

LOUIS E. WEICKUM (1881-1963)

INTRODUCTION

The papers of Louis E. Weickum consist of a small collection of letters (1905-1960), several diaries kept while he was a cadet on the ST. MARY'S, miscellaneous books, pamphlets and memorabilia. The major portion of this collection is made up of drawings of ships, life at sea, and reprints of pictures and articles on marine life; there are also numerous newspaper clippings about ships. Included are many photographs. In fact, the Maritime College owed a debt of gratitude to Mr. Weickum for the fine photographs taken aboard the ST. MARY'S when he was a cadet. (These can be found in the main photograph collection of the College.) Also, there are wood blocks from which prints are made, medals, insignia and book ends. Large scrapbooks and albums containing pictures of the sea and ships complete the collection. Of particular interest is the album "Memorabilia", compiled by Harry C. Ballard ('98) which contains photographs, drawings and letters reflecting the life and work of Louis E. Weickum.

Born in Heidelberg, Germany on November 26, 1881, his family moved to the United States when Weickum was two. He started his business career as a "printer's devil" in a country newspaper office. Weickum's interest in art led him to evening classes at Cooper Union and additional study at the Adelphi Academy and the Art Student's League.

He served as a cadet aboard the ST. MARY'S from 1902-1903. This love of the sea and fascination with ships reflects heavily in his art work. In 1906 he went to work for the Hamburg American Lines and was editor of the Atlantic Daily News on board the steamer KAISERIN AUGUSTI VICTORIA. In 1908 he worked on shore for the same company, as advertising manager and press agent for the lines. He created booklets, posters and other advertising matter, then performed the same task for the Alumni Association of the New York Nautical School.

Weickum's drawings and articles appeared in many maritime publications. He was also a photographer of some note and these were used for many years, and are still valuable as a resource at Maritime College.

Weickum died in March 1963.

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THE PAPERS OF LOUIS E. WEICKUM (1861-1963)

BOX I

1. Correspondence: miscellaneous

1. J.I. Clark 1905.
 2. G.C. Hanus 1905.
 3. B.S. Osbon 1909.
 4. William Bagley 1917.
 5. A.C. Barnaby. 1918.
 6. To: Bureau of Navigation, U.S. Navy 1918.
 7. R.T. Merrill 1918.
 8. To: R.T. Merrill 1918.
 9. E.C. Littlefield 1918.
 10. To: U.S. Navy Publicity Bureau 1918.
 11. Edwin Reynolds 1918.
 12. Winfield M. Thompson 1918.
 13. Julius S. Hall 1918.
 14. W.G. [DuBose ?] 1918.
 15. Josephus Daniels 1918.
 16. M.F. Culliney 1918.
 17. George L. Morton 1919.
 18. Herbert L. Satterlee 1938.
 19. Mrs. F. K. Kirkpatrick 1938.
 20. John G. Thompson 1943.
 21. Gershom Bradford 1950.
 22. Edward C. Venetianer 1960.
2. Diaries: 1901, 1902, 1903; address book, *Typescript of 1902 diary*
 3. St. Mary's: Records of cruises; 1902-1903.
 4. Book: Course notes; 1903.
 5. Miscellaneous books: Boat Book U.S. Navy; 1908; Notebook; Book of German Poetry.
 6. Miscellaneous bills, receipts, cards, etc.
 7. Memorabilia.

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BOX I, continued.

8. St. Mary's: Miscellaneous memorabilia.
9. Alumni Association correspondence: 1938; 1943; 1945; 1958.
10. Alumni Association: Miscellaneous items.
11. Alumni Association: Efforts to save the Newport.
12. Grey cover: N.Y.S.N.S. Alumni Association.

BOX 2.

1. Art work: commercial - Century magazine; 1917.
2. Art work: commercial - Miscellaneous jobs.
3. Art work: commercial - Miscellaneous jobs, exhibition at Suffolk County Museum, August 1949.
4. Marines Sail-Steam and personal.
5. Marines Sail-Steam and personal.
6. Marine Data Text-Newsclips: 1906; 1907; 1931.
7. Marine Data Text-Miscellaneous articles.
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BOX 3.

1. Miscellaneous Marine articles.
2. Articles, pictures re: ships.
3. Drawings, articles, pictures re: ships.
4. Articles, pictures re: Nelson's flagship H.M.S. Victory.
5. Miscellaneous articles re: ships.
6. Miscellaneous newsclips, maps, articles re: ships.
7. Miscellaneous drawings, pictures, articles re: ships.
8. Pictures and articles re: ships.
9. Miscellaneous drawings, articles, cards, newsclips.

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BOX 4

1. Art work: Training Ships.
2. Art work: Training Ships.
3. Art work: Training Ships.
4. Songs.
5. Collection of National Geographic Maps.

BOX 5

Photographs.

1. Annual Dinner Propeller Club; March 20, 1943.
 2. Annual Dinner Propeller Club; March 20, 1943.
 3. Miscellaneous photographs of ships.
 4. Miscellaneous photographs of ships.
 5. Ocean seas.
 6. Ocean seas.
- Small albums; loose album pages; large album pages.

BOX 6

Miscellaneous pins and medals; compass; wood blocks; sleeve insignia; armband; book ends.

BOX 7

Book-"Sail Your Own", newsclips from the New York Evening Post 1930.

Book-"From Carback to Clipper" by Frank C. Bowen.

Book-"Marine Pictures" (collection of pictures of ships).

The National Marine, Decmber 1919.

The National Marine, July 1920 (4 copies).

American Shipping, October 1923.

Book-Hamburg-America Line (Midnight Sun Cruise 1927)

BOOK - THE MARITIME ASSOCIATION OF THE PORT OF NEW YORK.
1873-1923. CILLUS. BY L. WEICKUM

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The following collection of books and albums are located on the open shelves next to the boxed collection.

1. Pictures of ships.
2. Drawings and pictures.
3. Collection of News stories, letters, personal notes.
4. Book-"Done in the Open"; drawings by Frederick Remington.
5. Album - Pictures of ships.
6. Album - cards, pictures, drawings, mementos, articles.
7. Memorabilia of Louis E. Weickum, compiled by Harry C. Ballard.

Loose, oversize drawings.

1. Sailor on a mast.
2. Lashing a hammock.
3. Cadet with bugle.
4. Cadets fencing.
5. U.S.S. St. Mary's in drydock.
6. A 4,000 mile race from Madeira to the U.S. between the SchoolShips St. Mary's (N.Y.S.N.S.) and Saratoga (Philadelphia); October 1902.