

# BROOKLYN NAVY | YARD

## Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives Guide to the Peter Stuyvesant Brooks collection 1849 – 1852 SC/4

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### Title

Peter Stuyvesant Brooks collection

### Date

circa 1849 – 1852

### Description

This collection contains a ceremonial sword given to Navy Yard Commandant William Dayton Salter by the Department of the Navy.

### Admin Notes

This collection was donated by Peter Stuyvesant Brooks in 2017. It was processed by Chelsea Reil, Archives Assistant in 2018. This collection has a collection documentation file and a finding aid.

### Creator

Department of the Navy

1849 – 1852

### Quantity

1 item

### Language Of Materials

English.

### Call Number

SC/4

### Administrative/Biographical History

This collection was donated by Peter Stuyvesant Brooks. Peter Brooks is a descendant of Margaret Armstrong, who was married Commodore William Dayton Salter, a Commandant of the New York Naval Yard from 1849 to 1852. Commodore Salter was born in New York City on August 23, 1794, and died in Elizabeth, New Jersey on January 3, 1869.

Commodore Salter was appointed a midshipman from the state of New Jersey on February 2, 1809, was attached to the frigate "USS Constitution" under Commander Isaac Hull during the fight with the British frigate "HMS Guerriere," on August 19, 1811. He was promoted to lieutenant on December 9, 1814, was made commander on March 12, 1831, captain on March 3, 1839, and commodore on the reserved list on April 4, 1867. He was in command of the Brooklyn Navy Yard from 1856 to 1859, and in 1863 was on a commission to examine vessels, from which duty he was relieved in 1866.

### Scope And Content

This series contains one item: a sword that belonged to Commodore William Dayton Salter of the United States Navy. The sword is 31 inches tall and was manufactured by W.H. Horstman and Sons, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The company was in existence from 1843 to 1863 and swords of this style were manufactured around 1850. The ceremonial sword given to Commodore Salter by the

Department of the Navy.

## **System Of Arrangement**

This collection contains one item.

## **Administrative Information**

**Related Lots:** 2017.002

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