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Summary

Title: Seamen’s Church Institute of New York and New Jersey Records

Creator: Seamen’s Church Institute of New York and New Jersey

Date: 1818-2011

Extent: 85.25 linear feet and 69 oversized items

Access and Use

Restrictions: Materials dated within the last 25 years are restricted. Some pre-1985 materials in Series 1, 7, 9, 10, and 14 are restricted due to the sensitivity of content.

Citation: [after identification of items and series], Seamen’s Church Institute of New York and New Jersey Records, Queens College Special Collections and Archives, Queens College, City University of New York, Flushing, NY

Historical Note

The first meeting of the Young Men’s Church Missionary Society, an auxiliary to the City Mission Society and a predecessor of the Seamen’s Church Institute of New York and New Jersey, was held on March 6, 1834. Prominent members of the Society included Pierre E. F. McDonald, J. Rutsen Van Rensselaer, Hamilton Fish and Thomas P. Cummings. The Society was initially involved in sponsoring missionaries to Africa, rural New York State and the Tennessee frontier, but in March of 1842, the board, in a resolution led by Charles Tomes, resolved to appoint a task force towards the development of a maritime mission in the Port of New York. The newly formed “Sailor’s Mission” set its focus on the welfare of seafarers of all kinds, who in mid-nineteenth century Manhattan were faced with pitfalls such as liquor, prostitutes, high interest loans easily obtained from boarding house keepers, and crimps.

The Society hired Rev. Benjamin C. C. Parker as its first seamen’s chaplain on July 3, 1843, a position he would hold until his death in 1859. Parker held his first services above a grog shop until February 1844, when construction on the Society’s Floating Church of Our Saviour was completed. The Floating Church was towed and consecrated at the foot of Pike Street where it remained in use until 1866. The Society, having officially changed its name to the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in 1844, commissioned the construction of two more floating chapels: the Floating Church of the Holy Comforter, docked at the foot of Dey Street on the Hudson River (then called the North River) with the Rev. Daniel Van Mater Johnson serving as chaplain, and the second Floating Church of Our Saviour in 1870. During this time the Society continued to expand inland as well, establishing the Sailor’s Home, an outpost that provided affordable lodging, a Seamen’s Bank for Savings and a free library and reading room. Similar outposts were established along the North and East Rivers, in addition to the mission at Coenties Slip, which had been in operation since 1852. Services at Coenties Slip were conducted outdoors by the Rev. E. F. Remington, later replaced by the Rev. Robert J. Walker and the Rev. Isaac Maguire. The congregation there consisted of seamen in port, truckmen, longshoremen and the “canallers” who would dock at the slip for months at a time, living on board their vessels along with their families.
In 1896, the Society appointed the Rev. Archibald R. Mansfield chaplain of the second Floating Church of Our Saviour and the East River Station. Mansfield quickly took a leading role in lobbying for legal reform for seamen's rights through the Society's committee on legislation and the Joint Conference of Seamen's Societies. The White Bill passed in the Senate and the House in late 1898, with President McKinley signing it into law on December 21, establishing a variety of rights for seamen from the abolishment of flogging and corporal punishment to the right to collect half of their pay immediately upon reaching port.

In 1906, the Society changed its name to the Seamen's Church Institute of New York (SCI). Mansfield, having been appointed Superintendent of the Institute, consolidated all of its stations and operations under one headquarters at One State Street in 1910. Also in that year the first issue of "The Lookout", SCI's institutional publication, appeared in print. On April 15, 1912, the cornerstone of SCI's new headquarters was laid at 25 South Street, property purchased by the building committee in 1906. 25 South Street officially opened on May 28, 1913, with twelve stories capable of housing 580 seamen in its dormitory style rooms. The headquarters also housed a shipping bureau, a restaurant, a postal service and a chapel, all for the benefit of the seamen in the Port of New York.

The new building at 25 South Street would also serve as the central location for SCI's involvement in the war effort during World War I. British apprentices, some as young as 14 and who had stayed at the Institute, were forced to leave in August 1914 to find positions in the army overseas. In 1916, the Institute appointed Capt. Robert Huntington principal of the recently established Navigation and Marine Engineering School with classes conducted on the newly constructed "ship's bridge" on the roof of 25 South Street. Over the course of World War I, the school would train more than 15,000 men. On June 3, 1918, German submarines torpedoed nine ships in American coastal waters. Over the course of the coming days, SCI, having converted its auditorium into an improvised dormitory lined with cots, provided lodging to most of the surviving crews from the sunken vessels. In 1919 shortly after the War's end, House Mother Janet Roper and the Religious and Social Work Department established the Missing Seamen Bureau, which circulated a weekly bulletin that printed the names of seamen who had people searching for them through 25 South Street. Seamen from all over the world would respond to the bulletin and be put back in touch with family members or friends who were trying to communicate with them.

During the postwar years of the 1920s, the shipping industry fell into a sustained period of decline, leaving thousands of seamen stranded in New York port without any income. SCI responded by converting the 39th Street Ferry House into a temporary relief headquarters capable of sheltering 500 men a night. Despite this effort, approximately 27,000 out-of-work seamen were denied lodging in 1922 because SCI's facilities had reached capacity. The market crash of 1929 thinned economic opportunity for seamen even more severely. In 1931 it was reported that 8,000 to 12,000 merchant seamen visited the Institute daily, most of them seeking shelter, food and the services of the Institute's Employment Bureau. During this time the Institute came under scrutiny from several seamen's union groups as well as many individuals demanding free services at the Institute's headquarters. The tension erupted in 1932 when 25 unemployed members of the Marine Workers Industrial Union stormed the lobby at 25 South Street, inciting a melee in which several shots were fired, but with no injuries sustained.

In 1934, Mansfield died of a heart attack. It was reported that some 2,000 seamen attended his funeral service. In his absence, the Rev. Harold H. Kelley took over as superintendent, and it was he who would see the Institute through the years of the Second World War. SCI began
lodging the crews of the first torpedeoed ships of World War II in October 1939, just weeks after Britain and France had declared war on Germany. Kelley commandeered large rooms within 25 South Street for the establishment of the British Merchant Navy Club, the Belgian Seamen's Home and the Home for Netherland Seamen, all of which provided a temporary home for merchant seamen from overseas. The Merchant Marine School (formerly the Navigation and Marine Engineering School) trained approximately 25,000 men for service. The practice of sending comfort bags to seamen at war, a service begun by Augusta Morris de Peyster and the Seamen's Benefit Society at SCI in 1898 during the Spanish-American War, reached an all-time high by 1942; some 2,000 volunteers offered their services at SCI's knitting room with the aid of dozens of women's auxiliaries of churches from around the country.

The Rev. Dr. Raymond S. Hall took over as director of SCI in 1948 and began a push to redesign the nature of the Institute's presence in the Port of New York. In 1961, under the leadership of newly appointed director the Rev. John M. Mulligan, SCI's Port Newark Station opened to address the shift in the shipping industry away from downtown Manhattan and towards New Jersey. The Station, later rechristened the Seamen's Church Institute Mariners Center Newark, included a soccer field, snack bar, lounge and gymnasium. Also during this time, SCI's board began to research the task of relocating the Institute's headquarters, which by that time would have required an estimated $3,000,000 in renovations to remain operational. In 1968, SCI officially relocated to a twenty-three story building at 15 State Street that offered 295 rooms for seamen.

The 1970s were highlighted by a major financial reorganization of the Institute headed by the Rev. Dr. James R. Whittemore, who took on the role of director in 1977. Whittemore saw the Institute through the shipping industry's tough economic years of the mid-1980s, which saw investors abandoning ships as a result of plunging freight rates. In 1978, the Institute formally changed its name to the Seamen's Church Institute of New York and New Jersey. Many other changes would follow over the next two decades. On May 29, 1980, SCI's first female chaplain, Victoria B. M. Sanborn, was ordained at Trinity Church. SCI opened the Center for Seafarers' Rights (CSR) in early 1982 to address the increasing number of cases involving worker's abuse and violation of worker's rights that were being communicated to chaplains by seafarers during ship visits and at the Institute itself. In 1985, SCI sold its headquarters at 15 State Street and moved into smaller, temporary offices at 50 Broadway. Five years later, construction was complete at 241 Water Street on the Institute's new headquarters adjacent to the South Street Seaport in downtown Manhattan. The new headquarters was home to the Institute's Christmas-At-Sea knitting program and its Maritime Education program, which included classroom instruction and simulator training exercises housed on the building's third floor. Simulators were subsequently built in Paducah, Kentucky and Houston, Texas that provide instruction in inland river navigation. The Rev. Jean R. Smith took over as SCI's first female Executive Director in 2002, a position she would hold until 2007 when the Rev. David M. Rider succeeded her. In 2011, SCI announced the sale of its headquarters at 241 Water Street and its planned relocation to the renovated 18,000 square foot International Seafarers' Center in Port Newark, New Jersey.

**Scope and Content**

The collection consists of the records of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York and New Jersey from 1808-2010. Records include minutes, correspondence, printed material, scrapbooks, photographs, journals, registers, reports and ephemera related to the day-to-day operation of the Institute.
Minutes for the Board of Managers date from 1854 and include entries for meetings involving Franklin D. Roosevelt and J. Pierpont Morgan, who were both members. Also included are the minutes of the meetings of the Young Men’s Education and Missionary Society (SCI’s predecessor), dating from 1834-1843.

Correspondence and reports related to SCI’s former Presidents, Superintendents and Directors are included in the collection. Of particular note are the records of Rev. Archibald R. Mansfield, first Superintendent of the Institute, as well as Rev. Harold H. Kelley, who was Director of SCI during World War II. Also included are the records of SCI’s Chaplains and Staff, including the journals of Rev. Benjamin C. C. Parker, Chaplain at the first Floating Church of Our Saviour, as well as the records of “Mother” Janet Roper, founder of the Missing Seamen Bureau.

Records relating to activities at 25 South Street, SCI’s headquarters from 1913-1967, detail services provided to seafarers such as SCI’s knitting program and Maritime Education department. Additionally, correspondence, printed material and ephemera detail the waterfront labor struggles at the turn of the 20th century as well as the 1930s and 40s. Many scarce publications and pamphlets related to maritime labor and leftist politics are included here, some with few or no catalog entries in the WorldCat consortium database.

Photographs and scrapbooks contain thousands of images related to maritime life and culture. Additionally, the development of the Port of New York and the downtown area of Manhattan are well represented. Other materials include newspaper clippings that date to the late 20th century as well as complete runs of SCI’s publication The Lookout.

Arrangement Note

Materials are arranged into 16 Series: Series 1: Board of Managers; Series 2: Director’s / Superintendent’s Files; Series 3: Chapel and Chaplain’s Files; Series 4: Staff and Administration; Series 5: Seamen’s Service; Series 6: Missing Seamen Bureau; Series 7: Seamen’s Files; Series 8: Christmas at Sea (Women’s Council); Series 9: Maritime Education; Series 10: Labor and Legislation; Series 11: Development; Series 12: Public Relations; Series 13: Finance; Series 14: Buildings; Series 15: Photographs; Series 16: Printed Material.

The collection was partially processed over the years 1978-1981 when SCI’s records were transferred to the Episcopal Diocese of New York. The archives returned to SCI’s headquarters in 2008 and were reprocessed in 2010-2011. Folders were originally named according to subject and this convention was maintained in order to preserve original order as much as possible. Folders were arranged into series in a hierarchy that best reflects the historical structure of the Institute.
SERIES I: BOARD OF MANAGERS, 1834-1978, 3.75 linear feet

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Board of Managers records consist of meeting minutes, agendas, correspondence and materials related to various committees. Minutes document meetings held from 1834-1843 by the Institute's founding members, meetings of the Committee of the Floating Church of Our Saviour (1843-1874) and minutes from the Board of Managers (1854-1950) of which Franklin D. Roosevelt and J. Pierpont Morgan were members. Of particular note are discussions detailing the initial formation of a mission for seamen in the Port of New York, construction of SCI's headquarters at 25 South Street beginning in 1911, SCI's response to the Great Depression, the development of the Merchant Marine School and Women’s Council and SCI's involvement in the American War effort during both World Wars.

Also included are correspondence and speeches involving Edmund L. Baylies, member of the Board of Managers from 1885-1932 and First Lay President of the Institute from 1913-1932; Clarence G. Michalis, member of the Board of Managers from 1924-1969, President of the Institute from 1932-1957 and Chairman from 1958-1969; and Franklin E. Vilas, President of the Institute from 1958-1969.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged in alphabetical order according to creator and subject file within two sub-series: Bound Volumes and Subject Files.

RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS

Some materials pre-1985 are restricted due to the sensitivity of content.

INVENTORY

Bound Volumes

Board of Managers of the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New York – Minutes - 1854-1867

Board of Managers of the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New York – Minutes - 1867-1880

Board of Managers of the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New York – Minutes - 1880-1893

Board of Managers of the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New York – Minutes - 1893-1902

Board of Managers of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York – Minutes 1903-1930
Board of Managers – Member Lists – No date
Board of Managers – Memorial Gift, Lawrence McLane & Sir Ashley Sparks – 1964-1968
Board of Managers – Minutes – 1959
Board of Managers – Newsletters - 1965-1966
Board of Managers - Personal Gifts – 1974
Board of Managers – Pledges – 1974
Board of Managers – Roll Book – 1876
Board of Managers - Search Committee – 1976
Board of Managers - Survey – 1974 [RESTRICTED]
Board of Managers Building Committee – Correspondence – 1913-1920
Board of Managers Building Committee – Correspondence - 1965-1967
Board of Managers Committee on Plan and Scope - Reports – 1903-1904
Board of Managers Committee on Real Estate - 1961-1962
Board of Managers Committee on Trust Funds - 1961-1974
Board of Managers Planning Committee - Correspondence - 1948-1959
Board of Managers Planning Committee – Correspondence - 1959-1961
Board of Managers Survey Committee - 1937-1938
Board of Managers Survey Committee - 1952-1956
Board of Managers Survey Committee – 1956 August – 1957 June
Farrel, James – Correspondence – 1934 July 5
Lindh, Henry C. B. - Correspondence - 1965-1972
Michalis, Clarence G. – Correspondence - 1926-1947
Michalis, Clarence G. – Correspondence – 1929, 1961
Michalis, Clarence G. – Annual Letter to the Board - 1932-1958
Michalis, Clarence G. – Correspondence - 1948-1971
Michalis, Clarence, G. – Testimonial – 1949
Morrison, John H. - Correspondence – 1876 November 14 & 1933 February 23
Roberts, Thomas - Correspondence - 1939-1954
Vilas, Franklin E. – Annual Letter to the Board – 1960-1969
Vilas, Franklin E. – Correspondence – 1957-1969

Vilas, Franklin E. – Speech – 1965

Warburton, Frank T. - Correspondence – 1885-1933

Zabriske, George Gray - Correspondence – 1937-1961
SERIES 2: DIRECTOR’S / SUPERINTENDENT’S FILES, 1897-1992, 2.5 linear feet, 1 oversized item

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Director’s / Superintendent’s Files consist of correspondence and reports related to the offices of the Superintendent of the Institute (1897-1933) and the Director of the Institute (1934-1992). The change in title corresponds with the death and end of service of Rev. Archibald R. Mansfield, who served as Superintendent from 1898-1934. Also included in this series are the records of Rev. Harold H. Kelley, Director from 1934-1948; Rev. Raymond S. Hall, Director from 1948-1960; Rev. John M. Mulligan, Director from 1960-1977; and Rev. James R. Whittemore, Director from 1977-1992.

Of particular note is correspondence from 1912 regarding the sinking of the RMS Titanic, including reports of the tragedy and a memorial service held at the Institute’s Church of the Holy Comforter. Also of significance is the correspondence of Rev. Kelley during World War II, including exchanges regarding the sale of War Bonds at the Institute and communications with various federal organizations. Also included are Rev. Hall’s notes from his worldwide survey to assess the state of the maritime professions in 1955. Additionally, unpublished biographies of Rev. Mansfield written by Albert J. Knock in 1933 and later revised by Rev. James C. Healey (1936-1946) are included.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged in alphabetical order according to creator and subject file within two sub-series: Oversized Items and Subject Files.

INVENTORY

Oversized Items
Knock, Albert J. – Mansfield Autobiography – [1933?]

Subject Files
Director’s Office – Inquiries – 1941-1954
Director’s Office – Life Saving Benevolent Association, Correspondence – 1946-1972
Director’s Office – Reports – 1942-1953
Director’s Office – Reports – 1954-1961
Hall, Rev. Raymond S. – Circumnavigator’s Club, Correspondence – 1954-1956
Hall, Rev. Raymond S. – Correspondence – 1947-1962
Hall, Rev. Raymond S. – Hulan E. Jack, Correspondence – 1954 July 20
Hall, Rev. Raymond S. – Institution – 1949
Hall, Rev. Raymond S. – Missions to Seamen, Correspondence – 1948-1959
Hall, Rev. Raymond S. – “Notes on a Trip Around the World” – 1955
Hall, Rev. Raymond S. – “Planning for an Adequate Program of Service in Seamen’s Work” – [1950?]
Healey, Rev. James C. – Mansfield Biography (Chapters 1-10) – [No date]
Healey, Rev. James C. – Mansfield Biography (Chapters 10-20) – [No date]
Healey, Rev. James C. – Mansfield Biography, Correspondence – 1941-1946
Healey, Rev. James C. – Mansfield Biography Draft – [No date]
Kelley, Rev. Harold H. – 40 Fifth Avenue Corporation, Correspondence – 1945-1947
Kelley, Rev. Harold H. – Army and Navy Commission of the Episcopal Church, Correspondence – 1943
Kelley, Rev. Harold H. – Correspondence – 1935-1946
Kelley, Rev. Harold H. – Gordon Grant, Correspondence – 1940
Kelley, Rev. Harold H. – Memoranda – 1940-1941
Kelley, Rev. Harold H. – Missions to Seamen, Correspondence – 1935-1948
Kelley, Rev. Harold H. – New York City Defense Recreation Committee, Correspondence – 1946
Kelley, Rev. Harold H. – War Bonds, Correspondence – 1942-1943
Kelley, Rev. Harold H. – World War II Special Engagements Materials – [No date]
Mansfield, Rev. Archibald R. – Correspondence – 1899-1933
Mansfield, Rev. Archibald R. – RMS Titanic, Correspondence – 1912
Mansfield, Mrs. Archibald R. – Correspondence – 1940-1951
Mulligan, Rev. John M. – Christmas Message – 1971
Mulligan, Rev. John M. – Correspondence – 1961-1976
Mulligan, Rev. John M. – Missions to Seamen, Correspondence – 1960-1963
Nock, Albert J. – Mansfield Biography, Correspondence – 1936-1961
Nock, Albert J. – Mansfield Biography Draft – [1933]
Nock, Albert J. – Mansfield Biography, Research Materials – [No date]
Superintendent’s Office – Reports – 1912-1918

Superintendent’s Office – Reports – 1919-1924

Superintendent’s Office – Reports – 1924-1933

Superintendent’s Office – Reports – 1934-1941

Whittemore, Rev. James R. – Annual Report to the Board of Managers – 1980

Whittemore, Rev. James R. – Correspondence – 1977

Whittemore, Rev. James R. – Correspondence – 1978

Whittemore, Rev. James R. – Correspondence – 1979

Whittemore, Rev. James R. – Correspondence – 1980

Whittemore, Rev. James R. – Correspondence – 1981

Whittemore, Rev. James R. – Correspondence – 1982

Whittemore, Rev. James R. – Correspondence – 1983

Whittemore, Rev. James R. – Correspondence – 1985 [RESTRICTED]

Whittemore, Rev. James R. – Correspondence – 1986 [RESTRICTED]

Whittemore, Rev. James R. – Correspondence – 1987 [RESTRICTED]

Whittemore, Rev. James R. – Correspondence – 1988 [RESTRICTED]

Whittemore, Rev. James R. – Correspondence – 1989 [RESTRICTED]


Whittemore, Rev. James R. – Seamen’s Church Institute: 150 Years and Beyond – 1985

SERIES 3: CHAPEL AND CHAPLAIN’S FILES, 1843-1977, 3.25 linear feet, 4 oversized items

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Chapels and Chaplain’s Files include correspondence, registers, journals and visitors’ books related to SCI’s missionary and pastoral services.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged into two sub-series: Chapel Files and Chaplain’s Files.

SUB-SERIES 3.1: CHAPEL FILES, 1843-2008, 2.00 linear feet, 4 oversized items

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes registers, visitors’ books, correspondence and subject files related to SCI’s chapels and missionary outposts which conducted religious services and provided spiritual care for seafarers in the Port of New York. Of particular note are materials related to the Institute’s three floating chapels: the first Floating Church of Our Saviour (1844-1866), the Church of the Holy Comforter (1846-1868) and the second Floating Church of Our Saviour (1869-1911). Also included are materials related to the Coenties Slip Station, in operation from the 1850s to 1906. Additionally, materials related to the North River Station (1888-1914), the Chapel of Our Saviour at 25 South Street (1913-1967), the Chapel of Our Saviour at 15 State Street (1968-1985) and the Chapel of St. Nicholas (1991-2010) are included.


ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged in alphabetical order according to creator and subject file within three sub-sub series: Bound Volumes, Oversized Items and Subject Files.

INVENTORY

Bound Volumes

Chapel of Our Saviour (15 State Street) – Register of Church Services – 1971 February 17 – 1984 February 24
Chapel of Our Saviour (15 State Street) – Register of Church Services – 1984 February 27 – 1993 November 30
Chapel of Our Saviour (25 South Street and 15 State Street) – Marriages – 1956 March 2 – 1985 July 13
Chapel of Our Saviour (25 South Street and 15 State Street) – Register of Church Services – 1961 January 1 – 1971 February 16
Chapel of St. Nicholas (241 Water Street) – Baptisms – 1993 February 10 – 2007 June 30
Chapel of St. Nicholas (241 Water Street) – Register of Church Services – 2000 October 19 – 2008 September 12
Church of the Holy Comforter (North River Station) – Register – 1846-1910
Church of the Holy Comforter (North River Station) – Register – 1910-1914
Coenties Slip Station – Register – 1854-1908
Coenties Slip Station – Visitors’ Book – 1858-1859
Coenties Slip Station – Visitors’ Book – 1860-1861
Coenties Slip Station – Visitors’ Book – 1861-1864
Coenties Slip Station – Visitors’ Book – 1864-1866
Coenties Slip Station – Visitors’ Book – 1871-1875
Coenties Slip Station – Visitors’ Book – 1875-1878
Coenties Slip Station – Visitors’ Book – 1878-1882
Coenties Slip Station – Visitors’ Book – 1882-1886
Floating Church of Our Saviour, The - Superintending Committee Minutes - 1843-1874
Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen – Register of Church Services – 1843-1859
Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen – Register of Church Services – 1845-1849
Oversized Items
Floating Church of Our Saviour – Visitors’ Book – 1851-1857
North River Station – Register - 1911-1920
North River Station – Register – 1846-1910
Seamen’s Church Institute of New York – Register of Church Services – 1902-1981
Subject Files
Chapel of Our Saviour (25 South Street) - “Arts and Crafts” – 1943
Chapel of Our Saviour (25 South Street) – Blessing and Secularization Materials – 1913 and 1925
Chapel of Our Saviour (25 South Street) – Bronze Fountain Dedication – 1915
Chapel of Our Saviour (25 South Street) – Chair Donations – 1956-1963
SUB-SERIES 3.2: CHAPLAIN’S FILES, 1843-1977, 1.25 linear feet

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes journals and correspondence related to the missionary activity of SCI’s chaplains, including Rev. Benjamin C. C. Parker, who served as Chaplain of the first Floating Church of Our Saviour from 1843-1859. Also included is a manuscript version of Rev. Archibald R. Mansfield 1897 Report of the East River Station from his time serving as Chaplain at that post.

Of particular significance are the six manuscript journals kept by Rev. Parker documenting his experiences serving as Chaplain of the Floating Chapel of Our Saviour. Entry topics include the 1844 construction of SCI’s first floating chapel, the Floating Church of Our Saviour, on the waterfront at Pike Street, the weekly open-air services held for seafarers at Coenties Slip and the efforts of SCI’s Reverends to draw seamen away from the grog shops and toward Christian services and reading rooms.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged in alphabetical order according to creator subject files within two sub-sub series: Bound Volumes and Subject Files.
ACCESS NOTE

An index to all six of Rev. Parker's journals is accessible digitally via the Seamen's Church Institute Digital Archives, as well as transcriptions for selected passages.

INVENTORY

Bound Volumes

Parker, Rev. Benjamin C. C. – Journal of the Floating Church of Our Saviour – I 1843 July 17 – 1844 June 30
Parker, Rev. Benjamin C. C. – Journal of the Floating Church of Our Saviour – II 1844 July 7 – 1845 November 9
Parker, Rev. Benjamin C. C. – Journal of the Floating Church of Our Saviour – IV 1846 November 23 – 1848 June 16
Parker, Rev. Benjamin C. C. – Journal of the Floating Church of Our Saviour – V 1848 June 16 – 1850 August 12
Parker, Rev. Benjamin C. C. – Journal of the Floating Church of Our Saviour – VI 1850 August 18 – 1853 November 20

Subject Files

Bishops – Correspondence, Lambeth Conference – 1948
Brown, Rev. Cyril (Mission to Seamen) – “Extracts from the Rev. Cyril Brown’s Account of His Travels” (four installments) – 1952-1953
Chaplains – Correspondence - 1972-1977
Chaplains – Cruises, Correspondence - 1958-1960
Chaplains - Services, Lectures, etc - 1899-1943
Church Missions Publishing Company – “The Mansfields and the Church” – 1927 March
Clergy – Conferences – 1960-1965
Devotion Board - Weekly Meetings - 1974-1975
Greer, Bishop – Signature – No date
Huntley, Rev. Joseph D. – Correspondence, Memorial Fund - 1969-1971
Johnson, Rev. Daniel V. M. – Memorial Service (Rev. S. M. Haskins) – 1892 November 20
Maguire, Rev. Isaac - Memorial Tablet – 1919 June 22
Parker, Rev. Benjamin C. C. – Journal Photocopies I
Parker, Rev. Benjamin C. C. – Journal Photocopies II
SERIES 4: STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION, 1902-1978, 3.0 linear feet

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Staff and Administration records consist of correspondence, minutes and reports related to various departments and individual staff members. Included are departmental reports from 1941-1978 and operations surveys from 1932-1960. Of particular interest is correspondence related to Janet L. Roper, who served as SCI’s House Mother from 1915-1943, founding the Missing Seamen Bureau in 1919. Also included is a manuscript copy of an unpublished biography of Roper written by Jonathan Finn, as well as a manuscript copy of short biographical excerpts written by Roper’s daughter in a ledger book in 1939.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged in alphabetical order according to creator and subject file.

INVENTORY

Subject Files

Administration – “A Study of the Health and Welfare Services of the Episcopal Church – No. 5, Seamen’s Institutes” – 1952
Administration – Community Council of Greater New York, Correspondence and Reports -1957-1972
Administration - Council of Seamen’s Agencies, Reports – 1946
Administration – Diocese of New York, Correspondence and Reports – 1935-1962
Administration - Diocese of New York, Parochial Reports – 1940-1969
Administration - Diocese of New York, Parochial Reports – 1968-1974
Administration - Downtown Lower Manhattan Association, Correspondence – 1974
Administration – Founders Biographies – [No date]
Administration – Memoranda – 1959-1978
Administration – New York State Board of Commissioner for Licensing Sailor’s Hotels and Boarding Houses, Correspondence – 1902-1977
Administration – Sailor’s Snug Harbor, Reports – 1965-1967
Administration – Sailor’s Snug Harbor, Correspondence – 1947-1972
Administration – Unites States Committee for the Care of European Children, Correspondence – 1940
Administration – War Shipping Administration, Correspondence – 1942-1946
Administration – World Trade Week (Marine and Aviation Day) – 1957-1977
Business Office - Correspondence and Memos - 1940-1961
Business Office – Correspondence and Memos – 1975-1978
de Peyster, Augusta – Postcard – 1945 September 1

Department – Reports – 1941-1977

Department – Reports – 1955

Department – Reports – 1956

Department - Reports – 1957

Department - Reports – 1958

Department - Reports – 1959

Department - Reports – 1960

Department - Reports - 1977-1978


Departmental - Memoranda – 1971


Finn, Jonathan – Janet L. Roper Biography - 1932-1951

Finn, Jonathan – Janet L. Roper Biography - 1944-1950

Hatch, A. F. – ”A Salary Program for the Employees of the Seamen’s Church Institute” – 1961 February 15


Lipton, Arthur – Correspondence - 1974-1975

Operations – Statistics – 1945 September 7

Operations – Survey – 1932

Operations – Survey – 1940 May

Operations – Survey – 1960


Ricker, Miss Ellen A. – Correspondence - 1948-1952

Roper, Janet L. – Biography MS – 1939 January

Roper, Janet L. – Correspondence - 1915-1943

Roper, Janet L. - Correspondence - 1942-1949

Seamen’s Church Institute of New York – Constitution and By-Laws – 1928 and 1945


Seamen’s Church Institute of New York - Status Report – 1975 October 15

Service Division – Terms of Employment. Correspondence – 1952-1955

Smith, Ralph K., Jr. – Correspondence – 1967
Staff - Anniversary - 1943-1977
Staff – Biographical – 1960-1974
Staff – Blue Cross Blue Shield, Correspondence – 1971
Staff – Correspondence - 1941-1971
Staff - Directories – 1975-1976
Staff – Employees in War Service, Correspondence - 1942-1945
Staff - Employees Pension Plan, Correspondence - 1940-1958
Staff - Employees Pension Plan, Correspondence - 1961-1962
Staff - Employees Pension Plan, Correspondence - 1963-1967
Staff – Group Insurance, Correspondence - 1961-1962
Staff – Joint Committee on Social Security for Lay Employees, Correspondence – 1943
Staff – Labor Relations, Correspondence – 1946-1947
Staff – M. T. Alva Cape, Correspondence – 1966
Staff – Parties – 1958-1961
Staff – Transit Strike, Correspondence – 1966 January
Staff – Unsigned Employee’s Story MS – 1902 April 2
Staff - Volunteers – 1942
Staff – WWII Draft Status, Correspondence - 1942-1944
Staff Conference – Correspondence – 1977 June 7-8
Staff Luncheon Meetings - Minutes and Reports - 1940-1948
Staff Luncheon Meetings - Minutes and Reports – 1939
Staff Meetings - Minutes and Reports - 1977-1978
Staff Meetings - Minutes and Reports - 1958-1961
Staff Meetings - Minutes and Reports - 1948-1955
Taggard, Tom – Correspondence – 1956-1959
SERIES 5: SEAMEN’S SERVICE, 1900-1978, 3.75 linear feet, 3 oversized items

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes ledgers, correspondence and reports related to various departments within the Institute that provided services to seamen, including the Department of Special Services, the Alcoholics Assistance Bureau, the Credit Bureau, the Employment Bureau, the Post Office Station for Seamen and the Seamen’s Bank for Saving. Also included are materials related to ship visiting. Of particular interest is correspondence related to the Byrd Antarctic Expedition of 1928, including direct communications between the Institute and members of the crew. Also of particular interest are correspondence and reports related to Federal relief for seafarers during the Great Depression, as well as communications between the Institute and the Welfare Council of New York City regarding the state of unemployed seafarers in the Port of New York. Additionally, materials related to the Institute’s transport vessel the Sentinel are included.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged in alphabetical order according to creator within two sub-series: Oversized Items and Subject Files.

INVENTORY

Oversized Items

Seamen’s Service – Ledger – 1966 July 1 – 1971 October 31
Seamen’s Service – Ledger – 1961 October – 1971 April
Seamen’s Service – Ledger – 1971 November – 1974 November

Subject Files

Alcoholics Assistance Bureau – Correspondence - 1945-1955
American Flag Visitors Committee, Inc. – Correspondence - 1961-1970
ARGO Merchant Hearings - Correspondence – 1977
British Seamen’s Welfare Board – Certificate to S. C. I. (WWII) – No date
Byrd Expedition – Correspondence – 1928 [1 of 2]
Byrd Expedition – Correspondence – 1928 [2 of 2]
Church Association for Seamen’s Work – Correspondence - 1972-1975
Continuing Education – Correspondence and Reports - 1953-1972
Credit Bureau – Correspondence – 1945 and 1958
Credit Bureau – Reports – 1968-1969
Credit Bureau – Reports – 1972
Employment Bureau – Correspondence - 1940-1956
Federal Relief for Merchant Seamen in Port of New York – Correspondence - 1934-1936
Federal Relief for Seafarers– Correspondence – 1933-1935
Federal Relief for Seafarers – Correspondence and Reports – 1935-1936
Federal Relief for Seafarers – Correspondence and Reports – 1935-1940
Federal Relief for Seafarers – Cost Study -1935
Federal Relief for Seafarers – Cost Survey and Reports – 1934-1935
Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies – Correspondence - 1935-1974
Hope Club – Constitution and By-Laws – 1900
Indonesian Star (vessel) – Correspondence – 1968
International Consultation on Services to Seafarers – Correspondence and Reports – 1965-1969
International Council of Seamen’s Agencies – Correspondence - 1969-1971
M/S Muhull Lermontor (vessel) – Correspondence – 1973
Manual on Ship Sanitation and First Aid – Correspondence – 1924-1925
Mariners International Center – Correspondence – 1965-1978
Medico – Correspondence – 1926-1957
Men’s Committee – Correspondence and Minutes – 1974
National Council of Social Work – Correspondence – 1944
Post Office Station for Seamen – Correspondence - 1927-1976
Radio Marine Corp of America - Correspondence - 1933-1936
Radio Marine Corp of America – Correspondence – 1939-1944
Radio Marine Corp of America - Radiograms - 1934-1935
Rutgers Alcoholic Program – Correspondence – 1973
Savings Department – U. S. Defense Savings Bonds – 1942
Seamen’s Bank for Savings – Reports – 1963
Sentinel, The (vessel) – Correspondence - 1904-1913
Ship Visiting - Correspondence - 1940-1961
Ship Visiting – Correspondence – 1973
Special Services – Correspondence - 1940-1964
Special Services – Correspondence – 1940-1971
Special Services - Correspondence – 1962-1977
Special Services - Correspondence – 1968-1969
Special Services - Correspondence - 1968 – 1969
Special Services – Correspondence – 1970
Special Services - Correspondence – 1970-1971
Special Services - Correspondence – 1973
Special Services - Memoranda - 1970-1972
Special Services - Memoranda - 1973-1974
Special Services – Reports - 1959-1977
Special Services - Reports – 1968
Special Services - Reports – 1969
Special Services - Reports – 1970
Special Services – Reports – 1971
Special Services - Reports – 1972
Special Services – Reports - 1973
Special Services – Reports – 1974
Special Services – Reports – 1975
Special Services – Daily Log – 1971
War Emergency Board of the Fur Industry – Correspondence – 1945
Welfare Council of New York City – Correspondence and Reports - 1939
Welfare Council of New York City - Correspondence and Reports - 1942-1955
Welfare Council of New York City - Correspondence and Reports - 1948-1950
Welfare Council of New York City - Correspondence and Reports – 1951
SERIES 6: MISSING SEAMEN BUREAU, 1920-1974, 2.5 linear feet, 1 oversized item

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes Missing Seamen’s files, correspondence and reports related to the Missing Seamen Bureau, founded in 1919 by Janet L. Roper and the Religious and Social Work Department to assist families and friends in locating missing seafarers. Missing Seamen’s files (1930-1978) include correspondence from people who had contacted the Institute hoping to locate a family member or loved one. Of particular note are Missing Men bulletins issued from 1920-1930 which were distributed to papers in ports around the world in search of missing seamen.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged in alphabetical order according to creator and subject file within three sub-series: Missing Seamen’s Files, Oversized Items and Subject Files.

INVENTORY

Missing Seamen’s Files

Missing Seamen Bureau - Bourriague, John W. – 1944-1956
Missing Seamen Bureau - Bowles John – 1967
Missing Seamen Bureau - Brennan, Frank – 1938-1962
Missing Seamen Bureau - Bresnahan, John – 1948-1963
Missing Seamen Bureau - Brilhart, Leslie – 1948-1964
Missing Seamen Bureau - Bringly, John – 1968
Missing Seamen Bureau – Bugher, George W. – 1964-1965
Missing Seamen Bureau – Bujold, Charles – 1952-1958
Missing Seamen Bureau – Burke, Thomas F. – 1955-1965
Missing Seamen Bureau – Busch, John – 1936-1956
Missing Seamen Bureau – Calderon, Manuel – 1962
Missing Seamen Bureau – Callahan, Paul A. – 1942-1967
Missing Seamen Bureau – Cannon, J. John – 1938-1965
Missing Seamen Bureau – Cannon, Joseph Gerney – 1967
Missing Seamen Bureau – Correspondence – 1967-1974
Missing Seamen Bureau – Crotty, James – 1960-1964
Missing Seamen Bureau – Canon, John T. – 1960-1962
Missing Seamen Bureau – Del Monte, Michael – 1961-1963
Missing Seamen Bureau – Dixon, William – 1936-1942
Missing Seamen Bureau – Ezra, Nissim – 1959-1963
Missing Seamen Bureau – Grimes, Lawrence – 1939-1967
Missing Seamen Bureau – Guerra, Howard – 1939-1963
Missing Seamen Bureau – King, Kevin – 1958-1966
Missing Seamen Bureau – Kosik, Peter – 1957-1959
Missing Seamen Bureau – Love, David – 1973
Missing Seamen Bureau – McCreary, Henry – 1948-1973
Missing Seamen Bureau - McIntosh, Vincent – 1966
Missing Seamen Bureau – McHeal, John - 1962
Missing Seamen Bureau – Moore, George – 1952-1968
Missing Seamen Bureau - Myers, Jesse – 1953-1967
Missing Seamen Bureau – Nielsen, Frederick – 1936-1970
Missing Seamen Bureau – Noah, Benjamin – 1968
Missing Seamen Bureau - O’Hara/Poggioli, Peter – 1955-1965
Missing Seamen Bureau - Guinn, Michael J. – 1950-1969
Missing Seamen Bureau – Russo, Michael – 1967
Missing Seamen Bureau – Ryder, Robert – 1959-1963
Missing Seamen Bureau - Sarmiento, Max – 1965-1969
Missing Seamen Bureau – Spillman, Charles – 1967
Missing Seamen Bureau – Stabryla, Julius – 1964
Missing Seamen Bureau – Stovarsky, Joe – 1955-1967
Missing Seamen Bureau – Summers, William – 1966
Missing Seamen Bureau – Swartz, Brian – 1967
Missing Seamen Bureau – Sweat, Johnie – 1940-1964
Missing Seamen Bureau – Taniyo, Marcus – 1960
Missing Seamen Bureau – Tapley, Anguish – 1939-1960
Missing Seamen Bureau – Thames, Elliot – 1956-1962
Missing Seamen Bureau – Thomas, D. W. – 1964
Missing Seamen Bureau – Van Deurs, John – 1960
Missing Seamen Bureau – Vanice, Don B. – 1951-1965
Missing Seamen Bureau - Weimer, Clifford – 1962
Missing Seamen Bureau – Young, Kent A. – 1960
Oversized Materials

Missing Seamen Bureau – Missing Men Bulletins – 1920 January 5 – 1930 March 15

Subject Files

Missing Seamen Bureau – Correspondence – 1967-1974

Missing Seamen Bureau – Correspondence – 1972


Missing Seamen Bureau – Publicity – 1956

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes various materials related to seafarers and their activities involving SCI. Included are registers, correspondence, logbooks, clippings, surveys and shipping articles. Among the various groups represented in this series are ANGYRA (International Society for the Aid of Greek Seamen); the Janet Roper Club (3 E. 67th Street), a leisure center exclusively for seafarers established by SCI in 1943; the International Club (25 South Street and 15 State Street), which catered to foreign seafarers staying at the Institute; the Kings Point Club (25 South Street), international headquarters for alumni of the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, Long Island; and the British Merchant Navy Club. Also included are registers and correspondence related to the 1955 sinking of the Andrea Doria is included, specifically relating to the surviving crew members who stayed at SCI after the accident.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged in alphabetical order according to creator and subject file within two sub-series: Bound Volumes and Subject Files.

RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS

Some materials are restricted due to the sensitivity of the content.

INVENTORY

Bound Volumes

Apprentice Register – 1924, October 15 – 1928, February 23
Apprentice Register – 1928 February 23 – 1937 May 12
Apprentice Register – 1937 May 13 – 1941
El Oceano – Logbook – 1924 October 4 – December 17
Photo Scrapbook – “Two Hundred Golden Hours at Sea” – No date

Subject Files

Andrea Doria – Correspondence – 1956
ANGYRA – Correspondence and Materials - 1953-1961
Artists and Writers Club of the Merchant Marines – Correspondence - 1945-1948
British Apprentice Club Inc. – Correspondence - 1946-1960
British Merchant Navy Club – Correspondence – 1940-1945

British Merchant Navy Club – Correspondence – 1946-1960
Certificates – Naturalization (1910) & Marriage (189-
Dalbey, Carl – Correspondence – 1942-1953
International Club – Correspondence - 1969-1975
International Club - Programs - 1971-1972
International Seamen's Club – Correspondence - 1958-1960
Janet Roper Club – Correspondence – 1943
Janet Roper Club – Correspondence – 1944-1946
Kings Point Club – Correspondence – 1948-1950
Lang, Otto – Correspondence and Clippings - 1933-1934
Lawrence, Capt. James – Memorial – 1930
Netherlands Club (Free Holland of the Seas) – Correspondence - 1940-1962
Propeller Club – Correspondence - 1943-1954
Schroeder, Ed – 1942 Diary - 1942
Seafarers – Correspondence - 1959-1977
Seamen Ashore – Survey – 1956
Seamen at SCI – Survey – 1958
Seamen's Files – Identification Documents – No date [RESTRICTED]
Seamen’s Living Habits – Survey – 1951
Seamen’s Section – Meetings – 1940
Shipping Articles Form (U.S.A.) – [190-]
HISTORICAL NOTE

SCI’s knitting program began in 1898 when the Institute initiated an effort to send comfort bags to seafarers on ships fighting in the Spanish-American War. Augusta M. de Peyster founded the Seamen’s Benefit Society around 1900 as a women’s auxiliary of SCI, often collaborating with other associations in the Port of New York to form a consortium of women’s charitable groups [see Hudson River Association and the Central Council of Associations]. SCI’s Women’s Council evolved out of the Seamen’s Benefit Society, providing knit good and ditty bags to seafarers during both World Wars and sending Christmas packages to seafarers on merchant vessels during times of peace. The Women’s Council apparently changed its name to Christmas at Sea in 1979.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes materials related to SCI’s Christmas at Sea knitting program and its predecessors, the Women’s Council and the Seamen’s Benefit Society. Of particular note in this series are knitting patterns issued by the Red Cross during both World Wars with instructions for knitting items specifically for soldiers and seamen at war. Also of note are letters seafarers sent back to the Institute expressing their gratitude for receiving packages while at sea. Additionally, the early reports of the Seamen’s Benefit Society provide the earliest evidence of the origins of SCI’s knitting program.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

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INVENTORY

Bound Volumes

Hudson River Association (S.C.I.) – Payments Book – 1930-1931
Hudson River Association (S.C.I.) – Minutes - 1927 October 19 – 1933 March
Hudson River Association (S.C.I.) – Minutes – 1933 October – 1939 February
Hudson River Association (S.C.I.) – Minutes – 1939 March – 1945 March
Hudson River Association (S.C.I.) – Statistics Book – 1941-1948
Knitting Patterns – Bundles for America – 1943
“Membership Ch’n Seamen’s Church Institute” – 1932 January

Seamen’s Church Institute – Monthly Report to the Central Council of Associations – 1936-1937

Seamen’s Church Institute – Monthly Report to the Central Council of Associations – 1931-1935


Oversized Items


Subject Files


Central Council of Associations – Minutes – 1938 January 26 – 1941 October 29

Central Council of Associations – Minutes – 1948 February – 1949 February

Christmas at Sea – Correspondence - 1990-1996

Christmas at Sea - History of Knitting, Audio Visual Workshop – 1978


Christmas at Sea - Knitters News - 1971-1979


Christmas at Sea - Knitters News - 1990-1996


Christmas at Sea – Loose Papers – No date

Christmas at Sea - Newsletters – 1979

Christmas at Sea - Newspaper Articles - 1960s

Christmas at Sea - Newspaper Articles - 1970s [1 of 2]

Christmas at Sea - Newspaper Articles - 1970s [2 of 2]

Christmas at Sea - Newspaper Articles - 1980s [1 of 2]

Christmas at Sea - Newspaper Articles - 1980s [2 of 2]

Christmas at Sea - Newspaper Articles - 1990s [1 of 2]

Christmas at Sea - Newspaper Articles - 1990s [2 of 2]

Christmas at Sea - Newspaper Articles – 2000s

Christmas at Sea - Newspaper Articles – No date [1 of 2]

Christmas at Sea - Newspaper Articles – No date [2 of 2]
Christmas at Sea – Notes – 1983
Christmas at Sea - Packing Totals - 1967-1997
Christmas at Sea - Request Letters – 2004-2005
Christmas at Sea - Seamen Thank-Yous - 1993-1994
Christmas at Sea - Seamen Thank-Yous – 1995
Christmas at Sea - Seamen Thank-Yous – 1996
Christmas at Sea - Seamen Thank-Yous – 1997
Christmas at Sea - Seamen Thank-Yous – No date
Christmas at Sea - Ship Listings - 1995-1996
Hollas, Rev. G. Basil – “Why We Work on the Waterfront” – 1965 January 29
Jones, Patricia – Memorial – 1996
Knitting Patterns – Hats – 1983
Knitting Patterns – Misc. – No date
Knitting Patterns – Scarves – 1983 and 1993
Knitting Patterns – Socks – 1983 and 1993
Knitting Patterns – Sweaters/Vests – 1983
Knitting Patterns – World War I – No date
Seamen’s Benefit Society - Annual Reports - 1903-1904
Seamen’s Benefit Society – Pamphlet – No date
Women’s Council - Advisory Board - 1962-1972
Women’s Council - Advisory Board Minutes – 1958; 1964-1973
Women’s Council - Annual Meetings - 1958-1971
Women’s Council – Ashtray Imprints – 1968
Women’s Council - Bequests - 1969-1973
Women’s Council – Box Contents - 1950-1968
Women’s Council - Budgets - 1959-1967
Women’s Council - Christmas Appeals - 1950-1970
Women’s Council - Christmas Boxes - 1950-1972
Women’s Council – Correspondence - 1941-1967
Women’s Council – History - 1921-1971
Women’s Council - Letters from Seamen - 1975-1976
Women’s Council – Luncheon, Governor's Island - 1969-1970
Women’s Council - Macramé Workshop – 1971
Women’s Council – Meeting, Elmira – 1972
Women’s Council – Meetings, Rochester and Cleveland – 1971
Women’s Council - “My Fair Lady” – 1964
Women’s Council – Newsletters – 1970-1978
Women’s Council - Newsletters - 1972- 1978
Women’s Council - Press Releases - 1948-1968
Women’s Council – Seamen’s Thank-Yous - 1975-1977
Women’s Council – Woldemar Neufeld Exhibit – 1965
HISTORICAL NOTE

SCI’s Navigational School partnered with the New York Nautical College and the YMCA in 1914, reorganizing two years later as the Navigational and Marine Engineering School of the Seamen’s Church Institute of New York, lead by Capt. Robert Huntington. The school trained thousands of men during World War I, using its ship the J. Hooker Hamersley both for on-deck training and as a transport Bessel for seamen in Port. Sometime before World War II, the school changed names again to the Merchant Marine School. By the end of the War, more than 25,000 men had been trained at SCI for service. Classes were conducted on the roof of SCI’s headquarters at 25 South Street, which had been converted into a mock bridge and was advertised as the highest navigation bridge in the world. The Merchant Marine School moved to 15 State Street in 1968 and continued training there. In 1985, the School began to develop simulator training techniques and facilities, a practice that continues to the present.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes materials related to SCI’s Merchant Marine School and its predecessors, the Navigational and Marine Engineering School and the Navigational School. Of particular note are registrar materials, correspondence related to the J. Hooker Hamersley and correspondence from the War years of the Navigational and Marine Engineering School, including a letter addressed to Rev. Archibald R. Mansfield from then Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Franklin D. Roosevelt, thanking SCI for providing free training to aspiring officers. Also included are correspondence, reports and course catalogs related to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Institute of Maritime and General Studies, which operated out of SCI’s headquarters at 15 State Street.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

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INVENTORY

Bound Volumes


Navigational and Marine Engineering School – Roll Book No. 2 – 1918 August – 1918 December

Franklin D. Roosevelt Institute of Maritime and General Studies – Course Catalogs – 1973-1982

Oversized Items


Subject Files

Franklin D. Roosevelt Institute of Maritime and General Studies – Business Partners Seminar, Correspondence – 1972-1974

Franklin D. Roosevelt Institute of Maritime and General Studies – Business Partners Seminar, Correspondence – 1973

Franklin D. Roosevelt Institute of Maritime and General Studies – Course Catalogs and Pamphlets – 1964-1978

Franklin D. Roosevelt Institute of Maritime and General Studies – Music Course, Discography - 1971

Franklin D. Roosevelt Institute of Maritime and General Studies – Special Events and Classes – 1972

J. Hooker Hamersley (vessel) – Correspondence - 1913-1932


Maritime Training Advisory Board (Denver) – Conference Materials – 1970

Maritime Training Advisory Board (Piney Point, MD) – Minutes – 1972

Merchant Marine School – Application for a License to Conduct a Private Trade School – 1938 May 18

Merchant Marine School – Correspondence – 1916-1943

Merchant Marine School – Correspondence – 1959-1962

Merchant Marine School – Correspondence and Reports – 1944-1977

Merchant Marine School – Course Instruction Cards – No date

Merchant Marine School – Educational Testing Services, Correspondence – 1975

Merchant Marine School – Ephemera – Various dates

Merchant Marine School – History – 1934-1966

Merchant Marine School – Pictorial Brochure – No date


Merchant Marine School Advisory Committee – Correspondence and Minutes – 1970-1971

Navigational and Marine Engineering School – Brochure – No date

Navigational and Marine Engineering School – Certificates – 1918-1931
HISTORICAL NOTE

The history of SCI’s advocacy for seafarers’ rights goes back to the Institute’s earliest years. J. Augustus Johnson, SCI’s Lay Manager of the Board of Managers and Chairman of the Institute’s Committee on Legislation, would also Chair the Joint Conference of the Promotion of the Interests of Seamen, a consortium of seamen’s rights advocacy groups that sought to build on the progress made by the Maguire Act of 1895, which abolished the imprisonment of deserting seafarers on coastwise journeys. The White Act of 1898, of which Johnson was a major supporter, further secures fundamental rights for seafarers, including the abolishment of corporal punishment, requirements for minimum safety provisions and living conditions on board, and the end of imprisonment for deserters regardless of vessel type or the location of port. Johnson also helped to establish a Seamen’s Branch of the Legal Aid Society that operated out of SCI’s headquarters at 25 South Street. Under the leadership of the Rev. Archibald R. Mansfield, the Institute continued its advocacy on behalf of the working seafarer well into the 20th century.

The post-World War I years saw the shipping industry plunge into a period of severe decline made precipitously worse by the stock market crash of 1929 and the Great Depression that followed. One of the many results of the economic downturn was a sustained period of unrest along the country’s working waterfront. Waterfront labor groups had an active and vocal presence in Lower Manhattan during the 1930s. Often, these groups clashed with SCI over the price of meals and Institute’s inability to accommodate all of the tens of thousands of unemployed seafarers seeking shelter during the post-War years. Despite the Institute’s efforts to house as many seafarers as possible, even renovating the 39th Street Ferry House in 1920 to accommodate 500 more men per night, the tension between unemployed seafarers and the Institute remained high.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes minutes, correspondence and reports related to SCI’s work as an advocate for seafarers’ rights as well as materials related to waterfront labor activism and tensions in the Port of New York. Of particular note is correspondence between J. Augustus Johnson and Rev. Archibald R. Mansfield with the Department of Commerce and Labor, the War Department of the U. S. Navy and various Senators and Representatives regarding seafarers’ rights legislation. Also of note is correspondence related to leftist activity among seafarers within the Institute and on the waterfront.
ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged in alphabetical order according to creator and subject file within two sub-series: Bound Volumes and Subject Files.

RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS

The records of the Center for Seafarers’ Rights are currently being processed and are restricted until further notice.

INVENTORY

Bound Volumes

Joint Conference for the Promotion of the Interests of Seamen – Minutes – 1897 January 9 – 1899 May 12

Subject Files

Administration – United Service Organization, Correspondence - 1942

Allotment Notes – [190-]

American Association for Labor Legislation – “The Longshoremen’s Bill” – [No date]

Axtell, Silas Blake – Memorial Service, Correspondence – 1962

Axtell, Silas Blake – Peter Chelentis Case – 1917

Bills, etc. – [Various dates]

Board of Managers (SCI) – Reports – [Various dates]

British Consulate General – Correspondence – 1900 March 9 – 1909 March 7

British Consulate General – “Report by Mr. Acting Consul Broderick on the Recent History and Present Condition of the Practice of ‘Crimping’ at the Port of New York” – 1911 January 31

British Shipping Office (J.W. Abbott) – Reports – 1900 February 1 – 1900 October 27

British Shipping Office (J.W. Abbott) – Reports – 1900 November 12 – 1901 April 20

British Shipping Office (J.W. Abbott) – Reports – 1901 April 22 – 1901 November 9

British Shipping Office (J.W. Abbott) – Reports – 1902 December 1 – 1904 July 30


Clippings – 1905-1914

Coast Seamen’s Journal – 1914 June 3


Committee for Justice for the members of the Seafarers International Union – “Attention: All Maritime Workers” (circular) – [No date]

Committee on Legislation and Law Enforcement (SCI) – Correspondence – 1940 February 9 – 1949 December 3
Committee on Legislation (SCI) – Reports – [Various dates]
Curran, Joseph (National Maritime Union of America) – Correspondence – 1937 July 29 – 1961 December 6
Department of Commerce, Maritime Administration (U.S.A.) – “Maritime Manpower” Reports – 1962 June 1 – 1964 May 1
Department of Commerce, Maritime Administration (U.S.A.) – “Seafaring Wage Rates” – 1962 June
Department of Commerce and Labor, Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization (U.S.A.) – Immigration Laws and Regulations of July 1, 1907 – 1908
Department of Commerce and Labor, Bureau of Navigation – “Allotments of Seamen’s Wages” (circular) – 1915 August 10
Department of Commerce and Labor, Bureau of Navigation – Amendments to the Navigation Laws of 1907 – First Supplement – 1908 June 4
Department of Commerce and Labor, Bureau of Navigation (U.S.A.) – Circular no. 120 and Circular no. 180 – 1906 July 21 and 1908 December 7
Department of Commerce and Labor, Bureau of Navigation (U.S.A.) – “To Collectors of Customs, U.S. Shipping Commissioners, and others” (notices) – 1904 April 15 – 1907 December 7
Entente Fraternelle Internationale – Correspondence and Reports – 1933 November 24 – 1934 June 27
Federal Relief – Correspondence – 1933 June 28 – 1935 July 2
Federal Relief – Cost Study – 1935
Forum, The (G. Froud) – “Last Winter’s Tragedies of the Sea” – 1899 November
Friends of Andrew Furuseth Legislative Association (S.B. Axtell) – Correspondence – 1946 February 8 – 1955 July 11
Furuseth, Andrew – Correspondence – 1909 March 3 – 1909 April 15
Furuseth, Andrew – “The Decay of Seamanship in Europe and America” – [1913?]
Goldberg, Joseph P. – The Maritime Story (excerpt) – 1957
Hall, Rev. Raymond S. – Correspondence – 1951 May 3 – 1952 June 25
Hall, Rev. Raymond S. – Counterattack, Correspondence – 1952 April 1 – 1953 November 6
Hudson Dispatch – “Stop Stalling on Longshoremen’s Vote” – 1954 January 14
Hunter, Abbott & Coyne – Laws and Regulations Affecting Masters and Seamen in the Port of New York – [No date]
Indonesian Star – Press Releases – 1968
International Longshoremen’s Association, The – The ILA Voice – 1954 March
Johnson, J. Augustus – Correspondence – 1900 April 9 – 1908 December 8
Johnson, J. Augustus – Correspondence – 1908 December 3 – 1909 May 14
Johnson, J. Augustus – Correspondence – 1912 March 22 – 1914 January 3
Johnson, J. Augustus – Eulogy - 1914
Johnson, J. Augustus – “Legislation for Seamen” (speech) – [1908?]
Joint-Conference of Societies for the Protection of the Interests of Seamen in New York – An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to American Seamen… - 1899 March 1

Kelley, Rev. Harold H. – Correspondence – 1935 September 25 – 1936 November 28

Kelley, J.J. – Correspondence – 1930 April 7 – 1940 March 2

Kelley, J.J. – Correspondence – 1935 May 2 – 1936 December 18

Labor Unions – Correspondence – 1954 May 3 – 1965 January 14

Labor Unions – Notes and Statistics – [No date]

Labor Unions and Committees – Correspondence – 1936 April 9 – 1951 May 23

Labor Unions and Committees – Meeting Reports – 1940 January 23 – 1940 March 4

Legal Aid Society – Correspondence – 1952 February 29 – 1961 May 19

Legal Aid Society, The – The Legal Aid Review – 1908 July

Legal Aid Society, The – The Legal Aid Review – 1914 January

Legislative Committee Seamen’s Union of America (A. Furuseth) – Fugitive Sailor Law / Fugitive Slave Law (circular) – [No date]

Mansfield, Rev. Archibald R. – 1911 Strike, Correspondence – 1911

Mansfield, Rev. Archibald R. – Consulate General of Norway, Correspondence – 1922 March 20 – 1924 November 8

Mansfield, Rev. Archibald R. – Correspondence – 1900 May 17 – 1909 February 9

Mansfield, Rev. Archibald R. – Correspondence – 1912 March 23 – 1914 December 24

Mansfield, Rev. Archibald R. – Correspondence – 1914 March 8 – 1922 January 5

Mansfield, Rev. Archibald R. – Correspondence – 1932 October 1 – 1934 April 9

“Memorandum of the System of Paying Seamen by Means of Allotment Notes at New York” – [No date]

Misc.

National Group of Seamen’s Welfare Agencies – “Do You Know How the Bills Passed by Congress in 1936 Affect Seamen?” – 1936 November

National Maritime Union of America – Correspondence – 1940 February 10 – 1950 December 6


New Yorker, The – “Union President” J. Curran Profile – 1946 July

“Notice: Crimping” (poster) – [1904?]

Planning Committee for Organization of Merchant Seamen’s Welfare and Recreation – H. Schrubbe Speech – 1942

Police Department – Correspondence – 1932 July 22

Press – Reports – 1909 December 6 – 1953 November 26
“Report on Allotment Notes” – [No date]

Seamen’s Branch Committee (J. Augustus Johnson) – “Special Report” – 1911 February 14

Seamen – Correspondence – 1909 December 14 – 1934 March

Seamen’s Christian Association – Minutes of meeting with A. Furuseth – 1909 December 23

Seamen’s Church Institute – Correspondence and Reports – 1932 September 9 – 1932 December 5

Seamen’s Church Institute – Meeting Reports – 1936 June 2 – 1936 June 22

Seamen’s Church Institute – “Seafaring Men” – 1933

Staff (SCI) – Correspondence – 1930 December 19 – 1934 November 10

Staff (SCI) – Correspondence – 1935 January 9 – 1964 June 19

Staff (SCI) – Reports – 1941 March 24 – 1943 December 16


“The War Along the Waterfront: Scouring the Landsharks” – [No date]

Treasury Department, Bureau of Navigation (U.S.A.) – “To Collectors of Customs” and others (notices) – 1899 January 3 and 1900 June 18

United Service Organization – Correspondence and Reports – 1942-1960

United Service Organization – Pamphlets and Reports – 1943-1946

United States Congress – Public No. 1 and No. 302 – [No date]


United States House of Representatives – H.R. Bills – 1912 August 5 – 1916 March 2


United States House of Representatives – “To Amend Laws Relating to Navigation, and for Other Purposes” – 1908 May 12

United States Senate – Bill S-136 (Seamen’s Bill) – [1915]

United States Senate – “Involuntary Servitude Imposed Upon Seamen” – 1913 April 17

United States Senate – Senate Bills – 1908 April 6 – 1908 May 7

United States Senate – Senate Bills – 1911 April 10 – 1913 October 28


Williams, James H. (Atlantic Coast Seamen’s Union) – “The Sailor and the Law” – [1901?]

Wilson, J. Havelock (National Sailors & Firemen’s Union of Great Britain and Ireland) – Correspondence – 1909 December 9- 1910 October 17

Zabriske, George Gray – Correspondence – 1932 July 16 – 1932 October 19
SERIES 11: DEVELOPMENT, 1870-1977, 6.25 linear feet

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Development files include correspondence and reports related to SCI’s fundraising and special events activities.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged in alphabetical order according to creator and subject file within three sub-series: Events, Fundraising and Friends of SCI.

SUB-SERIES 11.1: EVENTS, 1915-1977, 2.5 linear feet

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes correspondence, invitations and materials related to SCI’s special events. Of particular note are records related to a 1964 exhibition of Franklin D. Roosevelt’s “Old Navy” art collection, SCI’s participation in the 1939 New York World’s Fair, and materials related to SCI’s ninetieth, centennial and one-hundred and twenty-fifth celebrations. Also included are materials related to the launch of the Liberty Ship SS Janet Lord Roper in 1943 and the visit of Poet Laureate of the United Kingdom John Masefield to the Institute in 1926.

INVENTORY

Subject Files

Events – Board of Managers Luncheon – 1974
Events – Carlsen, Capt. Kurt H. (Flying Enterprise) Dinner – 1952
Events – Centennial – 1944
Events – Centennial Committee – 1943-1944
Events – Centennial Research – 1936-1943
Events – Christmas – 1930-1943
Events – Christmas – 1944-1957
Events – Christmas – 1958-1970
Events – Dayton-Hudson Flower Show – 1969
Events – Invitations – 1951-1956
Events – Invitations – 1956-1964

Events – Janet Lord Roper, Launch – 1943 and 1949

Events – John Masefield Visit – 1926 November 26

Events – Joos Ballet Benefit – 1936 [1 of 2]


Events - July 4th in Old New York – 1972 [1 of 2]


Events - July 4th in Old New York – 1973

Events - July 4th in Old New York – 1974

Events - July 4th in Old New York – 1975

Events - July 4th in Old New York - 1975-1977


Events - July 4th in Old New York – 1977 [1 of 2]


Events - July 4th in Old New York, Fireworks [Film] – No date

Events – Le Coq Rogue Benefit – 1938

Events – Luncheons and Dinners – 1948-1963

Events – New York World’s Fair – 1939


Events – Nieuw Amsterdam – 1938 [1 of 3]

Events – Nieuw Amsterdam – 1938 [2 of 3]

Events – Nieuw Amsterdam – 1938 [3 of 3]

Events – Nieuw Amsterdam Flower Show Benefit – 1938

Events – Ninetieth Anniversary – 1934
Events – One-Hundred Twenty-Fifth Anniversary – 1959

Events – Operation Sail – 1964

Events – Operation Sail – 1976

Events – Operation Sail – 1992

Events - Orientation Luncheon – 1974

Events – Plaza Hotel Benefit – 1929


Events – Operation Sail – 1976

Events – Operation Sail – 1992

Events – Operation Sail – 1976

Events – Operation Sail – 1992

Events – Operation Sail – 1976

Events – Operation Sail – 1992

Events – Operation Sail – 1976

Events – Operation Sail – 1992

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Events – Operation Sail – 1976

Events – Operation Sail – 1992

Events – Operation Sail – 1976

Events – Operation Sail – 1992

Events – Operation Sail – 1976

Events – Operation Sail – 1992

Events – Orientation Luncheon – 1974

Events – Plaza Hotel Benefit – 1929


Events – Sailors’ Day Services - 1915-1946

Events – Success (Convict Ship) – 1931

Events – Theater Benefits – 1961-1963

Events – “Those We Love (Ritzy),” Theater Benefit – 1930

Events – Vice Consuls’ Luncheon – 1957 July 17

Events – Waring, Fred – 1942

Museum of the City of New York – Exhibit “Shipmates Ashore” (Seamen’s Church Centennial) – 1944

Protestant Episcopal Church (USA) – General Convention – 1952 and 1958

Protestant Episcopal Church (USA) – General Convention – 1961 and 1964

SUB-SERIES 11.2: FUNDRAISING, 1870-1977, 2.5 linear feet

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes materials related to SCI’s fundraising activity, including subscription and legacy books, correspondence and foundations and funds reports.

INVENTORY

Bound Volumes

Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen – Subscriptions – 1870-1894

Seamen’s Church Institute of New York – Legacy Book – [1925?]

Subject Files

Benefits Committee – Correspondence – 1974-1976

Deferred Giving Committee – Correspondence – 1974-1976

Development Committee – Estill Annual Reports – 1971-1973

Direct Mail Committee – Correspondence – 1971-1976
Fabric Committee – Correspondence – 1928
Foundations Committee – Correspondence– 1974-1976
Foundations Committee – New Foundation Prospects – 1974
Fundraising - Appeal Letters - 1963-1974
Fundraising – Bequest Booklets – 1935-1946
Fundraising – Book of Loving Memory - 1970
Fundraising – Bon Voyage Fund – 1939
Fundraising - Centennial Appeal Letters - 1944-1945
Fundraising - Charles W. Potts Endowment – 1920
Fundraising - Cold Mailing – 1974-1976
Fundraising – Contributions – 1970-1973
Fundraising – De Peyster Fund - 1940-1963
Fundraising - Deferred Giving Program – 1974
Fundraising – Discretionary fund - 1927-1974
Fundraising - Fall Mailing – 1975 September 23
Fundraising - Foundations – 1972
Fundraising - Gifts, Chapel of Our Saviour - 1939-1957
Fundraising - Gifts, Correspondence - 1949-1962
Fundraising - Gifts, Correspondence - 1944-1948
Fundraising - Gifts, New Building - 1940-1952
Fundraising - Greater New York Fund - 1937-1949
Fundraising – Greater New York Fund - 1942-1972
Fundraising - Gym Membership Appeal Letter – 1975 December 15
Fundraising – Havens Fund - 1940-1960
Fundraising – Havens Fund - 1969-1971
Includes correspondence, reports and meeting notes related to the fundraising group, Friends of SCI.
INVENTORY

Subject Files

Friends of SCI – Advisory Committee – 1974
Friends of SCI – Advisory Committee – 1975-1976
Friends of SCI - Annual Meeting – 1976 May 19
Friends of SCI – Correspondence – 1975-1976
Friends of SCI – Correspondence – 1976
Friends of SCI – Honorary Membership – 1975
Friends of SCI - Luncheon – 1975 February 11
Friends of SCI – Memberships – 1976
Friends of SCI – Misc. – 1974-1977
Friends of SCI – Misc. – 1976-1978
Friends of SCI - Personal Mail Appeals – 1975
Friends of SCI – Programs – 1975
Friends of SCI – Record of Payment – 1975
Friends of SCI – Renewal Form – 1976
Friends of SCI – Seminar, Mini-Landbridge – 1976 March 24
Friends of SCI - Silent Auction - November 10, 1976
SERIES 12: PUBLIC RELATIONS, 1911-1978, 26.25 linear feet, 54 oversized items

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes materials related to SCI’s Department of Public Relations including correspondence, clippings and press releases related to the operations of the Institute. Also included are scrap books, correspondence, photographs, pamphlets and other ephemera related to SCI and the maritime community in general. Of particular note is correspondence related to SCI’s film and radio initiatives, including the promotional film “Home is the Sailor,” produced by SCI in the 1940s. Also included are transcripts from World War II correspondent George Hick’s wartime program “Men of the Sea.”

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged in alphabetical order according to creator and subject file within four sub-series: News Clippings, Press Releases, Scrap Books and Subject Files.

SUB-SERIES 12.1: NEWS CLIPPINGS, 1926-1977, 1.25 linear feet

INVENTORY

Public Relations – Mayflower II, News Clippings – 1957
Public Relations – News Clippings – 1926
Public Relations – News Clippings – 1931-1965
Public Relations – News Clippings – 1934-1944
Public Relations – News Clippings – 1962
Public Relations – News Clippings - 1963-1968
Public Relations – News Clippings – 1964
Public Relations – News Clippings – 1965
Public Relations – News Clippings – 1966
Public Relations – News Clippings – 1967
Public Relations – News Clippings - 1969-1971
Public Relations – News Clippings – 1970
Public Relations – News Clippings – 1971
Public Relations – News Clippings – 1972
Public Relations – News Clippings – 1972-1973
Public Relations – News Clippings – 1973
Public Relations – Ships, News Clippings – No date

**SUB-SERIES 12.2: PRESS RELEASES, 1925-1975, 0.75 linear feet**

**INVENTORY**

Public Relations – Press Releases – 1925
Public Relations – Press Releases – 1965
Public Relations – Press Releases – 1966
Public Relations – Press Releases – 1967
Public Relations – Press Releases – 1968
Public Relations - Press Releases – 1973
Public Relations - Press Releases – 1974
Public Relations - Press Releases – 1975

**SUB-SERIES 12.3: SCRAPBOOKS, 1911-1978, 22.5 linear feet, 54 oversized items**

**INVENTORY**

Scrapbook - 1911-1913
Scrapbook - 1913-1915
Scrapbook – 1939 May 9 – 1939 December 17
Scrapbook – 1939 September 15 – 1943 January 11
Scrapbook – 1939 December – 1940 December
Scrapbook – 1940 December 20 – 1941 October 26
Scrapbook – 1941 October 19 – 1942 August
Scrapbook – 1942-1950
Scrapbook – 1942 August – 1943 October
Scrapbook – 1943 September – 1945 December
Scrapbook – 1944
Scrapbook – 1945 December – 1948 November
Scrapbook – 1948 November – 1951 April
Scrapbook – 1950 September – 1963 September
Scrapbook – 1951 April – 1953 November
Scrapbook – 1953 November 24 – 1956 February 14
Scrapbook – 1956 February 13 – 1958 December
Scrapbook – 1959-1962
Scrapbook – 1963-1977
Scrapbook – 1968-1976
Scrapbook – 1975
Scrapbook – 1977
Scrapbooks – Index – 1931-1958

**SUB-SERIES 12.4: SUBJECT FILES, 1921-1975, 1.75 linear feet**

**INVENTORY**

Subject Files

John Price Jones Co. – Public Relations, Report – 1959
John Price Jones Co. – Public Relations, Report – 1960

Public Relations – AB Gotaverken (Sweden) – 1960

Public Relations – Americans to Preserve Historic Old New York, Correspondence – 1957-1962

Public Relations – Centennial, Advertising – 1944

Public Relations – Centennial, Press Releases – 1944

Public Relations – Correspondence – 1940-1951

Public Relations – Correspondence – 1954-1962

Public Relations – Correspondence – 1967-1969 [1 of 2]

Public Relations – Correspondence – 1967-1969 [2 of 3]

Public Relations – Correspondence – 1967-1969 [3 of 3]

Public Relations – Correspondence – 1969-1970

Public Relations – Correspondence – 1970-1971 [1 of 2]

Public Relations – Correspondence – 1970-1971 [2 of 2]

Public Relations – Correspondence – 1972-1973

Public Relations – Correspondence – 1974-1975


Public Relations - Film, Correspondence – 1937-1939

Public Relations - Film, Correspondence – 1939

Public Relations - Film, Correspondence – 1940-1941

Public Relations - Film, Correspondence – 1944

Public Relations - Film, Correspondence – 1945

Public Relations - Film, Correspondence – 1946

Public Relations - ”Home is the Sailor,” Correspondence – 1946

Public Relations - ”Home is the Sailor,” Correspondence – 1946-1949

Public Relations - ”Home is the Sailor,” Correspondence – 1947-1948

Public Relations - ”Home is the Sailor,” Correspondence – 1948-1953

Public Relations - ”Home is the Sailor,” Correspondence – 1949

Public Relations - ”Home is the Sailor,” Correspondence – 1950

Public Relations - ”Home is the Sailor,” Correspondence – 1951
SERIES 13: FINANCE, 1833-1978, 1.25 linear feet

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes correspondence, reports, ledgers and invoices related to the operation of SCI’s Accounting and Ways and Means departments. Of particular note are early financial records dating back to 1833.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged in alphabetical order according to creator and subject file within two sub-series: Bound Volumes and Subject Files.

INVENTORY

Bound Volumes

Protestant Church Missionary Society for Seamen – Financial Ledger – 1857 April 15 – 1870 April 22
Seamen’s Church Institute of New York – Report on Organization and Accounts – 1913

Subject Files

Accounting – Audit, Reports – 1964-1968
Accounting – Budget, Reports – 1962-1975
Accounting – Budget, Reports – 1975
Accounting – Budget, Reports – 1975-1976
Accounting – Budget, Reports – 1976-1977
Accounting – Budget, Reports – 1977-1978
Accounting – Correspondence – 1931, 1971 and 1974
Accounting – Correspondence and Reports – 1935-1973
Accounting – Diocesan Investment Trust – 1974
Accounting – Expenses, Reports – 1975
Accounting – Expenses, Reports – 1976
Accounting – Invoice, Last Payment on 25 South Street – 1944 October 23
Accounting – Invoices, Utilities – 1907
Accounting – July 4th in Old New York, Bank Statements – 1976
Accounting – July 4th in Old New York, Contractors – 1976


Accounting – Voluntary Income, Correspondence – 1975-1976


Church of Our Saviour for Seamen – Invoices – 1833-1856

Finance – Collector of Internal Revenue, Correspondence – 1942


Finance – Tax Exemptions, Correspondence - 1929-1965

Insurance – Correspondence and Reports - 1949-1969


Taxation – Correspondence – 1938 and 1956

Ways and Means – Correspondence and Reports – 1929-1977

Ways and Means – Correspondence and Reports – 1954-1964

Ways and Means – Correspondence and Reports – 1965-1968

Ways and Means – Correspondence and Reports – 1971-1974

Ways and Means – Correspondence and Reports – 1975-1978

Ways and Means – Reports, Endorsements – 1925

SERIES 14: BUILDINGS, 1905-1995, 9.25 linear feet, 4 oversized items

HISTORICAL NOTE

In 1906 SCI purchased property at Coenties Slip in Lower Manhattan that would become the site for SCI's new headquarters, a 12 story building with dormitory-style rooms capable of housing 580 seafarers at any given time. 25 South Street officially opened on May 28, 1913. Under the direction of Rev. Archibald R. Mansfield, all of SCI’s operations were consolidated under the roof of 25 South Street until 1968 when the Institute relocated to a twenty-three story building at 15 State Street that offered 295 rooms for seafarers. In 1961, under the leadership of Rev. John M. Mulligan, SCI opened the International Seafarers’ Center (then known as the Seamen’s Church Institute mariners Center Newark) to accommodate for the shift in shipping operations in Port from downtown Manhattan to New Jersey. SCI’s Manhattan headquarters moved again in 1991 to 241 Water Street, which remained in operation until it was sold in early 2011.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes correspondence, blue prints, contracts and minutes related to SCI’s buildings and art and artifacts collection. Of particular note are materials related to the Titanic Memorial Lighthouse, once displayed on the roof of 25 South Street and now at the Titanic Memorial Park in the South Street Seaport.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged in alphabetical order according to creator and subject file within six sub-series: 25 South Street, 15 State Street, Port Newark, 241 Water Street, Other Property and and Art & Artifacts. Sub-series are arranged according to dates of use, with the exception of Art & Artifacts, which is listed last.

RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS

Some records for Port Newark, 241 Water Street and Art & Artifacts and all records for Paducah, KY and Houston, TX are currently being processed and are restricted until further notice.
INVENTORY

Bound Volumes

25 South Street – Book of Remembrance Memorial Bedrooms – 1930, May 5
25 South Street – Memorial Rooms – No date
25 South Street – Statistics – 1915 December – 1917 July
25 South Street and 15 State Street – Guest Book – 1953 July 30 – 1985 May 16
Conrad Library (25 South Street) – Scrapbook – 1935-1944
Seamen’s Church Institute of New York Building Committee – Cash Account Book – 1906-1911
Seamen’s Church Institute of New York Building Committee – Cash Account Book – 1911-1915

Oversized Items

Photo Scrapbook - SCI of NY – 1911
Photo Scrapbook - SCI of NY South Street – [1930s]

Subject Files

25 South Street – Air Pollution, Correspondence – 1967
25 South Street – Baggage Room, Correspondence – 1924-1947
25 South Street – Bronze Fountain, Correspondence – 1915
25 South Street – Blue Prints – 1910
25 South Street – Building Advertisement – No date
25 South Street – Building Opening, Correspondence and Materials – 1912-1913
25 South Street – Building Tours – 1948 May
25 South Street – Campaign to Save the Building, Correspondence – 1955-1960
25 South Street – Ceremony of Laying of the Cornerstone – 1912 April 16
25 South Street – Charles Caryl Coleman, Correspondence – 1924-1948
25 South Street – Donor Plaques, Reports – 1939
25 South Street – Exterior Light, Correspondence – 1942-1946
25 South Street – Facilities and Potential Demand, Survey – 1962
Auditorium (25 South Street) – Correspondence – 1929-1955

Belgian Room (25 South Street) – Correspondence – 1940-1955

Conrad Library (25 South Street) – American Merchant Marine Library Association, Correspondence – 1923

Conrad Library (25 South Street) – Correspondence – 1940-1969

Conrad Library (25 South Street) – Reports – 1962

Danish Seamen’s Room (25 South Street) – Correspondence – 1944-1956

Exterior (25 South Street) – Illuminated Cross - 1924-1927

Hotel Desk (25 South Street) – Reports – 1940-1965

House Patrol (25 South Street) – Correspondence - 1926-1966

Janet Lord Roper Club (25 South Street) – Opening – 1943

Registration Desk (25 South Street) – Reports – 1965 and 1967

Swedish Reading Room (25 South Street) – Correspondence – 1947-1951

26-27 South Street – Correspondence – 1961-1964

Seamen’s Church Institute of New York Building Committee – Downtown Manhattan, Correspondence – 1925

Seamen’s Church Institute of New York Building Committee – Minutes – 1925

Seamen’s Church Institute of New York Building Committee – Shipping Agents, Correspondence – 1925

Seamen’s Church Institute of New York Building Committee – Tuxedo Park, Correspondence – 1925

Seamen’s Church Institute of New York Building Committee – Women’s Committee, Correspondence - 1925


**INVENTORY**

Bound Volumes


Eggers & Higgins – *Esquisse* – 1967 March

Subject Files

15 State Street – API Designs, LTD., Correspondence – 1966-1968

15 State Street – Art Theft, Correspondence – 1970

15 State Street – Beer License, Correspondence – 1968-1974

15 State Street – Building Awards, Correspondence – 1968

15 State Street – Building Tours – 1977

15 State Street – Conferences – 1977-1978
15 State Street – Construction, Correspondence – 1967-1969
15 State Street – Construction, Reports – 1966-1968
15 State Street – Construction Specifications – 1967 [1 of 2]
15 State Street – Construction Specifications – 1967 [2 of 2]
15 State Street – Contract Payments – 1967
15 State Street – Contract Payments – 1968
15 State Street – Contracts – 1967 October 11 – 1967 November 22
15 State Street - Contracts – 1967 December 1 – 1968 March 18
15 State Street – Dr. Jacques Picard, Lecture – 1967 April 27
15 State Street – Floor Plan – No date
15 State Street – Food, Correspondence – 1978
15 State Street – Foundation Stone Ceremony – 1967
15 State Street – “General Housekeeping Rules” – No date
15 State Street – New Headquarters, Correspondence – 1965-1967
15 State Street – New Headquarters, Correspondence – 1967 [1 of 2]
15 State Street – New Headquarters, Correspondence – 1967 [2 of 2]
15 State Street – New Headquarters, Correspondence – 1968 January – 1968 April
15 State Street – New Headquarters, Correspondence – 1968 May 1 – 1971 February 24
15 State Street – Open House – 1968-1969
15 State Street – “Operation Move” - 1967-1972
15 State Street – Plaques, Correspondence - 1968-1970
15 State Street – Special Events – 1970-1971
15 State Street – Special Events – 1971
15 State Street – Special Events - 1971-1974
15 State Street – Special Events – 1972
15 State Street – Special Events - 1972-1974
15 State Street – Utilities, Correspondence – 1966-1968
17 State Street – Architects, Correspondence – 1959-1963
17 State Street – Consultants, Correspondence – 1962-1965
17 State Street – Invoices – 1964
17 State Street – New Headquarters, Correspondence – 1962-1963
17 State Street – New Headquarters, Correspondence – 1962-1965
17 State Street – New Headquarters, Correspondence – 1965-1966
17 State Street – Reports – 1963-1964
17 State Street Corporation – Minutes – 1965-1966
Conrad Library (15 State Street) – Correspondence – 1972-1977
Conrad Library (15 State Street) – Reports – 1968-1977
Registration Desk (15 State Street) – Reports – 1975

**SUB-SERIES 14.3: PORT NEWARK, 1950-1976, 1.25 linear feet**

**INVENTORY**

**Subject Files**

Port Newark – Adair Sheet Metal, Inc., Correspondence – 1962
Port Newark – Blue Prints – 1957-1960
Port Newark – Building Plans – 1960-1961
Port Newark – Building Specifications – 1960 July 25
Port Newark – Construction, Reports – 1964-1965
Port Newark – Contractors, Correspondence – 1960-1961
Port Newark – Contractors, Correspondence – 1964-1965
Port Newark – Contractors’ Bids – 1964
Port Newark – Contracts – 1960-1966
Port Newark – Correspondence – 1957-1961
Port Newark – Correspondence – 1961
Port Newark – Correspondence and Reports – 1962-1972
Port Newark – Dedication – 1960 October 7, 1961 June 15 and 1965 December 21
Port Newark – Equipment, Correspondence – 1961-1962
Port Newark – Estimates, Correspondence – 1959-1960
Port Newark – Expansion, Correspondence – 1963-1966
Port Newark – Flag Etiquette – 1950-1961
Port Newark – Furniture, Correspondence – 1961 [1 of 2]
Port Newark – Furniture, Correspondence – 1961 [2 of 2]
Port Newark – George W. Clark (Architects), Correspondence – 1964-1966
Port Newark – Insurance and Security, Correspondence – 1960-1965
Port Newark – Ives Turrano & Gardner (Architects), Correspondence – 1960-1961
Port Newark – Luncheon - 1976 February 10
Port Newark – Snack Bar, Correspondence – 1960-1961


**INVENTORY**

Bound Volumes
241 Water Street – Building Register – 1991 April 8 – 1994 September 7

Oversized Items

**SUB-SERIES 14.5: OTHER PROPERTY, 1914-1967, 0.5 linear feet**

**INVENTORY**

Subject Files
14-16 Pearl Street – Correspondence – 1967
41-53 Front Street – Correspondence and Deeds – 1920-1927
114 Davis Ave – Correspondence – 1941-1964

Breakwater, The – Bath Ticket – No date

Front Street – Survey of Property – 1943

Sailor’s House and Institute – Photographs – 1914 December

Seamen’s Town House (New Orleans) – Correspondence – 1942-1950

**SUB-SERIES 14.6: ART & ARTIFACTS, 1926-1973, 0.5 linear feet**

**INVENTORY**

Subject Files

15 State Street – Exhibit “Luxury by Design” – No date

25 South Street – Art and Artifacts, Correspondence – 1956-1972

25 South Street – Donations, Correspondence – 1926-1929

25 South Street Marine Museum – Correspondence – 1949-1962

25 South Street Marine Museum – Correspondence – 1962-1963

25 South Street Marine Museum – Correspondence – 1963-1970

25 South Street Marine Museum – Survey – 1962

25 South Street – Sir Galahad Figurehead, Correspondence – 1927-1973

25 South Street – U. S. F. Constitution Breast Hook, Correspondence – 1926-1942

25 South Street – U. S. F. Constitution Breast Hook, Correspondence – 1927-1928
SERIES 15: PHOTOGRAPHS, various dates, 5.00 linear feet

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes black and white and color photographs of people, places and scenes documenting the history of SCI and the development of Lower Manhattan. Of particular note are photographs of the interiors and exteriors of SCI’s headquarters at 25 South Street, 15 State Street and 241 Water Street; SCI’s missionary outposts in Lower Manhattan; SCI’s chapels; Port Newark; the Merchant Marine School; the Women’s Council; art & artifacts; board members; employees; ships; seafarers; and New York City scenes.

Some photographs date back to the late 19th century.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged in alphabetical order according to subject file.

RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS

A large collection of glass negatives and lantern slides are currently undergoing a preservation survey and are restricted until further notice.

INVENTORY

Subject Files

15 State Street Construction
15 State Street Cornerstone
15 State Street Exterior
241 Water Street
25 South Street
25 South Street – Doors
25 South Street – Exterior (1 of 2)
25 South Street – Interior (2 of 2)
39th Street Ferry House – Men’s Shelter
Alcoholics Assistance Bureau – 25 South Street
American Legion
ANGYRA – International Society for the Aid of Greek Seamen
Annex – 25 South Street
Annex Cornerstone Service – 25 South Street
Apprentice Room – 25 South Street
Atlantic Bell
Auditorium – 25 South Street
Baggage Room – 25 South Street
Barber Shop – 25 South Street
Basement – 15 State Street
Battery Station – 1 State Street
Bauer, Rev. Richard J.
Baylies, Edmund L.
Benefits
Bennett, Marie Louise
Board Members
Board Room – 25 South Street
Boats
Book of Remembrance
Breakwater (Brooklyn, N.Y.)
Brooklyn Station
Cafeteria – 15 State Street
Cafeteria – 25 South Street
Canals and Bridges
Cemeteries
Centennial Celebration
Chapel Events
Chapel of Our Saviour – 25 South Street (1 of 3)
Chapel of Our Saviour – 25 South Street (2 of 3)
Chapel of Our Saviour – 25 South Street (3 of 3)
Chapel of Our Saviour – 15 State Street
Churches
Coenties Slip
Conferencing, Department of
Credit Bureau
Cross – 25 South Street
Daley, Rev. Francis
Damaged Boats
Danish Seamen's Club – 25 South Street
Devens, David W.
Dining Rooms – 25 South Street
Dutch Seamen's Club – 25 South Street
East River Station
Employees
Employment Bureau – 25 South Street
Engine Room – 25 South Street
Exhibits
Fir Grove (Ship)
Floating Chapels
Franklin D. Roosevelt Institute of Maritime and General Studies – 15 State Street
Front Street
Game Room – 25 South Street
Gargoyles – 25 South Street
Gifts
Great Depression
Gymnasium – 15 State Street
Hall, Rev. Raymond S.
Hotel Desk – 15 State Street
Hotel Desk – 25 South Street
Hotel Rooms – 15 State Street
Hotel Rooms and Dormitory – 25 South Street
Huntley, Rev. Joseph D.
Hyland, Rev. Thomas A.
International Club – 15 State Street (1 of 2)
International Club – 15 State Street (2 of 2)
International Seamen’s Club – 25 South Street
International Sportsweek for Seamen
J. Hooker Hamersley (Boat)
James Slip Gospel Mission
Janet Roper Club
Jeanette Park
Johnson, J. Augustus
Joseph Conrad Library
July 4th in Old New York
Kelley, Rev. Harold H.
Kitchen – 15 State Street
Kitchen – 25 South Street
Laundry – 25 South Street
Lawrence, Rev. Dr.
Lobby – 15 State Street
Lobby – 25 South Street
Lobby – Information Booth – 25 South Street
Lobby – Mural – 25 South Street
Magazine Room – 15 State Street
Mansfield, Rev. Archibald R.
Mansfield, Richard H.
Marine Museum – 25 South Street
Mariner 15 Bar & Lounge – 15 State Street
Masefield, John
Medical Clinic – 25 South Street
Memorial Day
Memorial Tablets
Merchant Marine School (1 of 4)
Michalis, Clarence G.

Missing Seamen Bureau

Modernization Fund, 1944

Mulligan, Rev. John M.

National Council of Seamen’s Agencies – Meetings

New York (N.Y.), Aerial photographs

New York (N.Y.), Cityscapes

New York Port Society

North River Station

Officers Room – 25 South Street

Operation Sail

Parker, Rev. Benjamin C. C.

Pell, John H. G.

Port Newark Station (1 of 3)

Port Newark Station (2 of 3)

Port Newark Station (3 of 3)

Port of Friendship Day

Post Office

Printing Shop – 25 South Street

Propeller Club

Pyne, Rev. Smythe

Radio Station – KDKF

Reading Room – 25 South Street

Refugee Children

Restaurant – 15 State Street

Roof – 25 South Street
Roosevelt, Franklin D.
Roper, Janet L.
Rudder Club
SS Janet Lord Roper (Ship)
Sailors’ Home – 52 Market Street
Sailors’ Snug Harbor
Savings Department – 25 South Street
Seafarers Center – New York Passenger Ship Terminal
Seal
Seamen
Seamen’s Club of Mobile
Seamen’s Lounge – 25 South Street
Sentinel
Ship Christening
Ship Models
Ship Visitors
Shipcraft Guild
Sir Galahad Figurehead
Sir Galahad Memorial
Sloppe Chest
Society for Seamen’s Children
Soda Fountain – 25 South Street
Special Events – Flower Show
Special Events – Luncheons
Special Events – National Maritime Day
Special Events – Soccer
Special Events (1 of 2)
Special Events (2 of 2)
Special Services, Department of
Swedish Seamen’s Club – 25 South Street
Tailor – 25 South Street
Tattoos
Taylor, Edward Thompson
Tent Services
Time Balls
Titanic Memorial Lighthouse
Trucks
United States Coast Guard
United States Public Health Service Hospital
Visitors
Wagner, Edmund F.
Walker, Rev. Robert J.
Water Street Galleries – 241 Water Street
Ways and Means, Department of
Whitehouse, Rev. Henry J.
Whittaker, Thomas P.
William D. Tracy Dental Clinic – 25 South Street
Wilson, Orme
Woldemar Neufeld Exhibit
Women’s Council (1 of 4)
Women’s Council (2 of 4)
Women’s Council (3 of 4)
Women’s Council (4 of 4)
Writing Room – 25 South Street
SERIES 16: PRINTED MATERIAL, 1818-2000, 13.75 linear feet

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes printed material either produced or collected by the Institute.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged in two sub-series: Internal Printed Material and External Printed Material.

SUB-SERIES 16.1: INTERNAL PRINTED MATERIAL, 8.75 linear feet

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged in three sub-sub-series: The Lookout, Annual Reports and Subject Files.

SUB-SERIES 16.1a: THE LOOKOUT, 1910-2000, 5.00 linear feet

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes issues of The Lookout, SCI’s institutional publication.

FINDING AID NOTE

Keyword searching is available for all issues and full-text searching is available for many issues up to 1941 via the Seamen’s Church Institute Archives Digital Collection.

INVENTORY

Lookout, The - 1910 May – 1911 December
Lookout, The - 1910 January – 1913 December
Lookout, The - 1912 May – 1914 April
Lookout, The – 1914 January – 1915 December
Lookout, The – 1914 May – 1916 April
Lookout, The - 1916 January – 1917 December
Lookout, The – 1916 May – 1918 April
Lookout, The – 1918 January – 1919 December
Lookout, The – 1918 May – 1920 April
Lookout, The – 1920 January – 1921 December
Lookout, The – 1920 May – 1922 April

Lookout, The – 1922 January – 1923 December

Lookout, The – 1924 January – 1925 December

Lookout, The – 1926 January – 1927 December

Lookout, The – 1928 January – 1929 December

Lookout, The – 1930 January – 1931 December

Lookout, The – 1932 January – 1933 December

Lookout, The – 1934 January – 1935 December

Lookout, The – 1936 January – 1937 December

Lookout, The – 1938 January – 1939 December

Lookout, The – 1940 January – 1941 December

Lookout, The – 1942 January – 1943 December

Lookout, The – 1944 January – 1945 December


Lookout, The – 1950 January – 1951 December

Lookout, The – 1952 January – 1953 December


**SUB-SERIES 16.1b: ANNUAL REPORT, 1845-2010, 2.5 linear feet**

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

Includes issues of the Annual Report for the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New York (1845-1905), the Seamen’s Church Institute of New York (1905-1977), and the Seamen’s Church Institute of New York and New Jersey (1978-2010).

**FINDING AID NOTE**

Keyword searching is available for all issues and full-text searching is available for many issues up to 2010 via the Seamen’s Church Institute Archives Digital Collection.

**INVENTORY**

Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New York – Annual Report 1-10 1845-1854

Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New York – Annual Report 11-20 1855-1864

Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New York – Annual Report 11-20 1855-1864

Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New York – Annual Report 21-30 1865-1874

Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New York – Annual Report 31-47 1875-1891
SUB-SERIES 16.1c: SUBJECT FILES, 1.25 linear feet

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes subject files related to printed material produced by the Institute including Welcome Aboard and The Look-In, both inter-institutional newsletters. Of particular note is a collection of post cards depicting illustrated scenes from 25 South Street and various pamphlets and promotional material produced and distributed by SCI.

INVENTORY

25 South Street – Postcards – No date

Manual of Ship Sanitation and First-Aid – Correspondence – 1927-1961

Mariner’s Guide (Vol. 1) – Correspondence – 1935

Seamen’s Church Institute of America (San Francisco) – Pamphlets, etc. - 1912-1940

Seamen’s Church Institute of America (San Francisco) – Report - 1912 April

Seamen’s Church Institute of America (San Francisco) – Report - 1912 May

Seamen’s Church Institute of New York – ”25 South Street” – 1925 January
SUB-SERIES 16.2: EXTERNAL PRINTED MATERIAL, 5.00 linear feet

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes books, pamphlets, broadsides and ephemera collected by SCI relating to the maritime community and contemporary events and politics. Some items likely formed part of the Joseph Conrad Library collection, which operated as a seafarers’ library at SCI’s 25 South Street and 15 State Street headquarters. Of particular note is SCI’s collection of unique and scarce labor pamphlets from the New York City waterfront circa 1930-1950.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged by subject into 5 sub-sub series: Labor and Politics, Maritime, Ministry, Other Printed Material and World War II.

SUB-SERIES 16.2a: LABOR AND POLITICS, 1899-1960

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes published versions of speeches by seafarers’ rights advocates J. Augustus Johnson and Silas Blake Axtell. Also includes pamphlets and periodicals issues by various waterfront labor organizations. Many, if not most of the items listed in this sub-series are very scarce.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE
Arranged at the item level due to scarcity of the material in alphabetical order according to creator.

INVENTORY

Bound Volumes

Axtell, Silas Blake – *Merchant Seamen’s Law* – 1945
Battelle, Fanchon – *Flouridation Unmasked* – 1953
Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen - *Shorter Workday: A Plea in the Public Interest* – 1937
Committee of Fourteen – *Vice Whitewash and Action: A Study of Public Opinion* – [1931]
King, Jerry; Emerson, Ralph; Renaud, Fred; and Mctyn, Lawrence - *We Accuse (From the Record)* – 1940
Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast – “Strike Pictorial: Men and Ships 1936-1937” – [1937]
National Maritime Union of America, The – *Two Years: a record of struggle and achievement of the East Coast seamen* – [1939?]
Stalin, Joseph – *The World Situation, the Internal and International Position of the Soviet Union* – 1934

Pamphlets and Broadsides

Associate Marine Charities of New York – “Petition to the Governor and Legislature of New York” – 1907
Axtell, Silas Blake – “Rights on Foreign and American Seamen on Foreign Flag Ships in American Courts” – 1955 August 27
Bachrach, Marion – *Amnesty!* – 1952 December
Browder, Earl – *The Communist Position in 1936* – [1936 March 5]
Browder, Earl – *The People’s Road to Peace* – 1940
Budenz, Louis F. – *Save Your Union* – 1940
Central Program Bureau – “Soviet Music” – 1935 March/April
[Christian Nationalist Crusade?] – Bulletins – No date
Christian Nationalist Crusade – Bulletins – 1957-1958
Christian Nationalist Crusade - “The International Jew” – No date
Committee on Un-American Activities – *Chronicle of Treason* – 1958
Communist Party of the United States of America – *The Constitution and By-Laws* – 1938 August

Communist Party, U. S. A. (New York Seamen and Harbor Workers Branch) – *Port-Light* – 1940 September 11

Constitutional Educational League – *The Fifth Column in Washington* – 1940 June

Flatbush Committee Against War and Fascism, The – “Fight Against War and Fascism” – [1934?]

Friends of Democracy, Inc. – *Father Coughlin: Self-Condemned* – No date


Hoffman, Rep. Clare E. – *Communism’s Iron Grip on the C.I.O.* – 1937 June 1

Hudson, Roy B. – *True Americans* – 1939

International Entente Against the Third International, The – *Protest against the possible admission of the Union of Socialist Republics into the League of Nations* – 1934 June

International Labor Defense – Advertisement for *Labor Defender* – [1930?]

International Labour Office – “Welfare of Seamen on Board Ship” – 1956 November

International Labour Organization, The – Pamphlet – 1929

International Longshoremen’s and Warehousemen’s Union – *Longshoremen: Pacific and Atlantic* – 1940


Johnson, J. Augustus – *An Address Delivered at the National Conference of Seamen’s Aid Societies* – 1899 October 26

Johnson, J. Augustus – *An Address Delivered at a Meeting Held at Sherry’s* – 1902 March 21


Labor and Politics – Broadsides, Photo Copies – [1930-1932?]

Marine Transport Workers Industrial Union (New York) – Defaced sign – No date

Marine Transport Workers Industrial Union (New York) – “Marine Workers!” – No date

[Marine Transport Workers Industrial Union (New York)] – “Open Forum” – No date

Marine Transport Workers Industrial Union (New York) – “Philly Seamen Slugged” – [1931?]

Marine Transport Workers Industrial Union (New York) – “Solidarity of the Sea” – No date

Marine Transport Workers Industrial Union (New York) – “Tankers!” – [1930?]

Marine Transport Workers Industrial Union (New York) – “To All Marine Workers” – No date

Marine Workers Solidarity League (Coenties Slip, New York) – “Mass Meeting of All Unemployed!” – [1930?]

Marine Workers Solidarity League (Coenties Slip, New York) – “Preamble to the Constitution” – No date

Ministry of Labour and National Service and Ministry of War Transport (London) – *Seamen’s Welfare in Ports* – 1945

National Maritime Union of America – “A New Project for N. M. U.” – No date

National Maritime Union of America – “Important Notice to N. M. U. Members” – No date

National Industrial Union of Marine Transport Workers – “Manifesto” – No date

Niemueller, Pastor – *What Hitler Told Me About Christianity* – 1941 September 20

Seamens Unemployed Council (Coenties Slip, New York) – “Protest Meeting” – 1931

Seamens Unemployed Council (Coenties Slip, New York) – “Unemployed Seamen Organize!” – No date

S. S. Christopher – “Unionists Beware” – [1913?]

*San Francisco News* – “Who is Paying for the Strike?” – 1936 November 13


Seamens Unemployed Council (Coenties Slip, New York) – “Unemployed Seamen Fight for Immediate Relief” – [1931?]

Spanish Inter-American Immigration Protective Association – 1914 June

Steele, Walter S. – Advertisement for Report to Congress – No date

Unemployed Marine Workers Committee for Action (Coenties Slip, New York) – “Mass Meeting for All Unemployed Workers” – [1930?]

Waterfront Section Communist Party (New York, NY) – “Soviet Fliers Chart a New Course Over the North Pole” – [1937?]

Waterfront Section of the Communist Party (U. S. A.) – “Dear Comrade:” – [1936?]

Waterfront Section of the Communist Party (U. S. A.) – “To All Maritime Workers” – No date

Waterfront Unemployed Council (New York) – “The Holy Flop House” – [1930?]

Waterfront Unemployed Council (New York) – “What Next!” – [1932?]

Yanks Are Not Coming Committee, The – *Ashcan the M Plan* – 1940


Young Communist League – “Will We Be Bundles for Britain?” – No date

**Periodicals**

*America’s Future* – 1938 November and 1940

American League Against War and Fascism – *Fight Against War and Fascism* – 1935 April

American League Against War and Fascism – *Fight Against War and Fascism* – 1937 June

*American Mercury* – 1960 October

*Better Times* – 1941 February 14 and May 16 and 1942 February 27
Catholic Worker, The – 1935 April


Coast Seamen’s Journal – 1906 February 7

Coast Seamen’s Journal – Safety First Edition – 1914 July 22

Common Sense – 1957 August 15

Communism – Clippings – 1934-1936

Communist Party of the United States of America – Daily Worker – 1935 May

Communist Party of the United States of America - Daily Worker – 1935-1937


Daily News – “Mutiny Joe Threatens to Tieup the Harbor” – 1936 April 1

Independent American, The – 1958 April

International Labor Defense - Labor Defender – 1937 May

International Longshoremen’s Association - Shape Up – 1937 February 18 and 1937 June 1


International Seamen’s Union of America - I. S. U. Pilot – 1936 November 13 – 1937 May 21

International Seamen’s Union of America - Seamen’s Journal – 1936 February 27 – 1936 November 14


Labor and Politics – Clippings – 1941-1956

Marine Workers League – Marine Workers Voice – 1929 March and 1930 March

Marine Workers Solidarity League (Coenties Slip, New York) – Marine Workers Bulletin – No date (Vol. No. 1)


Marine Firemen’s, Oilers’ and Watertenders’ Union, of the Atlantic and Gulf – M. F. O. W. Journal – 1936 September 30


Nationalist, The – [1934? February]

Navigators’ and Engineer Officers’ Union, The - The Merchant Navy Journal – 1941 June

New York District Communist Party – Party Builder – 1936 April 28

People’s Press – 1937 February 27 – 1937 March 6
**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

Includes printed material collected by SCI related to maritime subjects. Of particular note are various editions of Robert W. Hart’s *Manual of Ship Sanitation and First-Aid for Merchant Seamen*, published by SCI and issued to merchant vessels. Also of note are four publications by Capt. Robert Huntington, head of SCI’s Navigational and Marine Engineering School.

**ARRANGEMENT NOTE**

Arranged at the item level due to scarcity of the material in alphabetical order according to creator.

**Bound Volumes**


Bodkin, Harold T. – *Sovereign of the Seas* – 1933

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries – *Continuous Discharge Book for Seamen* – 1939


Huntington, Capt. Robert – *Seamanship Knowledge* – 1935


Normandie – Compagnie Generale Transatlantique – 1935

Ogg, Elizabeth – *Longshoremen and Their Homes* – 1939

Robert Fulton Monument Association – *The Development of Transportation with Special Reference to Robert Fulton* – 1907 April 1


United States Coast Guard – *Rules of the Road: Inland – International* – 1962 June 1

Welfare Council of New York City - *Report on Venereal Disease Among Seamen in Port of New York* (Chapter VI) – 1929 October

**Pamphlets and Broadsides**

British and Foreign Sailor’s Society – Menu – No date

Bureau of Navigation – Bulletin – 1934 June 23

“Don’t Pauperize Them” – No date

Duncan, Norman – “Youngsters of the Seven Seas” – 1910

Merchant Marine Veterans Foundation, Inc. – “Recognition for the Forgotten Veterans of the American Merchant Marine” – No date

Montreal Sailor’s Institute - 54th Annual Report – 1915

Port of New York Authority – “Via Port of New York” – 1955 July

Seamen’s Agencies (Various) – Annual Reports – 1903-1943

United States Department of Commerce: Maritime Administration – *The United States Merchant Marine: A Brief History* – [1957?]

United States Maritime Commission – “What They Say About Training” – No date

Weston, Agnes – “Hands Across the Sea” – [1933?]

**Periodicals**

“Ambulance Ships” and “Sailor’s Most Easily Influenced of Men” – [1914 January 13?]

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Includes printed material collected by the Institute related to ministry, particularly maritime ministry. Of particular note are several Seamen’s worship manuals dating from 1819-1977.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged at the item level due to scarcity of the material in alphabetical order according to creator.

INVENTORY
Bound Volumes

American Seamen’s Friend Society – International Maritime Races – [1953?]
Apostleship of the Sea – Seafarer’s Prayer Book – 1977
Bishop White Prayer Book Society – A Prayer Book for Soldiers and Sailors – 1917
Farrington, William D. – The Church Almanac – 1882
Morehouse Publishing Co. – Holy Communion – No date
Port of London Society, The – Seamen’s Devotional Assistant, The – 1819
Protestant Council of the City of New York, The – “Manhattan Church Strategy” – 1962 September
Scott, Thomas – Scott’s Bible Vol. I – 1818
Scott, Thomas – Scott’s Bible Vol. II – 1818
Scott, Thomas – Scott’s Bible Vol. III – 1818
Webster, George Sydney – The Seamen’s Friend: A Sketch of the American Seamen’s Friend Society – 1932 [signed by the author]

Pamphlets and Brochures

Bethel Missions – An Appeal to the British Public – 1861
Episcopal Mission Society of the Diocese of New York – Crystal Ball – 1973
Gloucester Fishermen’s Institute – Fishermen’s Memorial Service – 1951 August – 1952 August
Missions to Seamen, The – From the Bristol Channel to the Seven Seas – 1935
St. Paul’s Cathedral – “Dedication of the American Memorial Chapel” – 1958 November 26

Periodicals

American Seamen’s Friend Society, The – American Seamen: A Review – 1942 Summer/Fall


Boston Evening Transcript, The – “An Apostle to Seamen and His Work” – 1931 January

“Church Activities and Religious News” – 1914

Churchman, The – “Befriending the Sailor” – 1914


Churchman, The – 1930 May 31

Churchman’s Almanac – 1839 and 1849

Diocese of New York, The – The Diocesan Bulletin – 1941

Diocese of New York, The – The Diocesan Bulletin – 1942 Fall


Episcopal City Mission – My Neighbor – 1907 June [excerpt]

Living Church, The – “Seamen’s Church Institute of New York” – 1963 September 29

Missions to Seamen – 1913 September

New York Daily Witness – 1874 April 25

New York Times – “Old St. John’s Church is Marked for Destruction” – 1913 May 25


Protestant Episcopal Church - Forth: The Spirit of Missions – 1942 May

SUB-SERIES 16.2d: OTHER PRINTED MATERIAL, 1682-1976

SCOPE AND CONTENT


ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged at the item level due to scarcity of the material in alphabetical order according to creator.
INVENTORY

Bound Volumes

Campbell, Dorcas Elizabeth (East River Savings Bank) – *The First Hundred Years* – 1949

Morley, Christopher – *Internal Revenue* (inscribed and signed) – 1933

New York Edison Company –
*Glimpses of New York: An Illustrated Handbook of the City, Together with Notes on the Electric Industry therein and thereabout* – 1911


Popham, Sr. John – Reports – 1682


Pamphlets and Broadsides

Bates, Katherine Lee and Hewins, Parke W. - “America the Beautiful” – [1917?]


Periodicals

Clubland (London) – Clippings – 1957-1959

*Evening Post* – “Mayor is Guest of Seamen’s Institute” – 1915 November 4

*Gas Logic: A Journal of Enlightenment and Progress* – 1924 January

Hall Organ Company – *Hall Organ Notes* – 1930 June

*National Republic* – 1953 July and September and 1940 November


*New York Times* - “$10,000,000 Marginal Railway Start of Big Dock Plan” – 1914 July 19


*New York Times* – “Tramp of Sentries on Governor’s Island since 1756” – 1913 September 28

*New York Sunday American* – “American Magazine” section – 1914 May 31

*World Trade Community News* – 1975 May 19 – 1975 June 1


**SUB-SERIES 16.2e: WORLD WAR II**

SCOPE AND CONTENT
Includes printed material collected by SCI related to World War II. Many of the items in this sub-sub series are very scarce according to their listings on WorldCat.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE

Arranged at the item level due to scarcity of the material in alphabetical order according to creator.

INVENTORY

Bound Volumes

American Viewpoint, Inc. – Bataan Corregidor – [1943]
Army and Navy Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church, The – A Prayer Book for Soldiers and Sailors – 1941
Baker, Philip Noel (Royal Norwegian Government Information Office) - Norway's Floating Empire – [1942 October?]

Free Forces of Europe, The – “Sea Wall” – No date
Lorentzen, Oivind – Norwegian Shipping and the War – 1942
Naess, Erling D. – Fair Play for Norway – [1943 April 10?]

Pamphlets and Broadsides

United Nations Information Office – “UNIO Services” – No date
Waring, Fred – “Song for the Unsung” – 1942

Periodicals

Japan News-Week – 1938 December 24

Tales of Hoffman – 1944 February 19