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- 1) **Floyd family.**
Papers, 1790-1910, 1855-1873 (bulk).
2.5 cubic ft.

Summary: Papers concerned with the interrelated Floyd, Ireland, and Sicard families. The Floyd items include the militia records (1824-1829) of Captain David Floyd, 157th Regiment, Rome, Oneida County, New York. The Ireland items include a plat book of the lands owned in New York City by the John Ireland Estate (1837). The bulk of the collection (1855-1873) relates to the activities of Montgomery Sicard, a U.S. Naval Officer, and includes notes, pamphlets, and other materials on navigation, naval discipline, and the care and use of naval guns; letters relating to the shipwreck of the U.S.S. Saginaw in the Pacific, November 1870; and letters relating to Sicard's duties at the Brooklyn Navy Yard (1870s).

Indexes: Partial calendar.

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Montgomery Sicard, 1836-1900. Papers, 1790-1910.

~~Star~~ Selected itmes relating to naval discipline:

- to MS
 August 23, 1862, letter/confirming in most respects sentences ^{he gave us} ~~given by Sicard,~~
 presiding officer at a summary court martial on board the
 USS Oneida.
- November 25, ^{1864?} ~~1864~~, letter to MS, then commander of the USS Seneca, Norfolk, Virginia
 in regard to receiving on ~~ab~~ board a prisoner who is to be
 court-martialed.
- January 6, 1872, General Order No. 168 (printed) of Navy Dept., concerning court
 martial of Commander Alexander A. Semmes.
- April 25, 1872, two orders (one filled in on printed form) requiring MS's presence
 as ~~witness~~
 witness
- April 2, 1873, General Order No. 182 (printed) regarding ~~trial~~ court martial
 William K. Wheeler.
- June 7, 1876, General Order N_o. 211/ (printed) regarding court martial of F. E.
 Upton

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Letterbook, August 2, 1877-N vember 5, 1878, containing copies of outgoing letters (mainly referring to orders and reports) that were written ~~for various ships~~ while MS was on various ships (e.g.,) USS Swatara) at Hampton Roads, Norfolk, New York [Brooklyn?], Boston, New Orleans, San Domingo, and elsewhere.

~~Note~~

NOTE: various letters or other documents signed by Admiral David Porter, William ~~Radford~~ Radford , ~~Secretary~~ Secretary of Navy Gideon ~~Welles~~ Welles
MS was lt. on USS Dacotah at Hong Kong on Feb. 11, 1861

Other items of interest:

- Letter from Ezra Cornell to re preserving NYS historic site.
1866.
- Info. re relatives buried at Hunt's Point (Bronx); inscriptions copied from tombstones.
- Letter, 1898, from a 2nd cousin, Elizabeth Russell of Marshallton, Penna., re Sankey-Sicard connection.
- Pamphlet, "Defects of Sight and Hearing," London, 1877.
- Political pamphlets, Utica, 1828, 1833 (?).
- American Monthly Magazine & Critical [Critics?] Review, 1818---news, natural history, lit. crit.
- Address before the Oneida History Society, 1881, on Continental Congress.
- Transactions of Oneida Hist. Society, 1892-4.

M. SICARD:

- Pamphlet, 1876, re mfg. firearms.
- " on navy regulations on sailing ships,
- Navigation of ship in cyclone.
- Diagram of howitzer.
- Notes taken on "rifled [?] cannon."
- Care and use of naval gatling guns, 1875.
- Remington Navy Rifle, 1870.
- Orders-- naval, fire drills.
- Navy Dept. Bulletins, 1870's.
- Bulletin on chronometer from Ordnance, Dept. of Navy
- Description of Naval Howitzer by MS, 1876.
- Corres. re ordnance instructions.
- List of seaman, offenses.
- ~~Record of corres., 1877-78, re naval duties. 17000.000?~~
- Invitation to reception for H.R.H. Grand Duke Alexis, Nov. 29, 1871.
- Bank account statements of Elizabeth Sicard, 1887-1891.

Above info. taken from KJ's rough notes of 1952, which were discarded.

1 MS vol. *
 Floyd Collection, 6 boxes, (1790-1890)¹⁹¹⁰. The papers of the ^{interrelated} Floyd, Ireland, and Sicard families. They include the deed for property sold to John Ireland in Ulster County (1790); a sale map ^(plat book) of the estate of John Ireland, New York City, 1837; the will of John L. Ireland, Brookhaven, Suffolk Co., 1870. John Ireland was married to Mary Floyd, to whose family many of the papers belonged. The Floyd papers consist mostly of the militia records of David Floyd, a captain in the 157th Regiment, Rome, Oneida Co. (1824-29); others include a dry goods and general store account book (1824) belonging to John Floyd; liquor licenses issued to David Floyd, 1824-26, Oneida Co.; a temperance pamphlet given to Julia Floyd (1841) by her father, William (1790-1885); a copy of the Oberlin Evangelist, September 1, 1841; the American Monthly Magazine and Critical Review, (1818); and several publications of the Oneida Historical Society (1881, 1892-94).

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* See p. 2.

** see separate sheet
 *** reports and other official papers pertaining to this incident listed on separate sheets; likewise, on separate sheets, full list of commis-
 and Civil War letters and notes. ^{self checked} sion

the genealogy of the Sicards, which show their relationship to the Sankey family in Pennsylvania and trace the Sicards back in France as early as 1650. (Oneida Co.) (777)

K.J., 10/52.

Shelflist:

Six *leg.* 4" boxes--1791-1825
 1826-1838
 1851-1871
 1872-1910
 2 undated

NOTE: This Floyd Family is the same as that of William Floyd (Dec. 1734-Aug. 1821) of Setauket, New York, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

* Letterbook, August 2, 1877-November 5, 1878, containing copies of Sicard's outgoing letters

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MONTGOMERY SICARD PAPERS

RELATING TO SHIPWRECK OF USS "SAGINAW," OCTOBER 29, 1870:

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| 1. | Official orders to go to Midway Islands.
Purpose: to deepen the entrance to the harbor. Sicard is to superintend the work (contracted by the Navy) with Mr. G. W. Townsend. | February 14, 1870 |
| 2. | Paysheet made out to Mr. Townsend for deepening the harbor -- one month's wages. | June 23, 1870 |
| 3-5. | Paysheets to Mr. Townsend. | July, Aug., Sept., 1870 |
| 6. | Muster and description list of crew. | September 30, 1870 |
| 7. | List of crew -- whether or not entitled to honorable discharge. | October 1, 1870 |
| 8. | List of articles expended during the month of October. | October 1870 |
| 9-10. | List of bills. | October 1870 |
| 11. | Paysheet to Mr. Townsend. | October 1870 |
| 12. | Account with appropriation, Midway Island. | October 1870 (?) |
| 13-14. | List of clothes lost and received. | November 6, 1870 |
| 15-22. | Letters from crew submitted to Sicard giving positive reasons for sending the ship's gig for help. | November 12, 13, 1870 |
| 23-24. | Report of the sick. | November 16, 19, 1870 |
| 25-26. | Lists of provisions and articles sent in the gig. | November 18, 1870 |
| 30-31. | Morning reports of prisoners in confinement. | November 21, 22, 1870 |
| 27-29. | Morning reports of sick. | November 20, 21, 22, 1870 |
| 32. | Price list of nautical equipment giving size and weight of items as recollected by yeoman of the ship. | November 23, 1870 |
| 33. | Morning report of prisoners in confinement. | November 24, 1870 |
| 34-36. | Morning report of sick. | November 25, 26, 27, 1870 |

- 37-38. Morning report of prisoners in confinement. November 27, 28, 1870
39. Morning report of sick. November 28, 1870
40. Morning report of prisoners in confinement. November 29, 1870
- 41-42. Morning report of sick. November 29, 30, 1870
- 43-44. Morning report of prisoners in confinement. November 30; December 1, 1870
- 45-49. Morning report of sick. December 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1870
- 50-52. Report of survey held on the hull; equipment, machinery, boilers, etc. (in triplicate)
- "Saginaw" lying on reef "at this place" (Ocean Island). Report -- nothing remains of hull. Machinery and boilers broken and of no use.
53. List of Mr. Townsend's stores saved. December 5, 1870
- 54-57. Morning report of sick. December 6 - 10, 1870 (7th lacking)
- 58-62. Report of prisoners in confinement. December 11-15, 1870
- 63-71. Morning report of sick. December 11-19, 1870 (14, 15th lacking)
72. Morning report of prisoners in confinement. December 19, 1870
73. Morning report of sick. December 20, 1870
- 74-93. Surveys of the articles which were saved from the wreck of the U.S. Steamer "Saginaw" from the departments of: Medical; Appropriation; articles belonging to Townsend; Contractor; equipment; payments; engineer; ordnance; navigators; construction. December 20, 1870
94. Morning report of sick. December 21, 1870
- 95-96. Morning report of prisoners in confinement. December 21-22, 1870
97. Morning report of sick. December 22, 1870
- 98-101. Letters of condolence written to Sicard. December 24, 1870
102. Morning report of sick (at its highest). December 24, 1870
- 103-106. Letters of condolence written to Sicard. December 26, 1870

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| 107-109. | List of articles shipped to wrecked crew. | December 26, 1870 |
| 110-116. | Morning report of sick. | December 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 1870
January 1, 3, 1871 |
| 117-118. | List of articles issued to 1st and 2nd Division. | January 8, 1871 |
| 119-120. | List of articles issued aboard Steamer "Kilanea" | January 8, 1871 |
| 121. | Letter from U.S. Consulate to Sicard. | January 17, 1871 |

NOTE: These items found, fall 1963, misfiled in another accession. Have been arranged and interfiled in proper location in #777.

As is noted in general description of the Floyd Family Collection on p. 37 of the 1948-1950 Report, a few letters pertaining to the Saginaw wreck were already on file in the papers. These are NOT included in the above list.

Prepared by V. Jurgens, 11/63.

KJ, 1/8/64.

Materials relating to Montgomery Sicard, United States Navy.

Used in 1961 Civil War exhibit.

- May 14, 1862 - describes naval action, vicinity of Fort St. Philip on Mississippi River, centering on the "Vanina" and "Governor Moore" (a rebel vessel)
- Oct. 8, 1862 - (off Mobile) describes chase by "Oneida" of the "Oreto" (flying British flag) which ran the blockade into Mobile Bay.
- Oct. 9, 1862 - (off Mobile) letter from Commander George H. Preble to Sicard (executive officer of U.S.S. Oneida) requesting answer to four questions (answer to this letter appended to the statement (chase description) made by Sicard, Oct 8, 1862
- Oct. 20, 1862 - letter from Commodore H.H. Bell (U.S.S. Brooklyn) commanding the blockade of Mobile Bay to Sicard - ordering Sicard to take station in the "Jackson" and maintain a "strict blockade" near Grant's Pass.
- Jan. 13, 1865 - notes on the action of the day (2nd attack on defenses of Wilmington); states times of day, movements and actions of individual vessels involved and signals (as code numbers) passed between ships; (written as a diary of the day by minutes and hours).
- Jan. 15, 1865 - notes on action of the day - similar to that of Jan. 13 - no indication of site of action.

Plan and sections of Fort Fisher (North Carolina - probably adjacent to what is now the city of Southport) Jan. 15, 1865 after it was taken by U.S. Forces under command of Maj. Gen. A.H. Terry (engraved in the Engineer Bureau, War Dept. Scale of plan 320 ft. to 1 inch. Scale of sections (drawn separately in upper left corner) 64 feet to 1 inch. Size 12" x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

F parchment - appointment of Montgomery Sicard as Lieutenant Commander, Feb. 21, 1863 signed by Abraham Lincoln, President and Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy. OVERSIZE.

Appointment of Sicard as Lieutenant, June 25, 1860 signed by James Buchanan, President and Isaac Lottory (?), Secretary of the Navy. OVERSIZE.

Appointment of Sicard as Commander, March 25, 1870 signed by U.S. Grant, President and Geo. M. Robeson, Secretary of the Navy. OVERSIZE.

LIST OF COMMISSIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF MONTGOMERY SICARD, U.S. NAVY

Mapcase Folder 1:

1. Graduation from United States Naval Academy--June 9, 1855.
2. Midshipman--June 15, 1855--Franklin Pierce.
3. Passed Midshipman--April 16, 1858--James Buchanan.
4. A Master (in the line of promotion)--November 4, 1858--James Buchanan.
5. Lieutenant--June 25, 1860--James Buchanan.
6. Lieutenant Commander--February 21, 1863--Abraham Lincoln.
7. Commander--March 25, 1870--Ulysses S. Grant.
8. Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, with the relative rank of Commodore--
July 1, 1881--James A. Garfield.
9. Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance--October 22, 1881--Chester A. Arthur.
10. Captain--October 22, 1881--Chester A. Arthur.
11. Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance--October 22, 1885--Grover Cleveland.
12. Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance--January 25, 1886--Grover Cleveland.
13. Commodore--July 17, 1894--Grover Cleveland.

All in oversize map case. December 1963.