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## Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives Guide to the Glenn Williams And Brett Curlew USS Ohio collection 1820 – 2012 MC/53

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### Title

Glenn Williams And Brett Curlew USS Ohio collection

### Date

1820 – 2012

### Description

The second USS Ohio was a ship of the line designed by Henry Eckford, laid down at Brooklyn Navy Yard in 1817, and launched on May 30, 1820. The Ohio was the first ship built by the U.S. Navy at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Refitted for service in 1838, the Ohio joined the Mediterranean Squadron under Commodore Isaac Hull. Acting as flagship for two years, she protected commerce and suppressed the slave trade off the African coast. In 1840, the Ohio returned to Boston and from 1841-1846 she served as receiving ship. The Ohio was recommissioned on December 7, 1846 and supported a number of operations during the Mexican-American War. Following the war, she operated in the Pacific before returning to Boston in 1850 where she again served as a receiving ship until 1875. Sold in 1883, she was sunk in a controlled burn in 1884 in Greenport Harbor, New York.

Between 2011 and 2012, Dr. Glenn Williams, of the Physical Sciences Department at Nassau Community College, and Brett Curlew conducted an underwater project with a focus on capturing as much information regarding the history of the USS Ohio as possible. The project was threefold in nature. First, to uncover forensic evidence of the ship's remains and subsequent burning and sinking. Second, to survey the entire wreck field by use of structured transect line flagging, metal detection, and photographic techniques. Third, the recovery of artifacts using passive/non-invasive techniques and subsequent stabilization, preservation, and conservation.

### Admin Notes

This collection consist of seven artifacts salvaged from the wreck of the USS Ohio, along with supporting materials related to the underwater project. The artifacts include three bronze drift pins, a drift pin washer, a wooden peg (treenail or trunnel), a piece of wooden beam with drift pin bore hole probably a futtock), and a metal sheathing strap with tack holes (probably used for hull repairs). According to the research of Dr. Williams, the drift pins were probably manufactured by the Revere Foundry in Boston. Supporting materials include an original U.S. Receiving Ship Ohio recruit boarding certificate dated 1865, an underwater photo of a drift pin intact through the ship's beam, underwater survey video of the Ohio wreck site, and research portfolio detailing the project's activities and supporting research.

### Creator

Glenn Williams , Brett Curlew

1820 – 2012

### Quantity

1 box

### Language Of Materials

English.

### Call Number

## Administrative/Biographical History

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## System Of Arrangement

This collection has no arrangement.

## Access Points

USS Ohio (1820)

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