

**Guide to the John L. Worden Papers, 1844-1896
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DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

Repository: The Mariners' Museum Library

Title: John L. Worden Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1844-1896

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Physical Characteristics: 4 boxes, including 1 photograph album, clippings, awards, correspondence, notes, pamphlets, whiteprints, typescripts, 1 subscription list, invitations, and photographs

Languages: English, French, Russian, Swedish, German, Italian

Creator: Worden, John Lorimer, 1818-1897

BIOGRAPHICAL 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*.

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. In October 1862, he took command of the monitor USS *Montauk*, 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 he was buried at Pawling, New York.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection documents the service of John L. Worden 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.

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 subscription list from the citizens of New York showing their support for him financially

for his role in the battle. Curiously, a reproduction of a letter from Lieutenant Samuel D. Greene 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.

The collection is organized into two series: Documents; and Photographs. It is arranged by material type.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Other Finding Aids

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RELATED MATERIALS

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SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series 1: Documents, 1844-1896.

The documents in this series are comprised of correspondence, articles, awards, notes, poems, invitations, ephemera, and resolutions dealing with Worden's service in the Navy during and after the Civil War. It is organized into folders and is arranged chronologically and thereunder by genre.

Series 2: Photographs, 1861-1895.

Photographs largely of officers and crew of *Monitor* taken during and after the Civil War. The photographs are arranged in their original order as established within the photograph album within the John L. Worden Papers.

Restrictions

Due to their fragile nature and the condition of the album, the photographs have been removed from the album. Additionally, physical access to the original photographs is restricted due to their rarity and historical importance. They are to be accessed only in extraordinary circumstances.

Researchers will have physical access only to the digital prints of electronic reproductions of the photographs, which are stored with the collection in Boxes 1 and 2.

Physical access to the original photographs, when warranted, must be overseen by archives staff.

FILE GUIDE

BOX 1 BACKGROUND MATERIAL; DOCUMENTS

BACKGROUND MATERIALS

Folder 1 Finding Aid

Folder 2 Background Information

Includes biographical information, a government document on Worden's health 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).

SERIES 1: Documents

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. Margaret’s, 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. Gorringer, Lt Commander to Rear Admiral John L. Worden. Gorringer 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. Beaucleck 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]

BOX 1 & 2 [Digital prints of original photographs. See the box / folder list below]

SERIES 2: Photographs

BOX 3

- 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.
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- 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

- 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** Merrimack and Monitor Duel”
Cabinet Card; McCaffrey’s Elite Photo, Photographer, New York, 1886.
“Bought of the lecturer in the Panorama Building, July 14, 1886, New
York.” [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

- Folder 1** Photograph Album
Album containing photographs MS16.001 to MS16.045.

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APPENDIX: BOX / FOLDER LIST OF DIGITAL PRINTS

BOX 1

- Folder 47** [1886] Photograph Album
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- Folder 48** [1886] Photograph Album
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- Folder 1** Bankhead, John P.
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