Descriptive Summary

Title: Thomas Stephens Collier Diary,
Date (inclusive): 1868-1869
Collection Number: Wyles SC 58
Creator: Collier, Thomas Stephens
Extent: .1 linear feet (1 folder)
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Scope and Content of Collection
Shipboard diary, 1868-1869, of Thomas Stephens Collier (1842-1893), boatswain on the 'Shenandoah' from July 1868 to April 1869, and previously on the 'U.S.S. Oneida,' May 1867-July 1868. Photograph of Collier glued in the diary, with caption "[U.] S.S. Monocacy, Yokohama, Japan, Feb. 2, 1868." Contains a blend of poems, philosophical ruminations, and diary entries re conditions on board the Shenandoah and of places visited. Most of the diary describes the trip back from the
Pacific, the ports visited including Yokohama, Nagasaki, Hong Kong, Batavia (Java), Cape Town, and Jamestown (St. Helena). One of the last entries, after having been at sea some time, is "An Ode to Cockroaches."