.01.05.01]

April 16, 1861: Montgomery, Alabama.

Two-page letter from John Worden to Leroy Pope Walker, Confederate Secretary of War. Worden gives a detailed account of his official visit as a messenger from the U.S. Secretary of the Navy in Washington to Captain Adams on board the USS *Sabine* in Pensacola. [MS16.01.05.02]

Folder 6 May 1861, Correspondence

May 11, 1861: Quaker Hill, New York.

Four-page letter from Olivia Worden to an unnamed friend. Olivia Worden writes that she received a letter from her husband, John Worden. Olivia describes the contents of the letter and the conditions her husband is living as a prisoner. She questions Captain Adams loyalty and blames him for John Worden's plight. She asks if Mrs. Wise could plead her case to Mrs. Jefferson Davis. She pleads her husband's case and urges her friends to assist in any way they can. [MS16.01.06.01]

May 27, 1861: Quaker Hill, New York.

Two-page letter from Olivia Worden to Mrs. Wise. Olivia Worden states that she has written the draft of a letter to Mrs. Jefferson Davis and would like Mrs. Wise to review the letter. If Mrs. Wise approves of the letter, Olivia requests that she forward it to Mrs. Hetzel to have it sent via express mail. Olivia states that mail service to the Southern states has been stopped on orders of the Post Master General. [MS16.01.06.02]

May 28, 1861: Montgomery, AL.

One-page letter from D. U. Ingraham to unnamed recipient. Ingraham states that he was not in time to meet with the Secretary of the Navy to plead Worden's case. He mentions that he saw Worden who looked quite well. [MS16.01.06.03]

Folder 7 June 1861, Correspondence

June 28, 1861: Navy Department.

Two-page letter from Charles H. Davis to Lt. [Millays], NY indicating that Worden's case elicits sympathy from not only the Navy Dept, but also the cabinet and that he is unable to do any more than what is being done. [MS16.01.07.01]

Folder 8 July 1861, Correspondence

July 5, 1861: Rockwood, New York.

Four-page letter from S.E.C. Moorehead to Olivia Worden. Moorhead writes about his concern over John Worden's imprisonment and offers support and assistance. [MS16.01.08.01]

July 19, 1861: Washington.

One-page note to Olivia Worden from Senator John Conover Ten Eyck. Senator assures Olivia Worden that he has spoken to the Secretary of War concerning John Worden's imprisonment. [MS16.01.08.02]

Folder 9 October 1861, Correspondence

October 10, 1861: U.S. Flagship *Minnesota*, Hampton Roads.

One-page letter from Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough to Major General Benjamin Huger. Goldsborough proposes the exchange of John L. Worden for Lieutenant Sharpe. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.09.01]

October 15, 1861: Headquarters Department of Norfolk.
One-page letter from General Benjamin Huger to Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough. Huger states that he has no instructions to act in the individual exchange of prisoners and has referred the proposal to the Confederate government. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.09.02]

October 16, 1861: Confederate States of America, War Department, Richmond.
One-page letter from acting Confederate Secretary of War, Judah P. Benjamin to General Benjamin Huger. Secretary Benjamin informs Huger that the exchange of Lieutenant Sharpe for Lieutenant John Worden is acceptable. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.09.03]

October 16, 1861: U.S. Flagship *Minnesota*, Hampton Roads.
One-page letter from Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough to the Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles. Goldsborough writes that he is forwarding communications with General Huger to Welles. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.09.04]

October 19, 1861: U.S. Flagship *Minnesota*, Hampton Roads.
One-page letter from Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough to the Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles. Goldsborough writes that he is forwarding two pieces of communications with General Huger to Welles in relation to the exchange of Lieutenant Sharpe for Lieutenant John Worden. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.09.05]

October 19, 1861: Headquarters Department of Norfolk.
One-page letter from General Benjamin Huger to Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough. Huger informs Goldsborough that he has obtained permission to exchange Lieutenant Worden for Lieutenant Sharpe. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.09.06]

October 28, 1861: Navy Department.
One-page letter from the Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles to Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough. Secretary Welles writes that while Goldsborough is not authorized by the Federal government to exchange prisoners, he is confident that the government would not “disapprove of your action”. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.09.07]

October 29, 1861: Navy Department.
One-page letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Gustavus Fox to Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough. Secretary Fox writes that communication on the exchange be sent to him privately. The secretary also writes that the ships *Dawn*, *Hetzel*, and sloop *Granite* will be sent to him. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.09.08]

Folder 10 November 1861, Correspondence

November 8, 1861: U.S. Flagship *Minnesota*, Hampton Roads.
Two-page letter from Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough to Major General Benjamin Huger. Goldsborough proposes the exchange of John L. Worden on his own accord and in violation of the U.S. government ban on the exchange of prisoners. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.10.01]

November 12, 1861: Navy Department.
One-page letter from the Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles, to Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough. Welles provides Goldsborough a list of the only navy officers confined in the south: Lieutenant John L. Worden, Lieutenant George L. Selden, and Master's Mate William A. Abbott. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.10.02]

November 12, 1861: U.S. Flagship *Minnesota*, Hampton Roads.
Two-page letter from Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough to Major General Benjamin Huger. Goldsborough proposes the exchange of John L. Worden for Lieutenant Sharp. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.10.03]

November 13, 1861: U.S. Flagship *Minnesota*, Hampton Roads.
Two-page letter from Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough to Major General Benjamin Huger. Goldsborough informs General Huger that he has been authorized by the Federal government to make a formal exchange of prisoners on any terms. Goldsborough reiterates his proposal for the exchange of John L. Worden for Lieutenant Sharpe. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.10.04]

November 13, 1861: Headquarters Department of Norfolk.
One-page letter from General Benjamin Huger to Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough. Huger writes on the exchange of prisoner Lieutenant Albert Kautz. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.10.05]

November 13, 1861: Headquarters Department of Norfolk.
One-page letter from General Benjamin Huger to Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough. Huger informs Goldsborough that the Confederate Secretary of War has authorized him to exchange Lieutenant Worden for Lieutenant Sharpe. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.10.06]

November 14, 1861: Headquarters Department of Norfolk.
One-page letter from General Benjamin Huger to Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough. Huger writes that he is ready to exchange Lieutenant Worden for Lieutenant Sharpe. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.10.07]

November 15, 1861: U.S. Flagship *Minnesota*, Hampton Roads. One-page letter from Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough to the Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles. Goldsborough writes that he will forward all communications with General Huger to Welles. He states that five former U.S. Navy officers sent to him on board the USS *Connecticut* are now incarcerated on board the USS *Cumberland* and USS *Congress*. Goldsborough informs Welles that Worden will be exchanged for Sharpe in Norfolk, Virginia. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.10.08]

November 16, 1861: Headquarters Department of Norfolk. Two-page letter from General Benjamin Huger to Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough. Huger writes that Worden is on his way to Norfolk and will be exchanged for Lieutenant Sharpe. Huger states that Goldsborough's proposal for the exchange of Mr. H.K. Stevens of South Carolina for Lieutenant Albert Kautz is not morally acceptable, however, the exchange will occur. Huger complains that the Federal government is seizing southern citizens as prisoners of state and desiring to exchange them as prisoners of war for captured Federal officers. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.10.09]

November 19, 1861: Navy Department. One-page letter from the Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles, to Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough. Welles states that Lieutenant Albert Kautz has been released by Confederate forces. He orders Goldsborough to release H.K. Stevens, B.K. Loyal, and Walter R. Butt to Norfolk in exchange for lieutenants Kautz, Worden, and George L. Selden. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.10.10]

November 19, 1861: Headquarters Department of Norfolk. One-page letter from General Benjamin Huger to Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough. According to General Huger, John Worden will deliver this letter to Goldsborough on his release. He states that Worden is considered on parole and that he will be released from parole once Lieutenant Sharp is released to the Confederate government. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.10.11]

November 20, 1861: U.S. Flagship *Minnesota*, Hampton Roads. One-page letter from Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough to General Benjamin Huger. Goldsborough thanks General Huger for the release of John Worden and states that Lieutenant Sharp is being sent to him. Goldsborough states that he would like to continue the exchange of prisoners addressed in previous communications and is puzzled by Huger's letter of November 16, 1861. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.10.12]

November 20, 1861: U.S. Flagship *Minnesota*, Hampton Roads. One-page letter from Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough to Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles. Goldsborough states that he is forwarding letters from General Huger and proposes a halt to the exchange of prisoners. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.10.13]

November 20, 1861: U.S. Flagship *Minnesota*, Hampton Roads. One-page letter from Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough to Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles. Goldsborough reports that Lieutenant John Worden has been released. According to the letter, Worden was sent to Goldsborough under a flag of truce and was given permission to visit his family. Goldsborough reports that he has released Lieutenant Sharpe to General Huger at Norfolk. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.10.14]

November 21, 1861: Headquarters Department of Norfolk. One-page letter from General Benjamin Huger to Flag Officer Louis M. Goldsborough. According to General Huger, Lieutenant Sharpe arrived at Norfolk on November 20, 1861. Typescript transcription. [MS16.01.10.15]

Folder 11 March 1862, Correspondence

March 12, 1862: New York

Three-page letter from Alex M. White to John L. Worden. White writes about his concern of Worden's health after being injured during the *Monitor's* battle with the *Merrimac*. He also asks about the *Monitor* and her role in the battle. [MS16.01.11.01]

Folder 12 March 1862, Correspondence

March 14, 1862: US Steamer *Monitor*, Hampton Roads.

Twenty-three page letter from Samuel Dana Greene to his mother. The letter describes in great detail the battle between the *Monitor* and the *Merrimac* in Hampton Roads. Copy of Original. [MS16.01.12.01]

Folder 13 April 1862, Award

April 8, 1862

Mounted photographic image of an award from the citizens of Buffalo, New York, to Lt. John L. Worden. The award is a gold box and is awarded for gallantry and heroism displayed as Commander of the *Monitor* in her conflict with the *Merrimac* in Hampton Roads on March 9, 1862. Includes a typed transcription. [MS16.01.13.01]

Folder 14 May 1862, Award Petition

May 1862: Pacific Mail Steamship Company, New York.
Six-page petition creating a fund for Lt. Worden. The petition outlines the award and the names and the amount contributed are listed. Amount donated totaled is \$7,023.88. [MS16.01.14.01]

Folder 15 May 1862, Correspondence

May 22, 1862: New Haven, Connecticut.
One-page letter from Benjamin Silliman to W. H. Aspinwall enclosing \$16.27 to the fund being collected on behalf of Lt. John L. Worden. [MS16.01.15.01]

Folder 16 August 1862, Notes

August 14, 1862
One-page of handwritten notes by John L. Worden on his attaining command of the USS *Montauk*. [MS16.01.16.01]

Folder 17 February 1863, Notes

February 27, 1863
One-page of handwritten notes by John L. Worden on the capture of the Confederate raider *Nashville*. [MS16.01.17.01]

Folder 18 March 1863, Correspondence

March 1, 1863: *Wabash*, Port Royal.
One-page letter from L. F. Dupont to Captain John L. Worden. Dupont expresses his thanks to Worden in capturing the CSS *Nashville*. [MS16.01.18.01]

Folder 19 April 1865, Correspondence

April 2, 1865: New York.
One-page handwritten copy of a letter from John L. Worden to President Abraham Lincoln. Worden writes a letter of introduction of W.C. Bibb of Montgomery, Alabama, to the president. [MS16.01.19.01]

Folder 20 1870, Pamphlet

1870: Washington, D.C.
List of Rear-Admirals, Commodores, Captains, and Commanders, Showing the Dates of Which They Retired and the Promotions Consequent. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1870.

Signed by John Worden. Handwritten note on cover by Worden stating "Stolen from John L. Worden, U.S. Navy." Annotated throughout. [MS16.01.20.01]

Folder 21 May 1871, Poem

May 16, 1871: Annapolis, MD.
Unsigned four-page poem to Commodore Worden requesting more chairs for the garden at the Naval Academy. In French. [MS16.01.21.01]

Folder 22 January 1873, Resolution

January 25, 1873: St. Margarets, Anne Arundel Co., MD.
One-page resolution from the citizens of the third district in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, commending John L. Worden. Worden is commended for his role in attempting to rescue John R. Arnold from drowning while crossing the frozen Severn River. [MS16.01.22.01]

Folder 23 1875, Invitations

[1875] Invitation from Conte Admiral Werner to John L. Worden. [MS16.01.22.01]

[1875] Ticket to Imperial Russian fete at the Peterhoff Palace. [MS16.01.22.02]

Folder 24 April 1875, Correspondence

April 1875: German Legation.
One-page letter from Baron Schlozer to John L. Worden. The German Minister to Asst. Secretary of State writes about Worden's visit to Germany as Commander of European Squadron. [MS16.01.24.01]

Folder 25 May 1875, Correspondence

May 6, 1875: Spezia, Italy.
One-page letter addressed to John L. Worden regarding the USS *Alaska* stationed in Italian waters. In Italian with one-page translation included. [MS16.01.25.01]

May 8, 1875: Berlin.
Four-page letter from the commander and Minister to Japan to John L. Worden requesting a visit from Worden in Germany. [MS16.01.25.02]

May 14, 1875: Nice, France.

Translation of a one-page letter from Charles Grisel, Manager of Works, to John L. Worden. Grisel thanks Worden for the services of his crew in extinguishing a fire at Cape Ferrat. [MS16.01.25.03]

May 15, 1875: Legation of the United States of America, Berlin.

Two-page letter from Bancroft Davis, Minister to Germany, to John L. Worden. Davis writes about Worden's visit as Commander of European Squadron to Germany. [MS16.01.25.04]

Folder 26 May 1875, Resolution

May 10, 1875: Villefranche-sur-Mer, France.

One-page petition, signed by sixteen musicians, to John L. Worden. The musicians demand the same privileges aboard the frigate *Amirale* that they had with two previous admirals. In French. [MS16.01.26.01]

Folder 27 June 1875, Articles

June 14, 1875: *Elberfelder Zeitung*.

Article in German with handwritten English translation. [MS16.01.27.01]

June 15, 1875: *Wesser Zeitung*.

Article in German with handwritten English translation. [MS16.01.27.02]

June 17, 1875: *Fremden Blatt*.

Article in German with handwritten English translation. [MS16.01.27.03]

June 26, 1875: *Kieler Zeitung*.

Extract from *Keiler Zeitung* in English. [MS16.01.27.04]

June 29, 1875: *Kieler Zeitung*.

Extract from *Keiler Zeitung* in English. [MS16.01.27.05]

June 29, 1875: *Kieler Zeitung*.

Extract from *Keiler Zeitung* in English. [MS16.01.27.06]

Folder 28 June 1875, Correspondence

June 9, 1875: American Legation, Berlin.

Four-page letter from Bancroft Davis, Minister to Germany, to John L. Worden. Davis writes about Worden's visit as Commander of European Squadron to Germany. [MS16.01.28.01]

June 17, 1875

One-page letter from Jean Schmitt to John L. Worden. Schmitt invites Worden to visit Kaiserslautern. [MS16.01.28.02]

June 17, 1875

Two-page letter from Nicholas Fish to John L. Worden. Fish encloses some newspaper clippings concerning Worden's visit to Berlin.

[MS16.01.28.03]

Folder 29 June 1875, Program

June 28, 1875: Kiel, Germany

Music Program of the Grand Music festival at Kiel. [MS16.01.29.01]

Folder 30 July 1875, Articles

Articles in Danish with translations. [MS16.01.30.01-06]

Folder 31 July 1875, Correspondence

July 4, 1875

Telegram from Schuyler to John L. Worden. Invitation to meet the Emperor at Peterhof and spend the night. [MS16.01.31.01]

July 6, 1875

Telegram from Nelson to John L. Worden. Invitation to dine with the Grand Duke Constantine. [MS16.01.31.02]

July 9, 1875: British Legation, Stockholm.

Three-page letter to Mrs. Worden recommending she visit writer's sister in England, describing her neighborhood as the most picturesque near London. [MS16.01.31.03]

July 15, 1875

One-page letter from Admiral Sessoffsky of St. Petersburg to John L. Worden. Invitation to review troops at St. Petersburg. [MS16.01.31.04]

July 18, 1875: Helgoland.

Three-page letter Nicholas Fish to John L. Worden extending an invitation to the island for the illumination on behalf of his friend Governor Maxse. [MS16.01.31.05]

July 18, 1875: Legation of the United States, St. Petersburg.

Two-page letter from Eugene Schuyler to John L. Worden. Schuyler presents details on an upcoming formal visit to the Emperor. [MS16.01.31.06]

Folder 32 August 1875, Correspondence

August 12, 1875: London.

Two-page letter from the Legation of the United States forwarding a note to John L. Worden from Tom Derby. [MS16.01.32.01]

August 16, 1875: United States Consulate, Southampton.

Four-page letter from William Thomson to John L. Worden. Thomson states that arrangements have been made for Worden's arrival and that a dinner has been planned for the crew by the Mayor. [MS16.01.32.02]

August 26, 1875: Ipswich.

One-page letter from Whapier Corbyn to John L. Worden asking for autograph and photograph. [MS16.01.32.03]

August 30, 1875: Exbury, Southampton.

Two-page letter expressing the regrets of the Earl De La Warr, being unable to meet with John L. Worden and his officers. [MS16.01.32.04]

Folder 33 November 1875, Correspondence

November 13, 1875: Rome.

Two-page letter expressing relief that invitation was not ignored but simply not received. [MS16.01.33.01]

Folder 34 December 1875, Invitations

December 22, 1875: H.M.S. *Minotaur*

Invitation from F. Beauchamp Seymour to John L. Worden for dinner on board the HMS *Minotaur*. [MS16.01.34.01]

Folder 35 January 1876, Correspondence

January 8, 1876

Four-page note from F. Beauchamp Seymour, an admiral of British Navy, advising John L. Worden when his ship would leave for England. [MS16.01.35.01]

January 27, 1876: Lisbon.

Four-page note from Lady Edith Lytton to John L. Worden requesting passage on his steamer. [MS16.01.35.02]

January 27, 1876: Lisbon.

Three-page note from T. Clement Cobbold to John L. Worden requesting passage for Lady Lytton and her party on his steamer. [MS16.01.35.03]

- Folder 36** **January 1876, Invitations**
Lord Lytton to John L. Worden. [MS16.01.36.01]
- Folder 37** **February 1876, Correspondence**
- February 2, 1876**
Four-page note from H. Clarke Terrise to John L. Worden advising that Lady Lytton arrived safely and was appreciative of his kindness. [MS16.01.37.01]
- February 3, 1876**
Four-page letter from F. Beauchamp Seymour to John L. Worden relating the voyages of the ship *Minotaur*. [MS16.01.37.02]
- February 20, 1876: Lisbon.**
Four-page letter from Benjamin Moran to John L. Worden. Moran describes life in Lisbon, Portugal. [MS16.01.37.03]
- February 25, 1876: London.**
Four-page note to John L. Worden. Invitation to a levee at St. Farmer's Palace held for Queen Victoria by the Duke of Edinburgh. [MS16.01.37.04]
- February 28, 1876: London.**
Three-page note to John L. Worden. Invitation to a levee held by Queen Victoria. [MS16.01.37.05]
- Folder 38** **February 1876, Invitations**
Invitations from King Dom Fernando, Lisbon.
Invitations [MS16.01.38.01-MS16.01.38.04]
Menu [MS16.01.30.05]
- Folder 39** **March 1876, Correspondence**
- March 2, 1876: Lisbon.**
Three-page letter from Benjamin Moran to John L. Worden. Moran forwards communications from Lord Lytton. [MS16.01.39.01]
- Folder 40** **March 1877, Correspondence**
- March 9, 1877: Villefranche-sur-Mer, USS *Gettysburg*.**
Two-page letter from Henry H. Gorringe, Lt Commander to Rear Admiral John L. Worden. Gorringe disagrees with orders by Worden on officer resignation and duties. [MS16.01.40.01]

Folder 41 April 1877, Correspondence

April 8, 1877: Villefranche-sur-Mer.

One-page letter from the mayor of Villefranche indicating that John L. Worden's order, "que l'ordre d'enlever notre [?] de Villefranche est revoqué" will be communicated to the citizens. [MS16.01.41.01]

April 18, 1877: Villefranche-sur-Mer, HMS *Sultan*.

Invitation for John L. Worden to dine aboard the *Sultan* with the Duke of Edinburgh. One sheet. [MS16.01.41.02]

Folder 42 October 1878, Correspondence

October 2, 1878: Austria

Three-page letter from Frederick Chessey, an officer in the Austrian Navy, to John L. Worden requesting his "precious manuscript" to include in a biographical collection. [MS16.01.42.01]

Folder 43 June 1879, Correspondence

June 29, 1879: Kiel, Germany

Three-page letter from Henrietta Princess of Schleswig to John L. Worden on board the *Franklin*, thanking him for his speech. Includes envelope. [MS16.01.43.01]

Folder 44 November 1888, Correspondence

November 3, 1888: Norfolk, VA.

One-page letter from Frank Slade of Post 25 G.A.R. to John L. Worden, Washington D.C. Invitation to the Post 25's annual banquet. [MS16.01.44.01]

Folder 45 January 1896, Correspondence

January 6, 1896

Three-page letter from John Davis to John L. Worden. Encloses a resolution by the board of Governors of the club he helped establish regarding his dues and expresses regret that Worden's health has prevented his attendance. [MS16.01.45.01]

[1896] Metropolitan Club, Washington.

First-page only of a Resolution that John L. Worden's membership dues be remitted for life. [MS16.01.45.02]

Folder 46 Correspondence, Undated

August 14: Aloa Villa, Widor, England.

Four-page letter from J. E. Beacleck to John L. Worden. Invites him to visit at his sister's castle in Derbyshire. [MS16.01.46.01]

No Date, Berlin.

Three page invitation for John L. Worden and his staff to visit and dine with the Prince and Princess. [MS16.01.46.02]

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Folder 48 [1886] Photograph Album
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BOX 2: PHOTOGRAPHS

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Folder 2 Brooke, John M.
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Greene, Samuel D.
MS16.008; MS16.015; MS16.019
- Folder 11** **Hannan, Patrick**
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- Folder 13** **Jeffers, William N.**
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- Folder 14** **Keeler, William F.**
MS16.028; MS16.029
- Folder 15** **“Merrimack and Monitor Duel”**
MS16.048 (Digital print)
Original Photograph: MS16.053
Cabinet Card; McCaffrey’s Elite Photo, Photographer, New York, 1886.
“Bought of the lecturer in the Panorama Building, July 14, 1886, New
York.”
- Folder 16** ***Monitor and Merrimac in Action***
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- Folder 32** **Worden, John L.**
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MS16.014; MS16.017; MS16.018; MS16.020; MS16.021; MS16.023;
MS16.053; MS16.055

BOX 3: PHOTOGRAPHS

- MS16.001** **Worden, John L.** (Rear Admiral)
Cabinet Card; L.C. Handy, Photographer, Washington, DC, 1881.
- MS16.002** **Worden, John L.** (Rear Admiral)
Cabinet Card; Minor and Guiwits, Photographers, Richfield Springs and
Waterville, New York, April 1870.
- MS16.003** **Worden, John L.** (Rear Admiral)
Cabinet Card; Matthew Brady (L.C. Handy), Washington, DC, August
1876.
- MS16.004** **Worden, John L.** (Rear Admiral)
Cabinet Card; Matthew Brady (L.C. Handy), Washington, DC, August
1876.

- MS16.005** **Worden, John L.** (Rear Admiral)
Cabinet Card; Matthew Brady (L.C. Handy), Washington, DC, August 1876.
- MS16.006** **Rowland, Thomas F.**
Cabinet Card; Rockwood (Photographer), New York, 1883.
- MS16.007** **Bushnell, Cornelius S.**
Cabinet Card; Phelps, Photographer, New York, August 1885.
- MS16.008** **Greene, Samuel Dana** (Commander)
Cabinet Card; Minor and Guiwits, Photographers, Richfield Springs and Waterville, New York, April 1873.
- MS16.009** **Flye, William** (Lieutenant)
Cartes de Visite; W.M. Pierce, Photographer, Brunswick, Maine, 1862.
- MS16.010** **USS *Monitor* Officers**
Cabinet Card; Taken in July 1862, Mounted by Bundy & Stoddard Photographic Studio, New Haven, Connecticut, 1886.
Group of *Monitor* officers posed before the turret of in the James River, July 1862; Ensign George Frederickson, Third Assistant Engineer M.T. Sunstrom, Paymaster William F. Keeler, Engineer Isaac Newton, Assistant Surgeon D.C. Logue, Master L.N. Stodder, Ensign R.W. Hands, Master E.V. Granger, Assistant Engineer A.B. Campbell, and Lieutenant William Flye.
- MS16.011** **USS *Monitor* Officers**
Cabinet Card; Taken in July 1862, Mounted by Bundy & Stoddard Photographic Studio, New Haven, Connecticut, 1886.
Group of *Monitor* officers posed before the turret of in the James River, July 1862; Ensign George Frederickson, Third Assistant Engineer M.T. Sunstrom, Lieutenant Samuel D. Greene, Paymaster William F. Keeler, Engineer Isaac Newton, Assistant Surgeon D.C. Logue, Master L.N. Stodder, Ensign R.W. Hands, Master E.V. Granger, Assistant Engineer A.B. Campbell, Lieutenant William Flye, and the Executive Officer of the USS *Galena* L.H. Newman.
- MS16.012** **USS *Monitor* Officers**
Cabinet Card; Taken in July 1862, Mounted by Bundy & Stoddard Photographic Studio, New Haven, Connecticut, 1886.
Group of *Monitor* officers posed before the turret of in the James River, July 1862; Ensign George Frederickson, Third Assistant Engineer M.T. Sunstrom, Lieutenant Samuel D. Greene, Paymaster William F. Keeler, Assistant Surgeon D.C. Logue, Master L.N. Stodder, Ensign R.W. Hands, Master E.V. Granger, Assistant Engineer A.B. Campbell, Lieutenant

William Flye, and the Executive Officer of the USS *Galena* L.H. Newman.

- MS16.013** **Worden, John L.** (Rear Admiral)
Lithograph; Reproduced from photograph taken in 1875.
- MS16.014** **Worden, John L.** (Rear Admiral)
Steel Engraving; Engraved by J.C. Buttre, 1862.
- MS16.015** **Greene, Samuel Dana** (Lieutenant)
Steel Engraving; Undated. Includes clipped autograph of Lt. Greene.
- MS16.016** **Jeffers, William N.** (Commander)
Cabinet Card; Taken in July 1862, Mounted by Bundy & Stoddard Photographic Studio, New Haven, Connecticut, 1886.
- MS16.017** **Worden, John L.** (Rear Admiral)
Cabinet Card; Minor and Guiwits, Photographers, Richfield Springs and Waterville, New York, April 1873.
- MS16.018** **Worden, John L.** (Rear Admiral)
Cabinet Card; F.M Zuller, Richfield Springs, New York, and U.S.N.A., Annapolis, MD, April 1873.
- MS16.019** **Greene, Samuel D.** (Commander)
Cabinet Card; F.M Zuller, Richfield Springs, New York, and U.S.N.A., Annapolis, MD, June 1879.
- MS16.020** **Worden, John L.** (Lieutenant)
Cartes de Visite; R.A. Lewis, Photographer, New York, 1861.
- MS16.021** **Worden, John L.** (Lieutenant)
Cartes de Visite; Charles D. Fredricks & Co., Photographer, New York, July 1862.
- MS16.022** **Ericsson, John**
Cartes de Visite; Matthew B. Brady, Photographer, New York, 1863.
- MS16.023** **Worden, John L.** (Lieutenant)
Cartes de Visite; [No photographer listed], 1861.
- MS16.024** **Stimers, Alban C.** (Chief Engineer)
Cartes de Visite; P. Gutenkunst, Photographer, Philadelphia, PA, 1864.
- MS16.025** **Campbell, A.B.** (Third Assistant Engineer)
Tintype; [No photographer listed], 1862.

- MS16.026 Sunstrom, M.T.** (Assistant Engineer)
Cartes de Visite; Charles D. Fredricks & Co., Photographer, New York, [1862].
- MS16.027 Newton, Isaac** (First Assistant Engineer)
Tintype; [No photographer listed], 1863.
- MS16.028 Keeler, William F.** (Paymaster)
Cartes de Visite; Critcherson & Storer, Photographer, Newport, RI, [1862].
- MS16.029 Keeler, William F.** (Paymaster)
Mounted Tintype; Sunbeam Gallery, Photographer, New Haven, CT, [1862].
- MS16.030 Watters, Joseph** (Assistant Engineer)
Cartes de Visite; Wenderoth & Taylor, Photographer, Philadelphia, PA, [1862].
- MS16.031 Bankhead, John P.** (Commander)
Tintype; [No photographer listed], [1862].
- MS16.032 Stodder, L.N.** (Acting Master)
Tintype; [No photographer listed], [1864].
- MS16.033 “Flag and piece of iron of the *Monitor*”**
Tintype; [No photographer listed], [1864].
- MS16.034 Gager, E.N.** (Acting Master)
Tintype; [No photographer listed], [1862].
- MS16.035 Bankhead, John P.** (Commander)
Tintype; [No photographer listed], [1862]. (Same image as MS16.031)
- MS16.036 Toffey, Daniel** (Captain’s Clerk)
Tintype; [No photographer listed], [1862].
- MS16.037 Bankhead, John P.** (Commander)
Cartes de Visite; [No photographer listed], 1862.
- MS16.038 USS *Monitor* Crew on Deck**
Cabinet Card; Taken in July 1862, Mounted by Bundy & Stoddard Photographic Studio, New Haven, Connecticut, 1886.
Group of *Monitor* crewmembers posed before the turret of in the James River, July 1862. Crewmembers names are not listed.

MS16.039 **USS *Monitor* Officers**
Cabinet Card; Taken in July 1862, Mounted by Bundy & Stoddard
Photographic Studio, New Haven, Connecticut, 1886.
Group of *Monitor* officers posed before the turret of in the James River,
July 1862; Master L.N. Stodder, Ensign R.W. Hands, Assistant Engineer
A.B. Campbell, and Lieutenant William Flye.

MS16.040 **USS *Monitor* Officers**
Cabinet Card; Taken in July 1862, Mounted by Bundy & Stoddard
Photographic Studio, New Haven, Connecticut, 1886.
Group of *Monitor* officers posed before the turret of in the James River,
July 1862; Assistant Engineer A.B. Campbell and Lieutenant William
Flye.

BOX 4: PHOTOGRAPHS

MS16.041 **USS *Monitor* Crew on Deck**
Cabinet Card; Taken in July 1862, Mounted by Bundy & Stoddard
Photographic Studio, New Haven, Connecticut, 1886.
Group of *Monitor* crewmembers posed before the turret of in the James
River, July 1862. Crewmembers names are not listed.

MS16.042 **Stevens, Thomas H. (Rear Admiral)**
Cabinet Card; Estabrook, Photographer, Washington, DC, 1887.

MS16.043 **Wood, J. Taylor**
Steel Engraving; [1885]

MS16.045 **“*Monitor* and *Merrimac* in action”**
Cabinet Card; Walter, Photographer, [Undated], From painting.

MS16.046 **Hannan, Patrick (First Class Fireman)**
Cartes de Visite; Bostnick, Photographer, New York, 1881.

MS16.047 **Confederate Ram *Stonewall***
Cabinet Card; [No photographer listed], 1865, “The Confederate Ram
Stonewall in the Harbor of Ferro, Spain, March 1865.”

MS16.048 [See Box 2 Folder 15 for original photograph]

MS16.049 **Ramsay, H. Ashton (Engineer)**
Cabinet Card; [Undated-No photographer listed]. Engineer on board the
CSS *Virginia*.

MS16.050 **Durst, William (Coal Heaver or Passer)**
Cabinet Card; Applegate, Photographer, Philadelphia, PA, 1885.

- MS16.051** **Howard, Samuel** (Lieutenant)
Cabinet Card; Havery, Photographer, Savannah, GA, 1885. Pilot and acting Master on USS *Monitor*.
- MS16.052** **Butts, Francis B.** (Seaman)
Cabinet Card; [No photographer listed], 1885.
- MS16.053** **Worden, John L.** (Rear Admiral)
Cabinet Card; C. Parker, Photographer, Washington, DC, 1893.
- MS16.054** **Selfridge, Thomas, Jr.** (Captain)
Cabinet Card; Julius Ludovici, Photographer, Ludovici's Photographic and Crayon Studios, New York, 1891.
- MS16.055** **Worden, John L.** (Rear Admiral)
Cabinet Card; Raffaello Ferretti, Photographer, Naples, Italy, 1875.
- MS16.056** **Brooke, John M.** (Lieutenant)
Cabinet Card; Miley, Photographer, Lexington, VA, [Undated]

BOX 5: PHOTOGRAPHS

Folder 1 **Photograph Album**

Album containing photographs MS16.001 to MS16.045. For preservation measures, photographs have been removed, and the pages scanned. Digital prints of the album are contained in Box 1, folders 47 and 48, within this collection.

MATERIALS REMOVED

None

SOURCES CONSULTED

Primary:

Irwin W. Berent Collection, 1861-1990: MS164. The Library at The Mariners' Museum, Newport News, Virginia.

Secondary:

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