

DESCRIPTION SHEET

for the

**Merchant Seaman Documents of
WILLIAM A. YORK '64**

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WILLIAM A. YORK

MERCHANT SEAMAN DOCUMENTS

Introduction and Description

William A York, resident of Elmhurst, Queens, and in later life, resident of Maine, was born on May 14, 1942. He graduated from Maritime College in September, 1964 with a Bachelor of Engineering (Marine). He served on a number of ships, but especially the CONSTITUTION, in varying capacities such as Second Assistant Engineer and Third Assistant Engineer. York also served briefly at Maritime College as an Assistant Instructor of Engineering and college training vessel Watch Officer from 1969 to 1971.

This small Collection of his papers (1/4 cubic foot) deals with some of the service he rendered on the CONSTITUTION or other vessels operated by various firms during the period ca. 1964 to 1969. Basically these papers consist of Certificates of Discharge dated from 1964 to 1968 (3 for 1964), (9 for 1965), (13 for 1966), (11 for 1967), (6 for 1968). Other documents are essentially financial in character, especially Statements of Earnings, and are arranged chronologically for 1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, and 1971. Exceptions to the financial character of these documents are a few others such as copy of a letter of recommendation from the Chief Engineer of the S.S. CONSTITUTION (1965), and a letter of reference of Maritime College Department of Engineering Chairman, John J. Foody (1971). Also found in this Collection are a Crew Pass and Muster Card issued by the S.S. CONSTITUTION; a U.S. Merchant Mariners Document (I.D. card); and two booklets, one being the Constitution and By-Laws of the Brotherhood of Marine Officers, N.M.U.-A.F.L.-C.I.O. issued 1962, and the Pension Plan booklet of the American Export Isbrandtsen Lines-Brotherhood of Marine Officers, ca. 1960.

Attached to this Description Sheet are two photocopies illustrating Certificates of Discharge found in this Collection.

These Papers were donated by Mr. York to the Stephen B. Luce Library Archives in June 1990 and Feb 1991.