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Guide to the

**Homer Crane Blake papers**

1840-1871

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## Summary

**Creator:** Blake, Homer Crane, 1822-1880

**Title:** Homer Crane Blake papers

**Date:** 1840-1871

**Size:** .6 linear feet (2 boxes)

**Source:** Gift, Hershheim, Joseph, 1920

**Abstract:** Homer Crane Blake (1822-1880) was a U.S. naval officer. Collection consists of correspondence and other papers relating to Commodore Blake's service in the United States Navy. Includes official letterbook relating to affairs in Africa, China, Cochin China, Japan, and particularly the American mission to establish treaty relations with Korea, 1869-1872; reports of actions of American naval forces against Korean forts (1871); journal kept aboard the U.S.S. Alaska, with observations on currents, weather and other subjects, from New York to Korea via Africa, Cochin China, Japan, and China; scrapbook of clippings and other papers concerning action of the U.S.S. Hatteras with the C.S.S. Alabama in 1862; scrapbook containing material on Homer Kirtland Flanagan Blake as a member of the Class of 1875 at Columbia College; and autographs of many United States Navy officers and other government officials.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

**Alternative Form Available:** Entire collection available on microfilm; New York Public Library

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## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Appointment books  
Diaries  
Scrapbooks

### **Geographic Names**

Confederate States of America -- History, Naval  
Korea -- History -- 1864-1910  
United States -- Foreign relations -- Africa  
United States -- Foreign relations -- China  
United States -- Foreign relations -- Japan  
United States -- Foreign relations -- Korea  
United States -- Foreign relations -- Vietnam  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Naval operations

### **Subjects**

Fortification -- Korea  
Meteorology -- Observations  
Ocean currents  
Warships -- United States

### **Occupations**

Sailors

### **Names**

Blake, Homer Crane, 1822-1880  
Blake, Homer Kirtland Flanagan  
Alabama (Screw sloop)  
Alaska (Ship)  
Columbia College (New York, N.Y.)  
Confederate States of America. Navy  
Hatteras (Ship)  
United States. Navy