A Guide to the Donald V. Reardon vessel documents

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All materials received from Donald V. Reardon or members of his family.
Historical or Biographical Note
Biography: Donald V. Reardon was born in New York City in 1914. He attended Georgia Tech and then University of Michigan, where he graduated in 1935. His first job as a naval architect was with Gibbs and Cox in New York City. After 5 years he joined the Technical Division of the old Bureau of Marine Inspections and Navigation. The Coast Guard took over the Bureau of Marine Inspections during World War II and Reardon became a Coast Guard reserve officer stationed on the West Coast doing plan approvals for conversion of commercial vessels to military vessels primarily focusing on stability for transports. Reardon retired from the Coast Guard in 1964 and became senior naval architect at American President Lines where he remained until 1975. (Source: Donald V. Reardon oral history, 1983, American President Line, Ltd)
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**SAFR-01508:**
1. Certificates of inspection for various steam powered passenger and freight vessels built or residing in Eureka, CA, 1901-1905. 6 items.
2. Crew lists for the Spokane and Geneva and a collectors certificate of crew list, 1918-1919. 3 items.

**SAFR-01521:**

**SAFR-02356:**
6. American President Lines memo, 1975
7. SS President Van Buren passenger list, 1970 February 19 (military)
11. American President Lines vessel information, 1975-1980
15. American President Lines vessel characteristics, 1976-1977
17. Record book with vessel data and loose clippings, 1940-1959 (mostly blank)

The collection is open and ready for use.

**Collection Arrangement**
Arranged in accession number order.

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