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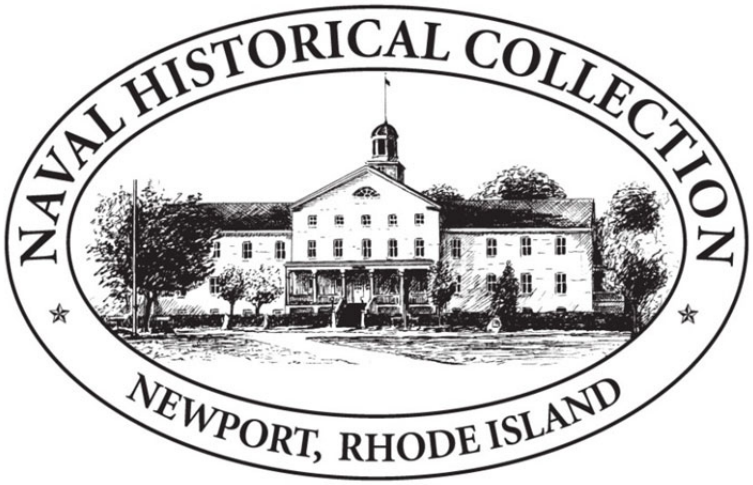

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William Veazie Pratt was born in Belfast, Maine, on 28 February 1869. His father, Nicholas Pratt, was chief officer and pilot for the Shanghai Steam Navigation Line, and William spent the first eight years of his life in China before returning to Maine to begin his schooling. He graduated from Belfast High School in 1885 and entered the U.S. Naval Academy in the fall of the same year. He graduated from the Academy in 1889 and was commissioned ensign two years later.

Pratt's first duty assignment was on board the USS *Petrel* (PG 2) as watch and division officer. In 1895, he joined the faculty of the Naval Academy as instructor in mathematics and navigation. The advent of the Spanish-American War found him in the *Mayflower* (PY 1) on blockade off Havana. In 1899, he was navigator in the *Newark* (C 1), which supported army operations in the Philippines.

During the next ten years, Pratt served at the Naval Academy and in a number of ships. He was promoted to commander in 1910 and the next year joined the staff of the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. The assignment represented a turning point in his career, and henceforth, he became an outspoken supporter of the College.

During World War I, Pratt served in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington. The tremendous workload and conflicts over the conduct of the war proved exhausting and he "resolved never to enter that cursed hole again." The main conflict was between Admiral William S. Benson, CNO, and Rear Admiral William S. Sims, Commander of U.S. Naval Forces in European Waters. Pratt played the role of mediator between these two strong-willed men, and it is to his credit that a working relationship between them was achieved for the duration of the war.

After the war, Pratt moved quickly up the fleet ladder. In 1920, he became Commander, Destroyer Force, Pacific. In June of the following year, he was assigned to the Navy's General Board to develop naval disarmament proposals for the forthcoming Washington Conference. When the Board failed to satisfy Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes, Pratt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and CNO Admiral Robert Coontz formed an *ad hoc* Naval Advisory Committee to draft the U.S. position for presentation at the Conference.

As technical advisor to the Washington Conference, Pratt attended working committee meetings and assisted in formulating American policy. His personal views on disarmament reflected those of the administration and placed him outside the mainstream of Navy thinking. He incurred the wrath of "big navy men" when he defended the work of the Conference in published articles and speeches. His stance was a courageous one and clearly demonstrated a capacity to place national policy objectives above all else.

In 1925, Pratt became president of the Naval War College, where he instituted notable changes in administration and in the curriculum. He introduced the study of logistics, stressed the committee approach to strategic problem solving, and encouraged joint operations with the Army. Administratively, he created functional division, as in fleet staffs, instead of the traditional teaching departments.

In 1929, Pratt became Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet, and in August of that year President Hoover appointed him head of the U.S. Technical Advisory Committee to the London Conference, slated to convene in January 1930. At the Conference, the main issue of contention between the British and the Americans was 10,000-ton cruisers. The General Board felt that the United States needed twenty-one of these ships for defense purposes in the Pacific. The British advocated a 5,000-ton version. Pratt's proposal of eighteen large cruisers and five small ones broke the deadlock between the two delegations. Once again he incurred the displeasure of his fellow officers for opposing the Board's wishes. On his return from London, he testified before the Senate Foreign Relations and the Naval Affairs Committees, where he advocated passage of the Conference treaties.

On 17 September 1930, Pratt was advanced to Chief of Naval Operations. Although he was welcomed by the Bureau Chiefs, to whom he granted a high degree of independence, the General Board greeted his appointment with dismay because of his stand on disarmament.

Shortly after assuming office, Pratt resigned from the General Board, thus providing the Secretary of the Navy with another independent source of advice. Friction quickly developed over the interpretation of maximum and minimum requirements for treaty fleets. The Board advocated a fleet building-up to maximum treaty limits, but the administration was reluctant to do so. Consequently, Pratt formulated policies that aimed at ensuring fleet readiness within the context of reduced funding.

As CNO, Pratt was caught between the strident navalism of his peers and the pacifism of the Hoover administration. Always the pragmatist, he endeavored to strike a balance between the conflicting viewpoints by urging a program of gradual naval construction. By 1933, as the Depression deepened and naval appropriations decreased markedly, Pratt felt that the fleet was substantially weakened and that national security was endangered.

Pratt continued as CNO for four months after Franklin D. Roosevelt's inauguration in 1933. His hopes for increased naval appropriations were not realized, due to the national economic situation. He retired on 30 June 1933 and returned to Belfast, Maine, where he spent the remaining years of his life.

Retirement years were spent reading and writing on naval and international relations topics; this included a stint for *Newsweek* magazine on the war at sea from 1940 to 1946. His only active service was six months in 1941 when President Roosevelt asked him to develop a

program to strengthen convoy defense in the Atlantic. In this capacity, he helped devise the escort carrier program and encouraged the use of lighter-than-air transport. Pratt became blind in 1949, and he died at the Chelsea Naval Hospital on 25 November 1957.

CAREER OUTLINE

1869	Born, February 28, Belfast, Maine.
1889	Graduated USNA, Passed Midshipman.
1889–1890	USS *Atlanta* (CR), Naval Cadet cruise.
1890–1891	USS *Chicago* (CA 14), Naval Cadet cruise.
1891	Commissioned Ensign.
1891–1895	USS *Petrel* (PG 2), Watch and Division Officer.
1895–1897	USNA, Mathematics Department, Instructor.
1898	Promoted to Lieutenant.
1898–1899	USS *Mayflower* (PY 1), Watch Officer.
1899–1900	USS *Newark* (C 1), Navigator.
1900–1902	USNA, Mathematics Department, Instructor.
1902–1905	USS *Kearsarge* (BB 5), Navigator.
1905	USS *California* (AC 6), Executive Officer; promoted to Lieutenant Commander.
1905–1908	USNA, Department of Navigation.
1908–1910	USS *St. Louis* (C 20), Executive Officer; promoted to Commander.
1911–1913	Naval War College, Staff.
1913–1914	Commander, Torpedo Flotilla, Atlantic Fleet, Aide.
1914–1915	USS *Birmingham* (CL 2), Commanding Officer.
1915–1916	Panama Canal Zone, Canal Defense Board; promoted to Captain.
1916–1917	Army War College, Student.
1917–1919	Office of Chief of Naval Operations, Assistant CNO.
1919–1920	USS *New York* (ACR 2), Commanding Officer.
1920–1921	Destroyer Force, Pacific Fleet, Commander.
1921	Promoted to Rear Admiral, June 3.
1921–1923	General Board, Member.

1923–1925	Battleship Division 4, Battle Fleet, Commander.
1925–1927	Naval War College, President.
1927	Promoted to Vice Admiral.
1927–1928	Battleship Division 4, Battle Fleet, Commander.
1928	Promoted to Admiral.
1928–1929	Battle Fleet, Commander.
1929–1930	U.S. Fleet, Commander-in-Chief.
1930–1933	Chief of Naval Operations.
1933	Retired from the U.S. Navy.
1941	Recalled to active duty, USN, January 6–July 15.
1957	Died, November 25, Chelsea, MA.

DESCRIPTION OF PAPERS

The William Veazie Pratt papers document Admiral Pratt's active naval career from 1910 to 1933, and through his retirement until his death in 1957. They consist of official and personal materials that are especially important for an insight into the problems facing the U.S. Navy during the first three decades of the twentieth century. Included are materials on the Washington Naval Conference, 1921–1922; naval disarmament; U.S. naval policy in the 1920s and 1930s; and the Naval War College in the 1920s.

The bulk of the papers were acquired by the Naval War College Foundation from William Veazie Pratt, Jr., of Belfast, Maine, in four separate accessions made between 1968 and 1971. Photocopies of Pratt materials located in the Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington, D.C., and in the Hoover Presidential Library, West Branch, Iowa, are also included.

The papers are divided into five series: Correspondence; Writings and Speeches; Miscellany; Copies of Pratt Papers in Other Repositories; and Conference and Committee Records and Reports.

Series I, Correspondence, 1901–1963

Series I is divided into three subseries: official, personal, and letters of Mrs. Pratt. Official correspondence consists of memoranda, telegrams, letters received, and copies of letters sent to naval officers, government officials, and civilian associates, 1910–1957. Prominent correspondents include Herbert Hoover, Henry Stimson, Charles Adams, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Josephus Daniels, Admiral Kishisaburo Nomura, and Admiral Henry A. Wiley. Topics of importance include Pratt's naval career, retirement, naval parity, naval aviation, and American naval power.

Series II, Writings and Speeches, 1921–1956

Series II contains published and unpublished writings and speeches of Admiral Pratt. Unpublished writings consist of drafts of articles and book reviews on topics of national defense, naval ratios, naval command and administration, disarmament, and national and foreign policy problems. Another segment is poetry. Published writings consist of essays for *Newsweek* magazine written by Admiral Pratt during World War II, and articles on the Naval War College, disarmament, U.S. naval policy, and world peace published during the course of his naval career. Pratt's speeches deal mainly with naval and international relations topics.

Series III, Miscellany, 1895–1963

Materials in this series include biographical data; newspaper clippings; newsletters; a draft biography of Admiral Pratt prepared by Felicia Hyde; invitations; Admiral and Mrs. Pratt's will; photographs of family and career situations; and autographed books and pamphlets.

Series IV, Copies of Pratt Papers in Other Repositories, 1906–1963

Series IV consists of copies of Pratt items in the Herbert Hoover papers, Hoover Presidential Library, West Branch, Iowa, and in the Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington, D.C. The former consists of copies of letters sent by Admiral and Mrs. Pratt to Hoover; the latter contains the Admiral's official correspondence and memoranda, the principal correspondent being Admiral William S. Sims; his personal letters to Mrs. Pratt and William Veazie Pratt, Jr.; and official orders, memoranda, writings, and reports.

Series V, Conference and Committee Records and Reports, 1920–1932

This series includes materials on the Washington Naval Conference, 1921–1922; Proceedings of the U.S. Senate Committee investigating the Navy Department, 1920; copies of documents relating to international disarmament, 1924–1929; and the League of Nations Lytton Commission report on the Manchurian Crisis (1921–1932), 1932.

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SERIES I
Correspondence, 1901–1963
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1	1	*Official correspondence*. Undated.
	1a	May 8, 1914.
	2	December 23, 1910–March 3, 1916 (Including letters from Franklin D. Roosevelt).
	3	December 18, 1917–September 12, 1919 (Including letters from Josephus Daniels).
	4	February 23, 1922–September 25, 1922.
	5	June 8, 1923.
	6	June 19, 1925–September 25, 1925.
	7	January 23, 1926–December 29, 1926.
	8	January 11, 1927–September 17, 1927.
	9	January 13, 1928–December 5, 1928 (Including letters from Admiral H.H. Wiley).
	10	January 2, 1929–August 26, 1929 (Including letters from Charles F. Adams).
	11	November 4, 1920.
	12	June 6, 1931–November 9, 1931.
	13	May 20, 1932–November 17, 1932 (Including letters from Henry Stimson, Herbert Hoover).
	14	January 9, 1933–July 1, 1933 (Including letters from Henry Stimson, Basil Liddell Hart, Franklin D. Roosevelt).
	15	July 5, 1933–December 22, 1933 (Including letters from Charles F. Adams).
	16	January 16, 1934–August 15, 1934 (Including letters from Herbert Hoover).
	17	October 6, 1935–December 20, 1935.
	18	January 13, 1936–June 17, 1936 (Including letters from Herbert Hoover).

Box	Folder	Contents
1	19	February 2, 1937–September 15, 1937.
2	1	*Official correspondence.* June 14, 1938–November 20, 1938.
	2	January 17, 1939–December 26, 1939 (Including letters from Josephus Daniels).
	3	February 12, 1940–December 4, 1940 (Including letters from Herbert Hoover, Margaret C. Smith).
	4	January 4, 1941–June 7, 1941 (Including letters from Margaret C. Smith, Herbert Hoover).
	5	December 1, 1943.
	6	September 5, 1944–November 20, 1944.
	7	January 26, 1945–August 1, 1945 (Including letters from Josephus Daniels).
	8	March 7, 1946–November 15, 1946.
	9	March 15, 1948–December 30, 1948 (Including letter from James Forrestal).
	10	February 8, 1949–November 17, 1949 (Including letters from Kishisaburo Nomura).
	11	January 29, 1950–December 13, 1950.
	12	February 10, 1951–February 22, 1951 (Including letters from Herbert Hoover).
	13	March 16, 1952–November 13, 1952 (Including letters from Herbert Hoover).
	14	January 3, 1953–August 30, 1953 (Including letters from Herbert Hoover).
	15	October 23, 1953–December 18, 1953 (Including letters from Kishisaburo Nomura).
3	1	*Official correspondence.* January 26, 1954–April 24, 1954 (Including letters from Kishisaburo Nomura, Herbert Hoover, Margaret C. Smith).
	2	May 5, 1954–December 3, 1954 (Including letters from Kishisaburo Nomura).
	3	January 1, 1955–December 28, 1955 (Including letters from Kishisaburo Nomura).
	4	April 20, 1956–December 27, 1956 (Including letters from Herbert Hoover).

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3	5	January 15, 1957–August 22, 1957 (Including letters from Kishisaburo Nomura, Herbert Hoover).
	6	*Personal correspondence with Mrs. William V. Pratt.* Letters received and copies of letters sent, 1901–1903.
	7	January 18, 1919–October 18, 1919.
	8	September 19, 1920–October 9, 1920.
	9	*Personal correspondence with Mrs. W.V. Pratt and William V. Pratt, Jr.* Letters received and copies of letters sent, May 7, 1923–October 17, 1923.
	10	August 12, 1925.
	11	October 8, 1927–December 23, 1927.
	12	January 4, 1928–March 14, 1928.
	13	March 26, 1928–December 30, 1928.
4	1	*Personal correspondence with Mrs. William V. Pratt and William V. Pratt, Jr.* Letters received and copies of letters sent, January 2, 1929–December 1, 1929.
	2	December 3, 1929–December 30, 1929.
	3	July 17, 1930–July 30, 1930.
	4	February 28, 1933–March 31, 1933.
	5	April 4, 1933–May 16, 1933.
	6	April 6, 1935.
	7	January 16, 1936–February 25, 1936.
	8	March 5, 1936–March 31, 1936.
	9	April 9, 1936–May 5, 1936.
5	1	*Personal correspondence with Mrs. William V. Pratt and William V. Pratt, Jr.* Letters received and copies of letters sent, January 5, 1937–January 31, 1937.
	2	February 3, 1937–February 26, 1937.
	3	March 2, 1937–March 30, 1937.
	4	April 1, 1937–May 31, 1937.

Box	Folder	Contents
5	5	March 17, 1938–December 30, 1938
	6	January 3, 1939–March 30, 1939.
	7	April 7, 1939–December 23, 1939.
6	1	*Personal correspondence with Mrs. William V. Pratt and William V. Pratt, Jr.* Letters received and copies of letters sent, June 9, 1940–October 11, 1943.
	2	June 5, 1944–January 9, 1948.
	3	*Correspondence of Mrs. William V. Pratt*. March 8, 1922–March 12, 1929.
	4	August 18, 1931–June 25, 1933.
	5	August 16, 1934–May 1937.
	6	May 25, 1940–August 12, 1960.
	7	January 19, 1961–October 7, 1963.

SERIES II
Writings and Speeches, 1921–1956
(2½ boxes)

6	1	*Writings, unpublished.* Undated. "On Defense and Arms Limitations." "Primrose Hill." "Limitation of Armament from a Naval Viewpoint."
	2	Undated. "On World War I" and "Army-Navy Cooperation."
	3	Undated. "On Effects of the Five Power Treaty," Washington Naval Conference, 1921–1922.
	4	Undated. Draft on the "5-5-3 Naval Ratio."
	5	Undated. Drafts of book reviews of *The Naval Memoirs of Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes* (1935) and *Sea Power in the Modern World* (1934) by Admiral Sir Herbert Richmond, and typescripts of "Our Defense Problem and Russia, General Conditions and Foreign Policy."
7	1	*Writings, unpublished.* Drafts and typescripts. "Limitation of Naval Armament," 1925; "Naval Command and Administration," 1925.
	2	"A Brief Outline of Sea Power Through the Ages," 1926.
	3	"Lest They Forget," December 1932.
	4	"Franklin D. Roosevelt, Traitor, Politician or Humanitarian?," March 1937.

Box	Folder	Contents
7	5	"Security," 1945; "Khatasou and Japan," 1948; "The Mid-East Problem," 1948; Untitled, 1949; "The Navy Football Team," 1947; "What about China," 1948.
	6	"The Struggle of Life with His Satanic Majesty the Devil," August 1, 1949–June 1, 1950.
	7	MISSING: "National and Foreign Policy Problems including the China Crisis, The Kremlin, Alger Hiss," etc., 1950.
	8	"Thoughts of the Moment," 1951.
	9	"Dawn," "Communism," and "Action Rather Than Words," 1952.
	10	"Mercy," "End of Rainbow," "Liberation: A Concrete Example," "Mr. President," 1953, "Brain Washing," 1953, "Coming In on the Beam," "Coming Home," "America First," 1953, "Sachel Paige," 1953, "Korea," 1953, "Franklin D. and Eleanor Roosevelt," 1953, "Food," 1953, "Speed," 1953, "Our Garden," 1953, "Blessed Isles," 1953, "Two Statements," 1953, "Why Not Food For China," 1953, "Unanimous Decision," 1953, "The Present World Crisis," 1953, "The H. Bomb," 1953, "Forbearance," 1953, "The Mystery of Life," 1953, "A Day of Reckoning," 1953, "The Use of Alcoholic Beverages," 1953, Untitled writing.
	11	"A New Year's Resolution," January 1, 1954, "Love," 1954, "Petty Bickering," 1954, "The New Crisis," 1954, "Pearl Harbor," 1954, "Looking Forward," 1954, "God's Own Garden," 1954, "Jimmy," 1954, "God and a New Day," 1954.
	12	"A Dream," 1955; "On Ball Players," 1956.
	13	*Writings. Published Articles.* "Our Military and Naval Forces as a National Insurance," 1933. "How Can We Stay Out of War?," undated. "America as Factor in World Peace," 1923. "Disarmament and the National Defense," 1929. "Our Naval Policy," 1932. "The Naval War College," 1927. "Naval Policy and Its Relation to World Politics," 1923. "Lest They Forget," 1933. "Leadership," 1934. "The Broad Aspect of Our Pacific Problem," 1927.
	14	"Limitation of Armament," 1930; "Freedom of the Seas," 1941; *Newsweek*, 1942; *Plane Talk,* 1944; *Newsweek*, 1948.
8	1	*Writings.* Drafts of articles for *Newsweek*, 1942–1945.
	2	Drafts for articles for *Newsweek*, 1942–1946.
	3	*Unpublished poetry.* 1946–1947.
	4	1947.

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8	5	1947.
	6	1948–1954, undated.
	7	*Speeches*. "The Aspects of Higher Command," August 30, 1929.
	8	*Speeches.* "The Navy and Its Personnel," October 28, 1930; "Naval Strength and Its Bearing on International Relations," November 14, 1930; "The Cause and Cure of War," January 20, 1931.
	9	Thoughts and Notes Anent a New Conference by Adm. Pratt, N.D. (Part of Lynch Book Collection).

SERIES III
Miscellany, 1895–1963
(6 boxes)

8	1	Biographical and career data. *U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings*, 1957. *Time Magazine*, 1930. *Asia Magazine*, 1934.
	2	Copy of Biography of Admiral Pratt by Felicia Hyde, ca. 1939.
9	1	*Miscellany*. Newspaper clippings, undated.
	2	1923.
	3	1923.
	4	1923.
	5	1923.
	6	1920–1934.
	7	1929.
	8	1930–1940.
	9	1936–1939.
	10	1931–1945.
	11	1950–1960.
	12	Certificates, membership cards, calling cards, passport, admission tickets, 1916–1940.
	13	Income tax worksheet, bank passbook, legal papers concerning Alfred Johnson Trust, 1895–1963.

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9	14	Testimonial and news releases, 1940–1955.
	15	Newsletters, 1929–1949.
	16	Invitations, diplomas, menus, 1929–1955.
	17	Receipts, deeds, inventory of household goods, and attendant correspondence, 1902–1941.
	18	Copies of trust agreement and will of Louisa Johnson Pratt, 1942.
10	1	*Miscellany.* Diary of Mrs. W.V. Pratt, 1930 with listing of social engagements, entries for stay in London, England, during London Naval Conference.
	2	Photographs of Admiral William V. Pratt.
	3	Photographs of Admiral William V. Pratt.
	4	Photographs of Mrs. William V. Pratt.
	5	Photographs of Louise J. Pratt.
	6	Photographs of Louise J. Pratt.
	7	Photographs of William V. Pratt, Jr.
	8	Photographs of William V. Pratt, Jr.
	9	Photographs of Pratt family.
	10	Photographs of Pratt family.
	11	Photographs of CNO's residence.
11	1	*Miscellany.* Photographs of Pratt family homestead, Primrose Hill, Belfast, Maine.
	2	Photographs of Pratt family homestead, Primrose Hill, Belfast, Maine.
	3	Photographs of persons and places.
	4	Photographs of persons and places.
	5	Photographs of persons and places.
	6	Photographs of persons and places, unidentified.
	7	Photographs: Unidentified.
	8	Negatives.

Box	Folder	Contents
11	9	Negatives.
	10	Postcards & Greeting cards.
12	1	Framed photographs.
13	1	Framed photographs and albums.
14	1	Autographed books and pamphlets & magnetic record tape.

SERIES IV
Copies of Pratt Papers in Other Repositories, 1906–1963
(3 boxes)

15	1	*Correspondence with Herbert Hoover in the Hoover Presidential Library.* December 31, 1933–April 29, 1941.
	2	April 29, 1948–January 31, 1963.
	3	*Official correspondence and memoranda in the Naval History and Heritage Command*. April 10, 1917.
	4	June 6, 1917–June 7, 1917.
	5	July 2, 1917–July 28, 1917.
	6	August 11, 1917–August 30, 1917.
	7	September 1, 1917–September 26, 1917.
	8	October 9, 1917–October 28, 1917.
	9	November 2, 1917–November 30, 1917.
	10	December 5, 1917–December 21, 1917.
	11	January 3, 1918–January 15, 1918.
	12	February 15, 1918–February 27, 1918.
	13	March 21, 1918–April 1, 1918.
	14	April 2, 1918–April 30, 1918.
	15	May 6, 1918–May 29, 1918.
	16	June 4, 1918–June 29, 1918.
	17	July 3, 1918–July 29, 1918.
	18	August 1, 1918–August 30, 1918.

Box	Folder	Contents
16	1	*Official correspondence and memoranda in the Naval History and Heritage Command*. September 6, 1918–September 17, 1918.
	2	October 2, 1918–October 31, 1918.
	3	November 1, 1918–December 18, 1918.
	4	January 28, 1919.
	5	February 7, 1919.
	6	March 10, 1919–March 28, 1919.
	7	April 25, 1919.
	8	July 2, 1925–January 12, 1926.
	9	September 12, 1916–January 21, 1926.
	10	February 1, 1926–February 26, 1926.
	11	March 16, 1926.
	12	May 4, 1926–May 26, 1926.
	13	June 3, 1926–June 9, 1926.
	14	July 15, 1926–July 26, 1926.
	15	August 5, 1926.
	16	September 15, 1926–September 21, 1926.
	17	February 2, 1927–February 15, 1927.
	18	March 3, 1927–March 25, 1927.
	19	March 20, 1923–April 8, 1927.
	20	May 23, 1927.
	21	June 14, 1927.
	22	July 2, 1927–December 11, 1927.
	23	*Correspondence with Mrs. William V. Pratt and William V. Pratt, Jr., in the Naval History and Heritage Command*. March 24, 1923–April 14, 1923.
	24	March 24, 1923–May 15, 1923.
	25	June 22, 1923–July 4, 1923.

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16	26	July 10, 1923–July 19, 1923.
	27	July 21, 1923–July 29, 1923.
	28	August 1, 1923–August 12, 1923.
	29	August 14, 1923–August 29, 1923.
	30	August 31, 1923–September 8, 1923.
	31	September 13, 1923–October 3, 1923.
	32	October 6, 1923–October 13, 1923.
17	1	January 30, 1928–February 27, 1928.
	2	March 1, 1928–March 24, 1928.
	3	August 25, 1928–October 18, 1928.
	4	January 3, 1939–March 30, 1939.
	5	*Memoranda, writings, reports, and addresses in the Naval History and Heritage Command*. N.D., June 3, 1925.
	6	N.D.
	7	August 27, 1917–August 18, 1924.
	8	April 3, 1925–June 24, 1925.
	9	October 23, 1925–April 13, 1926.
	10	*Memoranda, writings, reports, and addresses in the Naval History and Heritage Command.* January 7, 1927–September 3, 1927.
	11	*U.S. Navy official orders in the Naval History and Heritage Command.* October 26, 1906–October 12, 1914.
	12	December 2, 1914–May 9, 1917.
	13	May 18, 1917–October 27, 1919.
	14	March 1, 1920–August 17, 1923.
	15	September 27, 1924–August 11, 1925.
	16	March 21, 1929–September 16, 1930.
	17	January 5, 1931–May 27, 1932.

Box	Folder	Contents
17	18	February 1, 1933–June 16, 1933.
	19	January 4, 1941–February 8, 1941.
	20	January 24, 1941–March 5, 1951.

SERIES V
Conference and Committee Records and Reports, 1920–1932
(5 boxes)

18	1	International Disarmament Conference. Replies to the seven questions to be examined by the Preparatory Commission for Disarmament Conference, 1926.
	2	Questions for Consideration (2), Notes on the Interview Held with Mr. Hughes at His Home on Lake George, NY, June 24, 1925, Questions on Various Ships, Comments, Commander Green Force, 1929, Remarks Commander Black Fleet, 1929, Commander White Force, 1929, Memorandum to Secretary of State, Henry Stimson, 1930, Memorandum of Three Questions Asked by Secretary Charles Adams, 1930, Fleet as Constituted, 1930, Memorandum for Secretary of the Navy, 1930, My Own Story, Questions for the Naval Advisors to Discuss, n.d.
	3	Proceedings of the U.S. Senate Committee Investigating the Navy Department, 1920.
19	1	Proceedings of the U.S. Senate Committee Investigating the Navy Department, 1920.
20	1	Proceedings of the U.S. Senate Committee Investigating the Navy Department, 1920.
21	1	Washington Naval Conference materials; U.S. Navy Disarmament, 1921.
22	1	Washington Naval Conference materials, November 21, 1921 to March 1922.
23	1	Copies of documents relating to International Disarmament, 1924–1929. League of Nations "Lytton Commission" report on the Manchurian Crisis (1931–1932), 1932.

Folio I

Folder 9

Alfred Johnson's Diploma, Phillips Academy Andover, June 24, 1890

Photograph of a sailboat

Certificate from Belfast (ME) Savings Bank in memory of Edward Johnson, n.d.

Portrait of Erastus D. Miller, n.d.

Portrait of Louise Clark Miller, 1933

Certificate from Boston Chamber of Commerce regarding Alfred Johnson's time in the Volunteer Police Department, December 22, 1919

Folder 10

Maps of Jamestown, RI (3), n.d.

Seating charts for the residence of the CNO (3), 1931

Folder 11

Passport of Louise J. Pratt, January 4, 1953

Certificate, Companion of the First Class of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, April 6, 1887

Commission of W.V. Pratt to Ensign (3), July 1, 1891

Commission of W.V. Pratt to Lieutenant JG, August 19, 1898

Commission of W.V. Pratt to Lieutenant Commander (3), July 1, 1905

Commission of W.V. Pratt to Commander, July 1, 1910

Commission of W.V. Pratt to Captain (2), September 29, 1915

Diploma, U.S. Naval Academy, 1891

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