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**Coll. 661 USS *Trenton* Collection  
Circa 1874–2015**

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**Summary Information**

**Creator(s):**

City of Trenton; United States Navy

**Donor:**

Unknown (found in collections); Betty Holland (donor)

**Language of Materials:**

English

**Extent:**

Approximately 2 linear feet

**Location of Repository:**

Trentoniana Department, Trenton Free Public Library, 120 Academy St., Trenton, NJ  
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**Subjects:**

American Samoa--History / Colonialism--history--Africa / Colonialism--history--Great Britain / Donnelly, Frederick William (1866-1935) / Samoa--History--19th century / Trenton (Gunboat) / Trenton (N.J.)--History / Trenton (Screw steamer) / Voyages and travels / United States Navy--History--19th century / United States. Navy--History--20th century / United States Navy--Military life--Pictorial works

## **Administrative Information**

### **Conditions Governing Access:**

No access restrictions.

### **Preferred Citation:**

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## **Scope/Content**

This small collection comprises materials related to the various ships named after Trenton, New Jersey. None of these ships were built in the city, nor had any known Trentonians as crew. As such, the items in this collection include mostly summary materials about the ships, in addition to documents from where they intersected with Trenton more directly. Of note is a 1924 photo album gifted by the cook of the second USS *Trenton* (CL-11) to mayor Frederick Donnelly, depicting the ship's initial "shakedown cruise" from New York Harbor to British South Africa, Zanzibar, Egypt, and the Mediterranean. Also of interest are ephemera, correspondence, and some photographs from the commissioning of the third *Trenton* (LPD-14) in 1971.

## **Arrangement**

### **Series I: USS *Trenton* I (1876-1879)**

Box 1, Folder 1: Newsprint photographs of USS *Trenton* (all 3 ships)

Folder 2: USS *Trenton* I -- Painting, History

Flash drive: Various photos of the ship

### **Series II: USS *Trenton* II (CL-11, 1924-1945)**

Box 1, Folder 3: USS *Trenton* II -- Histories, souvenir envelopes, Alfred Young book, 1983 reunion correspondence

Box OS1: Photo album of CL-11's "shakedown cruise," 1924 -- Presented by ship's cook to Mayor F. W. Donnelly

Flash drive: Scans of photo album

**Series III: USS *Trenton* III (LPD-14, 1971-2007) and USNS *Trenton* (T-EPF-5, 2015- )**

Box 1, Folder 4: USS *Trenton* III -- Histories, reports of command

Folder 5: USS *Trenton* III -- Correspondence re: commissioning, Arthur  
Holland's speech and prep for speech

Folder 6: USS *Trenton* III -- Ephemera, plans, etc. for ship's  
commissioning ceremony

Folder 7: USNS *Trenton* profile