
Guide to the R. H. B. Hammond-Chambers Logbook Collection, 1897-1901

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Overview of the Collection

Collection Title: R. H. B. Hammond-Chambers Logbook Collection

Dates: 1897-1901

Identification: SC/RHB

Creator: Hammond-Chambers, R. H. B.

Physical Description: 0.92 linear feet

Language of Materials: English

Repository: Special Collections

Abstract: R. H. B. Hammond-Chambers served on the H.M.S. Royal Arthur, H.M.S. Plyades, H.M.S. Blake, and H.M.S. Duke of Wellington in the region of Australia and New Zealand in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He kept these logbooks, dated November 4, 1897 to February 15, 1900 and February 15, 1901 to August 15, 1901 during his service.

Biographical Information:

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Corporate Name:

Blake (Ship)

Duke of Wellington (Screw ship)

Plyades (Ship)

Royal Arthur (Ship)

Genre/Form of Material:

Paper records

Geographic Name:

Australia -- Description and travel -- Personal narratives

Great Britain. Royal Navy.

New Zealand -- Description and travel -- Personal narratives

Topical Term:

Logbooks

Warships -- Great Britain

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Scope and Contents

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including the coast of Australia, the Mediterranean, the coasts of Spain and France, Northern Africa, and the Indian Ocean.

Box 1, Item 1	Log Book, 1897 November 4-1900 February 15
Box 1, Item 2	Log Book, 1900 February 15-1901 August 15