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Guide to the Lenthall Papers

Creator: John Lenthall (1807 – 1882)
Dates: 1794 – 1865 (bulk 1825 – 1860)
Quantity: 3 boxes
Call Phrase: Lenthall Papers
Provenance: Purchase. ISM number: 2007.30
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Scope and Content: The collection consists of papers created by or retained by the shipbuilding firm of John Lenthall and Company of Philadelphia. Approximately two-thirds of the collection consists of lists of materials and bills of costs for the construction of specific ships. The remainder of the collection consists of lists of materials and bills of costs, and in some cases specifications, for many different types of vessels. Other types of material found in the collection are correspondence, usually letters of transmittal of technical documents, drawings of specific subassemblies of vessels, and written descriptions of vessels or subassemblies.

The most extensively documented single ship in the collection is the razee USS *Macedonian*, including reports on the ship's construction and handling under sail.

This collection relates directly to the drawings that are on loan to Independence Seaport Museum from Franklin Institute. See the Independence Seaport Museum Library website for the Collection Guide for this part of the Lenthall Collection.

Lenthall Papers
Container List

Box 1

Folder	Title	Date
1	<i>Alleghany</i> – Steam Bark	1847
2	<i>Bainbridge (USS)</i> – Brig	1842
3	<i>Bishop of Clerks</i> – U.S. Lightship	1855-1856
4	<i>Brandywine (USS)</i> – Frigate	n.d.
5	<i>City of Philadelphia</i> – Ice Boat	1837, n.d.
6	<i>Clarion</i> – Barque	1841
7	<i>Colombia</i> – Frigate	1825, 1838
8	<i>Concord (USS)</i> – Sloop of War	1828
9	<i>Cumberland (USS)</i> – Razee	1856-1857
10	<i>Cyane (USS) & Levante (USS)</i> – Sloops of War	1837
11	<i>Dolphin (USS) & Porpoise (USS)</i> – Brigs	1836
12	<i>Enterprise (USS) & Boxer (USS)</i> – Schooners	[1831]
13	<i>Fairfield (USS)</i> – Sloop	1828
14	<i>Falmouth (USS)</i> – Sloop of War	1827
15	<i>Franklin (USS)</i> – Razee	1815
16	<i>Fulton</i> – Anchor Screw	1840-1848
17	<i>Fulton (USS)</i> – Seagoing Steamer	1837, 1850-1857
18	<i>Germantown (USS)</i> – Sloop of War	1846
19	<i>Jamestown (USS)</i> – Sloop of War	1844
20	<i>John Adams (USS)</i> – Sloop of War	1830
21	<i>John Hancock</i> – Steam Tug	1851
22	<i>Lawrence</i> – Brig	1843
23	<i>Lexington (USS)</i> – Sloop of War	n.d.
24	<i>Macedonian (USS)</i> – Razee	1851-1853
25	<i>Nantucket Shoals</i> – Lightship	1855-1856
26	<i>Natchez (USS)</i> – Sloop of War	1827
27	<i>North Carolina (USS)</i> – Ship of the Line	[1836]

Box 2

Folder	Title	Date
1	<i>Pennsylvania (USS)</i> -Ship of the Line	[1838]
2	<i>Pilot</i> – Schooner	1836
3	<i>Perry (USS)</i> – Brig	1843
4	<i>Potomac (USS)</i> – Frigate	1831-1834
5	<i>Princeton (USS)</i> – Steamer	1851
6	<i>Relief (USS)</i> – Store Ship	1835
7	<i>Sabine (USS)</i> – Frigate	1855
8	<i>St. Louis (USS)</i>	1847-1851
9	<i>Saratoga (USS)</i> – Sloop of War	1843
10	<i>Savannah (USS)</i> – Frigate	1843
11	<i>Southampton (USS)</i> – Store Ship	1845
12	<i>Trenton</i> – Store Ship	n.d.
13	<i>Truxton (USS)</i> – Brig	1842
14	<i>Union (USS)</i> – Steamer	1842
15	<i>Vandalia (USS)</i> – Sloop of War	1825
16	<i>Vincennes (USS)</i> – Sloop of War	1827-1852
17	<i>Wabash (USS)</i> – Steam Frigate	n.d.
18	<i>Warren (USS)</i> – Sloop of War	1837
19	<i>Washington (USS)</i> – Brig	1847

Box 3

Folder	Title	Date
1	Mail Steamers	1848-1857
2	Lightships	1854-1855
3	Surf Boats for Mexican War	1846, n.d.
4	Mississippi River Steamboats	1837, 1841, n.d.
5	Steam Revenue Vessels	1852-1860
6	Shipbuilding & Timber	1827-1868
7	Boats of Sloops of War	1820-1870
8	Bomb Vessel used at Vera Cruz	n.d.
9	Iron and Steam Vessels	1840-1865
10	John Lenthall – Correspondence regarding propellers	1851, 1857
11	Dimensions of Masts and Yards	1790's, n.d.
12	Masting Shears at Philadelphia Naval Yard	1853
13	Spars of Ships of War	1843
14	Bills of Materials	1843, n.d.
15	Distances from Philadelphia to Sandy Hook	1845
16	Timber for Masts, etc.	n.d.
17	Caisson at Brandywine Shoal	1838
18	Rations, Clothing, Pay	1842, n.d.
19	Memoranda and Calculations	1847, n.d.