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Guide to the

Charles Blue diary kept on board the U.S.S. Vandalia

1853-1856

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Summary

Creator: Blue, Charles

Title: Charles Blue diary kept on board the U.S.S. Vandalia

Date: 1853-1856

Size: .31 linear feet (1 volume, 1 folder)

Abstract: The U.S. Sloop of War Vandalia set sail on February 14, 1853 and joined Commodore Matthew C. Perry's East Indies Squadron. She was present at Perry's historic entrance into Tokyo Bay on February 13, 1854 and in 1855 helped to protect American interests in China during the Taiping Rebellion. Vandalia was decommissioned at the Portsmouth Navy Yard on September 30, 1856.

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Key Terms

Geographic Names

Cape of Good Hope (South Africa)

China -- History -- Taiping Rebellion, 1850-1864

Christmas Island (Indian Ocean)

Japan -- Description and travel

Japan -- Foreign relations -- United States

Macau (China : Special Administrative Region)
Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)
Ryukyu Islands -- Description and travel
Shanghai (China) -- Description and travel
Singapore
United States -- Foreign relations -- Japan

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Diaries
Travel sketches

Names

Blue, Charles
Perry, Matthew Calbraith, 1794-1858
United States Naval Expedition to Japan (1852-1854)
United States. Navy
Vandalia (Sloop of war)