A Guide to the Captain John Leale autograph books

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Acquisition Information
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This collection was transferred from Golden Gate National Recreation Area to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park.

Historical or Biographical Note
Captain John Leale was born in 1850 in Guernsey. He came to San Francisco in 1864, and was employed around 1880, originally with the South Pacific Coast Narrow Gauge Service. He served as captain on numerous ferry steamers, including ENCINAL, GARDEN CITY, OAKLAND, BAY CITY, PIEDMONT, and NEWARK. Captain Leale retired in 1914 after 36 years of continuous service aboard ferry steamers in San Francisco Bay. He died in San Francisco on December 31, 1932. An older brother, William G. Leale, also served as a ship captain aboard vessels in San Francisco Bay. Researchers should review Captain John Leale's autobiography titled Recollections of a Tule Sailor.

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Names of note that appear in the volumes include John McLaren, Superintendent of Golden Gate Park from 1887 to 1943, members of the Ghiradelli family, painter W.A. Coulter, Captain Fred Klebingat and Karl and Jean Kortum.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms
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