

The Papers of Vice Admiral George Wauchope, U.S.N.R. (Ret.)

Introduction

The papers of Vice Admiral George Wauchope cover the years 1928 to 1971. They were acquired from his widow, Mrs. Helen J. Wauchope of Huntington, N.Y. in August, 1978. The collection consists of books, general correspondence and manuscripts, newsclippings, photographs and scrapbooks. These items fall into the following chronological categories:

1. Commander of the flagship, City of New York for American South African Lines, circa 1925.
2. Naval Commanding Officer of the U.S. Maritime Service Training Station at Sheepshead Bay, N.Y., circa 1942.
3. Captain of the U.S.S. Hamblen in the Pacific fleet, circa 1945.
4. Executive Vice President of Farrell Lines, and Director of their Liberian operations, circa 1947-1970.
5. Retired Admiral in the U.S. Navy, circa 1954.
6. President of the College Council and Alumni Association of SUNY Maritime, circa 1962.
7. Trustee of the South Street Seaport, circa 1967.

The books were removed from this collection prior to its arrival in the archives. With the exception of the scrapbooks the materials have been organized into three hollinger boxes. There are no restrictions on the collection.

GEORGE M. WAUCHOPE (1899-1978)

- 1899 Born in Chicago.
- 1918 Graduated from New York State Maritime College Nautical School.
- 1920 Received his Master's ticket.
- 1923 Joined the American South African Line.
- 1925 Commanded the flagship City of New York for Farrell Lines which purchased the American South African Line.
- 1935 Came ashore and was made a director of Farrell Lines.
- 1942 Ordered into active duty as Captain in the U.S. Navy.
- 1942 Appointed first commandant of the U.S. Training Station at Sheepshead Bay in Brooklyn.
- 1943 Ordered to sea; commanded the U.S.S. Du Page, an assault transport ship.
- 1943-1945 Rode the bridge of his ship at Kwajalein, Emaru, Guam, Palau and Leyte.
- 1945 Ship was attacked by a Japanese Kamikaze bomber.
- 1945 Maintained the ship's station in the invasion fleet.
- 1945 Awarded the Silver Star for efficient fire fighting and damage control.
- 1945 Awarded other citations - the Bronze Star, the Philippine Liberation Citation, Pacific ribbon and six Battle stars.
- 1945 Accepted command of the U.S.S. Hamblen in the Pacific fleet in June.
- 1946 Returned to Farrell Lines.
- 1947 Became Executive Vice President of Farrell Lines.
- 1953 Traveled to South, East and West Africa.
- 1953 Appointed President of the Monrovia Port Management Co. (Liberia).
- 1954 Promoted to rear admiral in the Navy Reserve.
- 1962 Presented with the Propeller club's highest award - the golden rivet.
- 1962 Became President of the College Council of SUNY Maritime.
- 1967 Appointed Trustee of the South Street Seaport.
- 1970 Received an award from the Marine Squadre club.
- 1971 Joined the Tennessee Squire Association.
- 1978 Died April 13,

THE PAPERS OF GEORGE M. WAUCHOPE
3 boxes 1928-1972

BOX I.

1. Scrapbook -
 Weather Conditions circa 1920's.
 Voyage of the City of New York circa 1930's.
2. Maps and Pilot Charts 1928-1940
3. General Correspondence and Manuscripts
 1. City of New York 1933-1934
 2. U.S. Maritime Service Training Station at Sheepshead Bay 1942.
 3. Miscellaneous printed matter 1943-1960.
 4. U.S.S. Hamblen 1945-1948
 5. Farrell Lines 1953-1974
 6. Farrell Lines - Liberia.. 1953-1972
 7. Clubs and Associations
4. Newsclips 1933-1964

BOX II. Photographs - Dated

1. 1920's - 1930's
2. 1940's
3. 1950's
4. 1960's
5. 1970's
6. Scrapbook - Welfare and Recreational Activities U.S. Maritime Training Station, 1942.
7. Scrapbook - U.S.S. Hamblen, 1945.
8. Scrapbook Capt. George M. Wauchope, U.S.N.R. (oversized book shelved next to Box II.

BOX III. Photographs - Undated

1. George Wauchope - Portraits - Undated.
2. George Wauchope - Group Pictures - Undated.
3. Ships - Undated.
4. Miscellaneous - Identified - Undated.
5. Unidentified - Undated.
6. Liberia - Undated.

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