Guide to the Sir Angus Cunninghame Graham Naval History Manuscripts Collection

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Sir Angus Cunninghame Graham naval history manuscripts collection,
Date (inclusive): 1746-1967
Date (bulk): 1746-1913
Collection number: MS-M001
Creator: Cunninghame Graham, Angus, Sir, 1893-1981
Extent: 1.4 linear feet 4 boxes
Repository: University of California, Irvine. Library. Special Collections and Archives.
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Abstract: This collection comprises naval documents, correspondence, and other related materials collected and assembled by British Admiral Sir Angus Cunninghame Graham. The materials provide insights not just into naval history but also day-to-day operations aboard British ships during the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. The collection includes ships' logs, navy lists, seamanship notebooks, and signal books, along with naval literature and notes, and sketches.
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**Acquisition Information**
Acquired, circa 1966.

**Custodial History**
The collection was initially assembled by Commander Charles Elphinstone Fleeming Cunninghame Graham and it includes materials created or assembled by Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward Seymour and Admiral Sir Douglas Romilly Lothian Nicholson.

**Processing Information**

**Biographies**

**Angus Cunninghame Graham**
Admiral Sir Angus Edward Malise Bontine Cunninghame Graham of Gartmore, son of Commander C. E. F. Cunninghame Graham, was born in 1893. Cunningham Graham completed his education at Osborne and Dartmouth, served in the Grand Fleet, 1914-1918, and was Senior Naval Officer at West River, China from 1936 until 1938. He was Captain of H.M.S. (Her Majesty's Ship) Signal School, 1939-1941, and of H.M.S. Kent, 1941-1943. He also served as Commodore of the Royal Navy Barracks in Chatham 1943-1945 and became a Rear Admiral in 1945. In 1952, after serving as a Vice-Admiral for four years, he was appointed an Admiral. Among many other titles, Cunningham Graham was also a Trustee for the National Library of Scotland, Commissioner of the Queen Victoria School, and Vice-President of the National Trust of Scotland. He died in 1981.

Charles Elphinstone Fleeming Cunninghame Graham
Commander C.E.F. Cunningham Graham, father of Angus Cunninghame Graham and brother of Robert Bontine Cunningham Graham, famous Scottish politician and writer, was born in Edinburgh in 1854. After three years at Harrow he joined the crew of H.M.S. Britannia. He served the Royal National Lifeboat Institution for twenty-five years first as an Inspector of Lifeboats, and later as a Deputy Chief Inspector. He died in 1917.

**Scope and Content of Collection**
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**Arrangement**
This collection is arranged into 3 series.

1. Ephemera files, circa 1830-1967. 0.4 linear ft.
2. Ships' logs and related documents, 1757-1803. 0.4 linear ft.
3. Signal books, 1746-1913. 0.6 linear ft.

**Separated Material**
Collection initially also included the diaries of Anne Elizabeth Bontine and additional materials which now comprise the Anne Elizabeth Bontine Diaries and Other Materials (MS-M29), Special Collections and Archives.
Box 1: 1

Checklist and biography of custodians. Cunninghame Graham Naval Library, November, 1967

Box 1: 2-3

Correspondence

Box 1: 2

Cunninghame Graham, Angus, letter to Graham's librarian, 1969

Box 1: 3

Cunninghame Graham, C. E. F.. 1911-1914.

Physical Description: 2 items.

Box 1: 4-7 and 4: 1-3

Lectures, notes, and publications

Box 1: 4-6 and 4: 1

Cunninghame Graham, Angus

Box 4: 1

H.M.S Achilles, engineering, circa 1912

Box 1: 4

H.M.S. Cumberland, shipbuilding notes, circa 1926-circa 1946

Box 1: 5

Navigation, pilotage and compass notes, circa 1910-circa 1930

Box 1: 6

Notes on charts, flags, signals and various naval subjects, circa 1910- circa 1940

Box 1: 7

Cunninghame, Graham, C. E. F.. Addenda to Naval Library catalogue, circa 1912

Box 4: 2

Lieutenant Layman, H.F.H., Lecture on the history of naval visual signalling, 1926, July

Box 4: 3

Waters, David Watkin, Notes on the convoy system of naval warfare, thirteenth to twentieth centuries, part I, 1204 -1874, 1957.

Series 2. Ships' logs and related naval documents, 1757-1803

Physical Description: 0.4 linear ft.

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series consists of ships' logs and miscellaneous naval documents dating from the middle of the 18th to early 19th centuries. The materials document naval life during the time period aboard naval vessels, administrative and legal events, ships' locations and movements, crew data and other related matters.

Arrangement

The series is arranged alphabetically by title and by author within categories of documents.

Box 1: 8-11 and 4: 4

Naval documents

Box 4: 4


Scope and Content Note

Spine title: Journal De M De Contrepo Capitain Debrulo.

Box 1: 8

Midshipman's leave book, H.M.S. New Zealand, 1910-1911

Box 1: 9

Seamanship note book, 1890

Box 1: 10

Sketchbook of ships and sailboats, 1882

Box 1: 11

Watch, station, and quarter bill, circa 1811

Box 2: 1 and 4: 5-6

Ships logs

Box 4: 5 - 6

Harris, John, 1792-1802.

Physical Description: 2 folders.

Scope and Content Note

The volume, in addition to 4 loose pages of entries, also contains a tintype portrait of an unidentified male.

Box 2: 1

Moubray, Richard Hussey (Commander of the H.M.S. Maidstone, 1801-1803), 1803
Series 3. Signal books, 1746-1913

Physical Description: 0.6 linear ft.

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series consists of 11 signal books that include information on charts, flags, signals and various other subjects including navigation, tides, sail making, and stowage of holds.

Arrangement
Items in this series are arranged chronologically.

Box 2 : 2  
*Signals for the Royal Navy and ships under convoy, 1746.*
Scope and Content Note
Includes the undated publication *Coins weights and measures, ancient and modern for all nations.*

Box 2 : 3  
Pendant and signals, circa 1746

Box 2 : 4  
*Telegraph flag of the thousands, circa 1746-circa 1800.*
Scope and Content Note
Title taken from item, which is enclosed in buttoned linen envelope.

Box 2 : 5  
*Signal book, circa 1778-circa 1779*

Box 2 : 6  
*Signaux de jour entre les vaisseaux, fregates and autre batimens de l'etat charges de convoyer, and le convoi qu'ilave l'ecortenz, 1793*

Box 2 : 7  
*Signals for ships of war, 1795*

Box 3 : 1  
Signal book with watercolor bookplate of Lieutenant Jacques Dalby, circa 1797

Box 4 : 7  
Signal book for Her Majesty's ships and the East India Company, 1798

Box 3 : 2  
*Signal Book for the Ships of War, 1808*

Box 3 : 3  
Signals for prizes, boats, H.M.S. Resistance, circa 1861

Box 3 : 4  
Signal book for boats, 1913