

# Guide to the Charles William Bishop Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 930

**CREATOR:** Bishop, Charles William, 1823-1870

**TITLE:** Charles William Bishop papers

**DATES:** 1862-1864

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers are made up entirely of a combined logbook and journal, "Log of a cruise in the U.S. Gunboat 'Port Royal'." Included in the journal is Charles William Bishop's account of the sinking of the Cumberland by the Merrimac, together with poetry, newspaper clippings, and other papers about the battle.

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b. box  
f. folder

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

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## Scope and Contents

A combined log book and journal kept by Charles William Bishop during the Civil War makes up this collection. Bishop was born in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1823, and died in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1870.

The volume, entitled "Log of a Cruise in the U.S. Gunboat 'Port-Royal,' Lieut. Geo. U. Morris Comdg.," covers the period May 1, 1862 through May 24, 1864, and details Bishop's experiences in the war during that period. Of particular interest is his eye-witness account of the sinking of the *Cumberland* by the *Merrimac* (see pages 151 and following), accompanied by poetry, newspaper clippings, and other papers about the battle.

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## Collection Contents

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## **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.

### **Subjects**

Shipping

### **Geographic Names**

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865  
-- Naval operations

### **Genres / Formats**

Diaries  
Logbooks

### **Names**

Bishop, Charles William, 1823-1870

### **Corporate Bodies**

Cumberland (Ship)  
Merrimack (Frigate)